

Dreams Grow in Garden Catalogues

This is a wonderful time of year for the dedicated gardener. The garden catalogues roll in, and every year the color reproduction in the booklets improves resulting in sleepless nights as our heads are filled with planting dreams.

These adjectives seem to improve with the years until each pictured flower seems to beckon with its forefinger.

Today roses are one of the most important commercial crops we have in the field of horticulture. The present level of choice plant material has not come without a large investment on the part of our specialized nurserymen.

As an illustration it takes 10 years to introduce a rose to the commercial market after it has been chosen among the lining-out stock as showing good growing habits. Then more than \$50,000 has to be budgeted towards its

development before you, John Doe, view it in a nursery and say: "I guess I will take that pretty one."

THE OLDEST ROSE known dates over 1,000 years and comes from Hildeheim, Germany, near Hamburg.

If a rose is allowed to remain on its stem after being pollinated, there will be a formation filled with between 40-60 seeds. It looks like a child's gum ball and is called a hip.

These rose hips have 400 per cent more vitamin C in them than oranges. During World War II they were gathered and processed for the armed forces.

With each day having its own weather pattern, you hear this person and that one bemoaning whether it is hot or cold. Right here is a good time to talk to yourself and say: "Forget about the weather, you can't do anything about it."

Keep your mind on the snowfall and rainfall.

PRECIPITATION is the act of nature which determines how nice your garden is going to be during the summer months of 1964. As far as your roses are concerned, low temperature seems to be the primary factor in winter kill, but the actual killing has been found to be the result of ice formation in the living tissues of the bark.

Nelson Serves As Chairman

Lawrence R. Nelson, 3300 Morningview Drive, Birmingham, has accepted the chairmanship of "The Arts and Culture of Sweden" symposium to be held at 8 p.m. Feb. 21 in Detroit. Nelson is senior vice president of Campbell Ewald Co. and chairman of its executive committee.

This is one of the "Detroit Meets Sweden" events coordinated by Detroit Adventure and the Detroit-Swedish Council. Among participants is Dr. Torsten Althing, director of the physics project at the Cranbrook Institute of Science, Bloomfield Hills.

Others are Sixten Ehrling, conductor and musical director of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra; Tore Talbroth, Sweden's consul general in New York; Goran Gentile, director of the Stockholm Royal Opera House; and Willis F. Woods, director of the Detroit Institute of Arts, who will be the moderator.

Vignettes

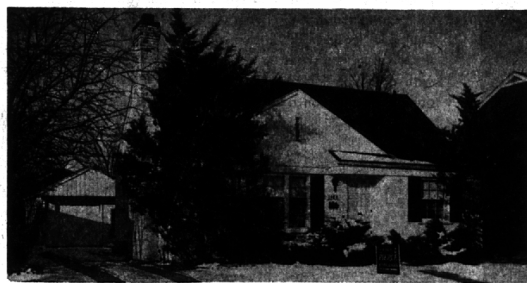
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Greene, and to Lawrence LaGore who really kept his fingers flying across the keyboard during the scenes and for the descriptive inserts in the lecture preparations. Outsmarts were donated by the Metropolitan Opera Company.

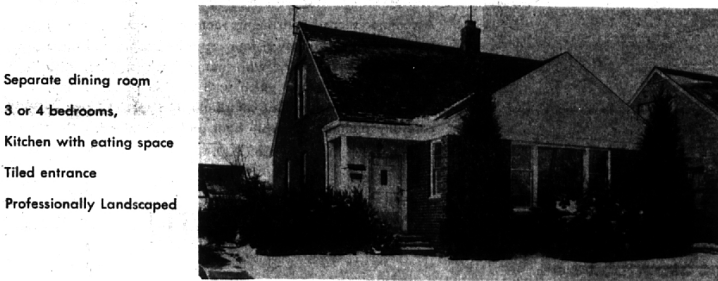
If you haven't attended an opera overture, please go. It's a delightful evening's entertainment, and well worth the effort.

