

# A Farewell to Gardening And to Back Aches, too

"There's nothing quite as satisfying as getting out before sunrise each morning and smelling the fresh earth as we go about putting our garden in order. The reward for our daily efforts will be an abundance of mouth-watering sweet corn, succulent string beans, early June peas, and later in the season, luscious tomatoes."

The paragraph is from a gardening magazine and if I recall correctly, my childish belief in swallowing every word was responsible for turning me into a temporary gardener.

It was also responsible in producing more blisters, sunburn and lower back discomfort than I'd ever thought possible.

WITH DEEPEST apologies to the U. S. Department of Agriculture, I say very politely, "nuts to gardening."

I hope these harsh words won't deter the Future Farmers of America nor the 4-H Clubs because,

heaven knows, somebody's got to feed us. To the man who enjoys spading, hoeing, weeding, watering, fertilizing and spraying, I say bravo!

He has my blessings, my cheers and my highest praise.

I guess it was three years ago when I fell for the gardening bug. The lure was two-fold: exercise plus the thought of having those fresh-from-the-garden vegetables right at my fingertips.

IT WAS, THEREFORE, with high hopes that I spaded the garden, drove stakes to mark out the rows and tied string from post to post to make sure everything would be shipshape. I selected my seed with care, bought only the choicest plants and fertilized according to directions.

As an amateur gardener there were a few things I had yet to learn. First, the weather. A garden needs moisture, and not being equipped to "seed the clouds" as

# Summer Theater Under Way

The Cranbrook Summer Theatre School is under way in its 21st season.

The school participated in an afternoon of entertainment in the recent Birmingham Art Association Festival. Four children's plays were presented in the goddes room.

Given every Monday night for parents and friends is a series of one-act plays selected from the workshop program.

Students from Birmingham who were in last Monday night's plays include: Cory Bonker, Jerry Hipp and Steve Parker in "Three's a Crowd" and Deborah Walker, Jane Weaver and Susan Witt in the "Fifth Frank."

MR. RICHARD Baer, who is also the dramatics instructor at Seaholm High School, directed two plays: "The Good-night Kiss" with Charles Breech, Donna Bell, Bob in Montbach and Lynn Scarborough and "Trinkets" with Lin Harvie, Sue Gervais and Frank Grown.

"Enter the Hero," directed by Mr. Frank Rowland, had Cynthia Cahn, Jan Detweiler and Cynthia Nash in the cast.

Miss Katie Bugge, from Groves

FIRST THERE were tiny beetles showing, and these were followed by the strong beans which, being so vigorous, literally tore the ground apart as they shot through the surface.

The carrots were a little slower, but in time they too, popped up, thus sustaining my faith and proving nature's determination to perpetuate its kind.

But you know what? Animals also insist on perpetuating their kind, especially rabbits. And their procreation apparatus was in high gear and they weren't the least bit reluctant to use my garden as a handy cafeteria.

I learned this hard fact one morning when I found my best-beared off as neatly as if someone had used a pair of scissors.

NOT BEING discouraged since it was still early in the season, I replanted the beds and figured by the time the second crop came up the rabbits would have moved on to someone else's garden. This was where I was wrong, for rabbits, it seems, are patient animals.

While waiting for the new beds to come up, the bunnies turned their attention to the carrots which they neatly chewed off in one night's work. Not to be outdone by the rabbits the cutworms were chipping down the cabbage plants while the Japanese beetles were stripping the leaves of my string beans.

HAVING FINISHED the course and fought the good fight I'm now playing the role of a retired gardener. As I sit in my lawn chair with a cooling drink, the rabbits bare their teeth and give me dirty looks. Probably the cutworms are doing the same.

But with my sacro-iliac back to normal and the blisters gone, I'm ignoring the enemies I've made in the animal and insect world. Fortunately I've made a lot of new friends, especially at the roadside vegetable stands.

When an individual realizes he is putting a solid financial foundation under his home, his family, and his children's prospects, buying Savings Bonds becomes an extremely personal thing.

# Shakespeare, Shaw Plays Soon to Open

The opening performances of the University of Detroit Summer Repertory opens July 10 and 11 in the Festival Tent of the McNichols Road Campus.

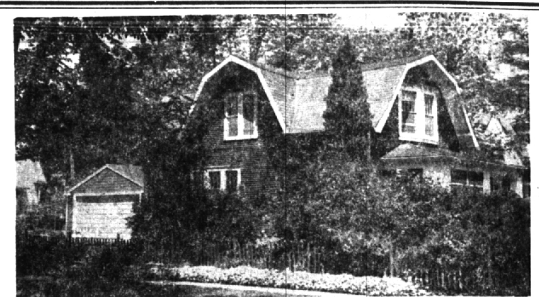
Continuing in the Shakespeare and Shaw tradition, this summer's program will feature "Hamlet" and "Major Barbara."

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High School dramatics department, directed Anne Marie d'Ercey, Mary Sue Wilson, Mary Overlie and Jill Bouton in "The Women."

Bob Ross, a student director, did "It Takes a Thief" with Peter Norman included in the cast.

A final three-act play for children will be given on the evenings of July 25 and 26. Three additional three-act plays will follow through the second week in August.



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PUZZLE NO. 713

## REGISTRATION NOTICE

For the General Primary Election to be Held in Bloomfield Township  
On Tuesday, August 7, 1962

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BLOOMFIELD (ALL PRECINCTS) COUNTY OF OAKLAND, STATE OF MICHIGAN:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that in conformity with the "Michigan Election Law" the final date for registration in order to vote in the General Primary Election is Monday, July 9, 1962, at 8:00 o'clock p. m.

TO VOTE AT THIS ELECTION, all persons must be registered. Citizens of the United States, 21 years old, who have resided in the State of Michigan six months and in the Township of Bloomfield thirty days prior to August 7, 1962, are eligible to register.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that any person who is not already registered upon the registration books of said township may register on or before July 9, 1962, during regular office hours, Monday thru Friday of each week 9:00 a. m. to 5:00 p. m., and in addition to the regular office hours the office of the Township Clerk will be open for the purpose of receiving registrations during the following hours:

- Saturday June 30, 1962, from 10 a. m. to 12 noon.
- Monday July 2, 1962 from 9 a. m. to 8 p. m.
- Saturday July 7, 1962 from 10 a. m. to 12 noon.
- and on the LAST DAY, Monday, July 9, 1962, from 8:00 a. m. to 8:00 p. m.

TO TRANSFER a registration from one address to another WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF BLOOMFIELD, send a signed request to the office of the Township Clerk, stating present address, former address, and date of moving to present address. Such transfer may be made any time up to and including July 9, 1962, at 8:00 o'clock p. m.

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