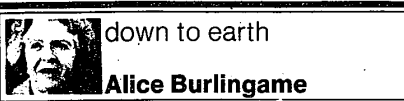


# Spread leaves on sandy soil

Local gardeners are about to "fold up their tents" and call it a season. Research has shown that a late fall seeding of trees is helpful. The cold, dry winter winds are hard on both evergreens and deciduous trees. Feed your trees now, even though it is cold and water them thoroughly. It is a task which should be done before the ground freezes.

If you have moles tunneling under your lawn, you know they are putting in a supply of grubs and earthworms. With a fertilizer spreader you can sprinkle the lawns with diazoin granules and then water in the material. This insecticide will kill their source of food. The tunnels are an unsightly appearance in a nice turf.

Many readers have summer homes in Michigan. Those interested in establishing a lawn on already sandy soil, can do it by spreading about a three



down to earth

Alice Burlingame

inch layer of leaves over the surface. Ground limestone can be added to the leaf surface. Water it down well. In the spring there will be a good base for a lawn with a thin layer of sand on top. It is also an idea for upgrading your lawn if it is built on a sandy base.

I hope local municipalities are storing leaves as they are collected. They could make plenty of money in the spring selling good decomposed leaves to enrichen our poor soil.

This is a good time to review indoor

plants and to see if you can't propagate some cuttings toward the creation of dish gardens in attractive containers for friends.

THIS IS ALSO a good time to collect interesting pieces of loose bark, stones and small objects such as turtles and other interesting bits which give a dish garden character.

Go out in the garden and bring in some hens and chickens. They are prime plants for dish gardens. Another good item is moss. Remember you have to keep moss moist until you plant it. Look over your inventory of indoor plants in terms of making attractive gifts after they have been divided or rooted. Place plants with the same watering requirements together.

I wish I had more white coral from Florida. It looks handsome on top of the soil of a plant. Small seashells can be used in dish gardens to create a scene. So right now be on the lookout for appropriate containers so you can use some of your own plant material. Don't forget to prow around a fire-

place after it has cooled off and get bits of charcoal to keep the soil sweet. Store the surplus in a plastic bag for future projects.

A current publication has been released which has good practical ideas for the gardener who plans ahead. If you have a rolling topography on your home site this publication is for you: "Rock Gardening," Brooklyn Botanic Garden, 1000 Washington Ave., Brooklyn, N.Y. 11225, 75 pages, \$1.95 plus 60 cents mailing. All contributors of the practical articles are members of the American Rock Garden Society, Rt. 1, Box 282, Mens, Ark. 71953. Those are the gardeners who get their hands dirty.

The book is a gem. The subject is handled thoroughly as to design, construction, draw plants, plant care, cold frames and pit greenhouses. How to protect special perennials with a mound of sand, how to build a wall for good drainage, how to use bulbs and annuals are all included in this book. This guide should be on all gardeners' bookshelves.

# November is membership month for Pioneer Women

Highlighting its 55th anniversary as an organization, Pioneer Women proclaimed the month of November as "National Pioneer Women Membership Month."

"With its emphasis on helping women to help themselves, Pioneer Women enables thousands of Jewish, Arab and Druze women to enter the mainstream of Israeli society," said Ruth Miller, president of the Detroit Council.

Pioneer Women, the Women's Labor Zionist Organization of America, in cooperation with Na'amat, its sister organization in Israel, supports a network of social services, among them vocational training, child-care facilities, youth programs and free legal counseling.

In the United States, with a membership of 50,000, Pioneer Women promotes participation in the American Jewish community, and in behalf of enlightened social and legislative action.

Those interested in learning more about Pioneer Women may call the council, 957-4750.

# Country store bazaar planned

A Country store stocked with all homemade items and home baked goods will be put on by women of Novi United Methodist Church Saturday. Store hours for the bazaar are from 10

a.m. to 4 p.m. in the church on 10 Mile Road, west of Meadowbrook.

Hot foods will be served from the snack bar during bazaar hours.

# Creative relaxation seminar planned

"Creative Relaxation: Turning Your Stress into Positive Energy" runs from 7-10 p.m. on Tuesdays beginning Nov. 25, in Sun and Sail, 28620 Northwestern Highway, Southfield.

The high-intensity workshop has been developed and is led by Dr. Deborah Bright, a Farmington Hills resident who wrote a book with the same title as the workshop.

The \$90 fee includes the training, the Creative Relaxation book, an audiocassette learning album, a workshop notebook and all workshop materials.

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