4-D THE BIRMINGHAM (MICH.) ECCENTRIC Feb. 6, 1964

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As the temperature continues to lower, the ice crystals continue to increase in size. The ice mass distorts the cell arrangement.

Many successful gardeners believe that they have the best results when they mound up with soil about eight inches around the base of their roses after the first killing frost. The soil mound conducts the heat from the ground.

Tests have shown that soil around the rose stems does not fall below 20 degrees F even when the air is down to zero or below.

JUST BEFORE Thanksgiving I planted a metasequoia tree. This conversation piece is commonly known as the Dawn Redwood.

In 1947, the Arnold Arboretum at Harvard provided funds to collect seeds of this known tree

in China. A total of 300 seedlings were raised from the seeds.

"It will grow 10 feet in full sun during a 10-year period. These trees have caused interest in arborescences all over the world, and the directors are racing each other as though they were entering horses in a race to see who possesses the winner."

These plants in China are known as living fossils discovered in depositing old fossil during the Eocene Age, dating back 70 million years. The tree resembles an evergreen, has cones and in the wild state has been known to grow to be 115 feet high.

It loses its needles during the winter. So at this date the seedlings are available, and you, too, can possess one of the curios of modern botany.

Man-Wife Team Works On Water Color Show

Birmingham residents Thad and Vickie Brykalaki, 16029 Amherst Road, are preparing for the 18th annual water color exhibition sponsored by the Michigan Water Color Society.

Serving as exhibition chairman, Brykalaki looks forward to a record number of entries this year for the opening April 1 at the Detroit Artist Market.

The evening reception is the responsibility of Mrs. Brykalaki with the assistance of the social committee of the market.

Membership Chairman Mrs. Robert E. Riordan, 4157 Far Hill Drive, is concentrating on an increased membership participation for the exhibition. Concurrently, Mary Jane Bigler, who teaches water color for the Bloomfield Art Association, is soliciting contributions to the Awards Fund which makes possible \$750 annually of fees.

ENTRIES WILL BE due at the Detroit Artist Market between Feb. 24 and Feb. 26. For entry forms or information, contact Emily B. Johnson, 1850 Chardon Place, Detroit, 48207. Fees and entry cards are due Feb. 21.

Brykalaki is manager of the Bloomfield office of New Center Studios of Detroit. Mrs. Brykalaki teaches at Bloomfield Junior High School.

Mrs. Riordan serves as assistant to the director of Cranbrook Academy of Art Galleries. Mrs. Bigler is an assistant professor of Art at Wayne State University in Detroit.

All present and former Michigan residents are eligible to participate in the exhibition. Entry fees are \$2.50 for two paintings for members and \$5 for each painting for non-members.

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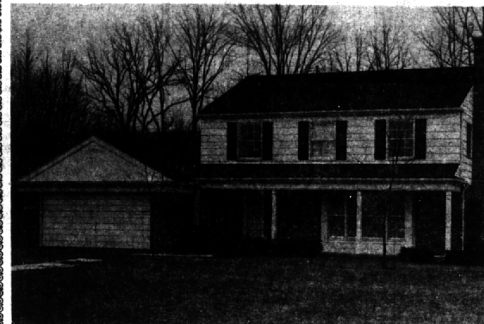
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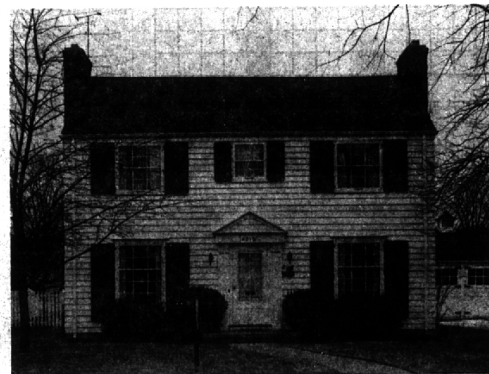
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