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## Choose spring bulbs now

This is that delightful time of year when the leaves begin to take on dramatic colors, football takes the interest of the sportsman, and all seems right with the world.

As I prepared for this column, I realized it is time to plant bulbs for their spring beauty. We have nearly forgotten how exorbitant those squirrels can be as they peak around the trunk of a tree and watch us plant bulbs, so they can harvest them when our backs are turned.

I have been wondering if it would do any good to plant our bulbs and place stones over the planting. After all, the squirrels harvest in the fall and maybe in early spring, they won't be so eager to eat our flowering bulbs. Be sure and remove the stones when it is time for the bulb to break ground.

When planting tulips, we must remember that they are early, middle season and late bloomers. Daffodils all seem to come out at approximately the same time. The small, early flowering bulbs generally come out before the larger bulbs.

UPON STUDYING Burpee's current bulb catalog, I discovered many variations with a new look. It is possible to make bulb selections at local nurseries, but don't delay your purchase as it is very disappointing to have beautiful bulbs because you were too late for a selection.

Crocuses announce that spring is arriving. Another small bulb is scilla. Grape hyacinths always assure the gardener that the spring show is on the way. I would be inclined to use some pebbles on those small bulb plantings to keep the rodents away.

Hyacinths always seem to provide the royal splendor as they are grouped in a garden. I would surely put larger stones over this choice planting.

You have to realize that spring bulbs have three performances — early, mid-bulb season and the last cycle. They never seem to all give their splash of color at the same time. You can buy medium and late tulips to extend the season.

If you ever find yourself in the position of hearing that unexpected com-

## down to earth Alice Burlingame

is arriving or that you're having a dinner party where the guests might go strolling, I would quickly grab my edger and go around the flower beds close to the house.

THE EDGER tailors up the appearance of a flower garden in a quick manner. It is amazing how average guests don't notice a lack of grooming away from the border of a garden. Be sure and cut the dead heads of flowers.

Sometimes you find yourself needing a table bouquet. I have found that three or four cuttings of pachysandra combined with two or three flowers gives a lovely instant bouquet. I had never thought of using pachysandra for an ar-

rangement foliage until I got into a pinch.

Many of our readers are members of National Farm and Garden, and I neglected to write that their national organization gave a \$500 scholarship for Horticultural Therapy training at the National Meeting of Horticultural Therapy, in Washington, D.C.

This is the time of year to plan the improvements relative to the garden for 1985. Today we have mentioned bulbs and we know if you have dull spots in your garden, you can buy and plant a chrysanthemum plant. I have gone on record with a promise that next spring I will teach you how to get many plants from a specimen you might buy now and enjoy.



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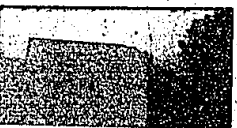
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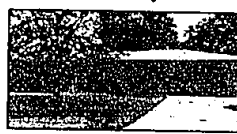
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**OWNER MUST SELL!** Stonebridge Subdivision features 2 1/2 acre lot and 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 bath Colonial on corner lot in Troy. Features family room with fireplace, recreation room and formal dining room. Circular staircase, central air. Back to back. Many extras!  
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**LAKE FRONT** ranch with access to 6 lakes. Maintenance free, custom built brick home, finished basement, 2 1/2 baths, 2 1/2 car garage. Beautiful tree yard, loads of extras. PRIDE OF OWNERSHIP SHOWS. \$154,000  
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**WOODCREEK FARMS** Large and lovely home with 4 bedrooms, 3 1/2 baths, outstanding family room, library, including all amenities for gracious living. Security system, central air and sprinklers. \$185,000 HA.  
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**WIND LAKE PRIVILEGES** Lovely colonial in perfect condition. Builders own home quality to the last detail, all built-in. Beautifully landscaped, pool with whirlpool and all completed decks. \$259,900 DA.  
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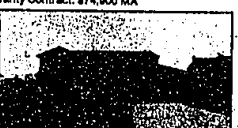
**LARGE TREED LOT WEST BLOOMFIELD** Surrounds spacious 8 bedroom brick home—family room with full wall brick fireplace, library, formal dining room, Florida room, 2 1/2 baths, attached garage and much more. Axiomatic owners making only \$118,500.  
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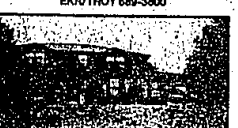
**ASSUMABLE MORTGAGE**, interest adjusted to 12%. Seller will consider 2nd mortgage at 11% for 3 years. This attractive English Cottage has beamed cathedral ceilings in family room, 2 fireplaces, 3 full baths, new floors and overlooks Oakland Hills Golf Course. \$149,500  
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**PICTURE PERFECT** Charming center entrance family home, 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, 1st floor laundry, central air, beautifully finished basement, family room, 2 fireplaces, brick walk, den or office on 1st floor. Land Contract terms. Home Warranty Contract. \$74,900 MA.  
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**PATIO OVERLOOKING SERENE POND!** This Contemporary Colonial has 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, family room and library. Features include natural fireplace, wet bar, shelves, stained woodwork. Decor in neutrals. Golf course, tennis and pool. OUTSTANDING!  
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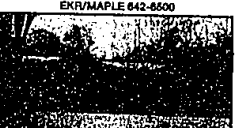
**EXECUTIVE ELEGANCE FARMINGTON HILLS** Spacious 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath colonial offers family room with natural fireplace, library, formal dining room, 1st floor utility, central air, automatic sprinklers and long list of luxury amenities. Reduced.  
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**SOMETHING SPECIAL** Troy colonial offers 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, fireplace in family room, basement, hardwood floors, and backs to beautiful open area. Two car attached garage and lovely neutral decor throughout. \$88,900.  
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**BIRMINGHAM SCHOOLS** Nearly 2400 square foot family home facing morning sun. Brick and aluminum siding. Extra closets and insulation. Warranty Plan. Screened porch and more. Call for appointment. \$114,500 PA.  
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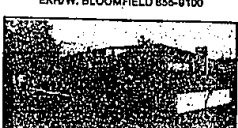
**LAND CONTRACT, 15 YEARS, 11%.** California Contemporary Ranch on Troy country-like setting, expanding trees. Great room with wall-to-wall fireplace, full bath in master bedroom. Cathedral ceilings. Expansive wood deck. Courtyards. Very open floor plan.  
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**PRESTIGIOUS AREA FARMINGTON HILLS** Surrounds beautifully decorated 4 bedroom brick home with family room, natural fireplace, huge kitchen, formal dining room, 2 1/2 baths, attached garage and much more. Axiomatic owners have reduced to only \$249,000.  
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**QUIET RURAL SETTING** Rambling ranch on gorgeous treed lot. 3 bedrooms, 3 1/2 baths, large family room. Walk-out lower level has full bath and kitchen, could be separate living quarters. \$114,900 MU.  
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**MANOR IN THE WOODS CONDO** Prime Bloomfield Hills location. Spacious rooms, 2 bedrooms, two baths, wet bar in library. Decorated in soft earth tones. Direct access to two car garage with openers. \$132,500 WO.  
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**GUNITE INGROUND POOL!** Troy presents this artistic styled 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath Quad with family room, recreation room, fireplace and first floor family room. Located in quiet, tree-lined privacy wall surrounds pool, gas grill on patio. Call for features GALORE!  
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**SUPER SHARP RANCH SOUTHFIELD** Lovely 3 bedroom brick ranch offers family room, kitchen with large eating area, full basement, garage, central air, gas grill and much more. Dramatically reduced to \$89,900.  
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