

# Ma Nature needs a little bit of help

IT IS HARD TO BELIEVE that their beautiful, quiet haven is only a few yards from busy Inkster Road.

It was not always that beautiful. They still remember the amount of junk in the ravine that greeted them when they moved in 33 years ago.

"It was used as a dump," recalled Adamson. "We must have taken a couple tons of junk out of there in the first two or three years."

And once the debris was gone, the hard-working Adamson began pulling out the heavy growth that was smothering the wild flowers. But now many years later things are a little easier. There are still a few weeds to pull, but not very many.

New treasures are added from time to time.

"Friends give me new plants to put in," she said. "One day I went with a friend to an area where a subdivision was being started. They were bulldozing the wild flowers by the yard full. We rescued a lot of them."

"It does something for you when you can do that. And it is nice to be able to restore an area."

But like many gardeners, Mrs. Adamson sometime has a hard time getting a plant to take. "I'm having trouble getting one of my

favorite to spread," she noted. "It's the rue anemone. It has tiny white flowers on four-inch stem with lacey foliage."

To those who might be interested in starting their own wild flower patch, Mrs. Adamson suggests

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they consult seed and plant catalogs. "I don't know of a local place that sells them," she said.

Leave the leaves on the ground of the area to be planted, she advised. They add fertilizer to the soil and keep it cool and damp.

"But don't dump it in high piles," she added. "Keep the weeds out. Once you begin to get interested in growing wild flowers, you will get more and more interested."

"I like just to sit and look at mine."



Waiting for spring to pull her wild flowers up high enough to see is Florence Adamson of

Livonia. Their identification markers await them also. (Staff photo by Sherry Kahan).



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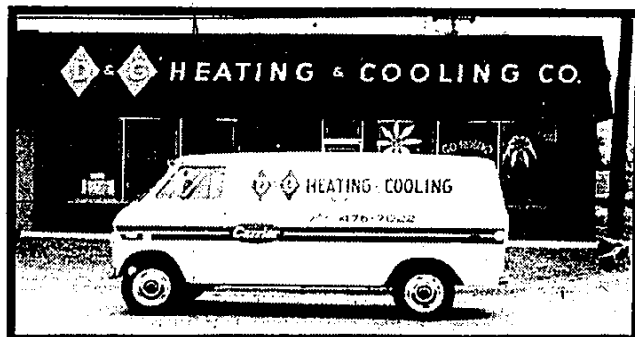
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