Miniature jungle includes banana, other tropicals

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sons' miniature jungle includes a banana tree from Florida-not likely to live, air plants, which as the name states, live on air; miniature chickens and hens, from the succulant family; and the leaf of life, which will grow 12 to 24 plants from one single leaf.

Ready with his hoe and shovel, John has begun to plant a vegetable garden, but suggests gardeners wait until Memorial Day to plant the tender plants.

"The weather is fine for carrots, radishes, lettuce, and spinach," he said, "but not for squash, cantelope, melons or tomataes

"The main thing to remember concerning all plants is not to over-water," said Larson. "And if plants dewelco, bugs, it's best to throw them out.

Recalling how the plant hobby started, Mrs. Larson said it began as almost a joke when she bought her husband a 19-cent African Violet.

"That was about four years ago," she said, "and with all the time and patience John spends on the plants, it certainly isn't a joke any longer.



Surrounded by Wandering Jews, begonias, angel roses, crossandras and varieties of kalanchoe plants, Harriet Larson of 33024 Grennada in Livonia waters her jade plant. Caring for the plants requires at least an hour a day, and 15 hours of "sunshine" which are provided by special flourescent lamps.



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