

A few do-it-now tips

By JOHN BRADSHAW
At this time of the year it's easier to fill in small bare spots in the lawn by borrowing patches of sod from along the edge of the lawn.

Daily watering does more harm than good. Unless rain misses your garden for ten days to two weeks, Merion Kentucky blue grass will be better off if not watered at all. On other lawns where it may be necessary to apply water, be sure the soil is soaked to a minimum depth of five inches.

The old canes on rambler type roses should be cut away to the base of the plant as they will not flower again. Do save the new ones forming near the ground level as these are the ones that will flower next year. Be sure not to use this treatment on large flowered modern climbers. About all the pruning they need is to cut out old, hard wood that has stopped blooming. Once you finish pruning, scatter a complete fertilizer around the base of each bush and work it gently into the soil.

Lettuce seed germination may be poor if the weather turns hot. To

overcome this, mix seed with damp sand and peat moss and store in an electric refrigerator for two weeks, but not in the freezing compartment. Sow this lettuce seed in rows after this cooling treatment.

Although they do not have a summer dormant period, many gardeners move the Hemerocallis or Day lily at this time. They can even be moved when in full bloom; a good way to see what you are buying. Move them with a ball of earth around the roots and they will grow without any signs of having been moved.

Now is a good time to move small chrysanthemum plants into place for Autumn flowers. Many gardeners grow them in rows in the vegetable garden and use them to fill in bare spots left when spring-flowering bulbs like tulips have died down. Because the plants are shallow rooted they do not interfere with the bulbs in any way, but actually protect them from too much heat.

Experienced gardeners know that many of our best garden flowers must be planted in July. If not

moved then, either they don't survive or flowering will be delayed an extra year. The most important of these is perhaps the tall bearded iris that makes such a wonderful show in June. Soon after the flowers fade, the roots die off and they go into a partial rest period, even though the tops remain green. Moved at this time they make new roots in August and are ready to flower the next year.

When remaking an old iris bed, divide the old plants into single roots, each with a "fan" or cluster of leaves at the end. Lay the root horizontally, with about an inch of soil over it. Do not plant so the root rides the soil like a duck riding the water, as is often recommended. This exposes the root to injury.

Bluebells of Virginia or *Mertensia* should be moved now. The flower is dormant. Dealers in wild flowers offer roots only at this time.

Although they may not have fully died down, now is the time to dig and move old plants of Oriental poppies. Order new varieties from dealers now.

Two other imported bulbs can be ordered now. False Autumn crocus

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or Colchicum and true Autumn crocus. Colchicum bulbs will flower when standing on a table without soil or water, after which they must be plant-

ed in order to make roots. True Autumn crocuses must be put in soil at the earliest possible moment after bulbs arrive from Holland.

Girl from Pakistan first bride

Aerline Lauren Osborne, daughter of the late Edgar F. Osborne and Mrs. Osborne, formerly of Pakistan and now of London, was the first bride of the new St. Martin's Parish, Erin-dale.

Her groom was David William Huson, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Huson of London.

As St. Martin's Church has not yet been built, the double-ring ceremony took place at St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Church, Hurontario st., Saturday, Apr. 27 at 10 a.m. with Father William J. O'Leary of St. Martin's officiating.

The bride was given in marriage by her brother-in-law, Joseph Egerton of Mississauga rd., Erin-dale.

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Yacht club throws a line to sea cadets

The Port Credit Yacht Club has stretched out a helping hand to Streetsville Sea Cadet Corps. RCSCC Haida, in the form of a free two-month sailing instruction course for one of the cadets.

Selected to take the course because of his all-round enthusiasm and past record, was leading Cadet Bob Swinfield, 16, of 29 Tannery st., Streetsville.

A member of the corps for two years, he was one of the centennial guard and band which travelled all over southern Ontario last year.

Ldg.-Cdt. Swinfield began his course July 2 at the Port Credit Yacht Club, his tuition coming from instructors George Will, Chris Ireland, Joey Green and Jim Schoenhardt.

The cadet will be instructed in general seamanship, parts of a boat and sailing skills, and he will then put his knowledge to use in instructing fellow cadets in the Streetsville Corps.

The Port Credit Yacht

Club instructors will be teaching 90 trainees in three shifts each day of the two-month course. As well as the free course given to the Streetsville Sea Cadet Corps, the club offers annually four sailing scholarships to the 1st Port Credit Sea Scouts.

Commanding officer of the Streetsville Sea Cadets Lt. F. Kingsford said he was very grateful to the yacht club for its help.

"We need all the assistance we can get. The corps is growing out of its present headquarters in the former Royal Canadian Legion building in Streetsville. We have 75 cadets and more are wanting to come in all the time. It's the only corps in South Peel and we draw cadets from all over the area," he said.

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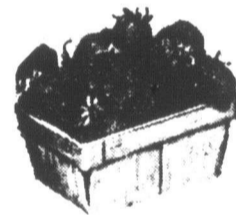
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