

There's still gardening to be done

If you think the gardening season is over, forget it. Fall is an excellent time to plant evergreens if they are on your agenda. Think of Oct. 30 as being a good cutoff date for planting evergreens. The reason is so the roots can become established for the worst of the winter when the ground freezes. Root growth is enriched by lower air temperatures in the fall when the top growth stops. Root growth continues until the ground temperature is 35-40 degrees. Plants become well established by spring and are ready

to grow. The weather warms up before early spring planting. This gives a stronger and healthier plant when they aren't pushed in this cycle to create flowers. Less watering is needed because of colder weather and the plant needs less water to help it harden off. The fall-planted plant is sturdier and consequently better able to withstand the stresses ahead. If you fertilize, be sure and use only phosphorous fertilizers because that aids the roots in stabilizing for the winter ahead.



down to earth
Alice Burlingame

If you wish to put in ground covers, use Oct. 1 as a cutoff date to be sure the plantings will be well-established. Perennials should be in by Oct. 10 so the smaller roots can become established.

Larger plants, trees and shrubs should usually be in by Nov. 1 although success is possible right up until the ground is frozen because deciduous material can be planted when dormant.

Some of the deciduous shrubs can be easily planted in the fall. For example — burning bush, native dogwood, especially the red twig dogwood, tall hedge, autumn olive, buckthorn, staghorn sumac, the fam-

ily of viburnum and varieties of lilac.

As you debate the location of specific new plantings, be sure to consider the indoor and the outdoor view from the perspective of the person on the street. In choosing shrubs or trees, be sure to inquire about diameter and height at maturity of the specimen you've chosen. It isn't always wise to enclose yourself in a forest.

When you are ready to plant the new material, be sure to dig a generous hole for the roots. Care in planting is very important for the success of your selection. Happy fall planting.

Mezzo-soprano, pianist perform for music club

The Music Study Club of Metropolitan Detroit will hold its first meeting of the season at 12:15 p.m. Tuesday, at Birmingham Temple. Clarissa Buggs, mezzo-soprano, will be the featured performer with Catherine Rollin, assistant artist, at the piano. Buggs, first-place winner of the Leontyne

Price vocal competition, debuted with Michigan Opera Theater in the season at "Faust" and recently performed with the Toledo Opera. She placed first in the 1983 Detroit Grand Opera Auditions; received an award to perform with Michigan Opera Theater for the 1983-84 season; placed first in the regionals advanced women division



Giving concert

Huw Lewis, Organist and Marygrove College faculty member, will give a recital on the College's Casavant organ at 4 p.m. Sunday, in Sacred Heart Chapel, 8425 W. McNichols, Detroit. The program, celebrating the restoration of the historic instrument, is open to the public free. Lewis, born in Wales, holds diplomas from the Royal College of Music in London and the Royal Academy of Music. He also studied at University of Michigan and is music director at St. John's Episcopal Church and the Detroit Bach Society.

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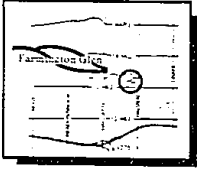
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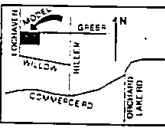
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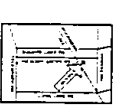


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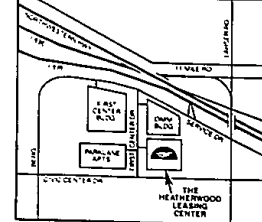
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