Festival of Trees opens Saturday

Did you save some bulbs for forcing to bring early spring Into your home? Now is the time to prepare the pots for forcing hardy bulbs for bloom in March and April. Hardy bulbs are those that can stand or need a cold period during dormancy. This cooling period.of 14.15 weeks between 35-30 degrees F. is necessary for root development and later leaf and flower growth. After this time when the pots are placed in a warm area in filtered sunlight, the

blooms will be a delightful sight in three to four weeks. A loosely packed well-drained soil is best for bubbs in pots.

Although fertillizer shouldn't be applied when bulbs are planted for forcing, (they already contain all that they need), when follage begins to show, a solution of one-fourth the recommended amount at each watering until the foliage begins to yellow, is recommended by Ortho Products. They are one of the companies

that make a food especially for bulbs.

To learn more about bulbs and other specific groups of plants, a series of six books called Taylor's Pocket Guldes, are small, casy-to-carry-to-the-garden ones that zero in subjects such as Bulbs for Spring, For Summer, Modern, Old-Fashioned Roses; and Perenialis for Shade, For Sun. Published by Houghton Mifflin, each is \$4.95 (paper) and packed with information about

where, how, why and when, to put and care for particular plants, diseases and pests, and many color photographs with descriptions and growing tips.

A new tool on the market to check the temperature of the pile is a long-probe thermometer (which, by the way can be used to measure the root temperature of plants so that they can be protected from frost). Researchers-report that the ideal temperature for efficient decomposition



Marty Figle: down to earth

Is about 160 degrees so that harmful pathogens in the decaying matter can be destroyed.

This thermometer is 20 inches long, which makes it different from a conventional soil thermometer. It stainless steel and is available for \$117.88 pospial from Flora & Fauna, P.O. Box 578, Gualala, Ca., 95445, or call (707) 843-4919. They also manufacturer wonderful garden ornaments, a regular soil thermometer, sun dials, fawcet handles and chimes, that would make welcome gits, which can be found in garden catalogs and retailers. A force the Rivertont Ballroom of Cobo Center will be magetally transformed into a wonderland with trees, wreaths, vignettes, and a gingerbread village, produced by many area (torists, individuals and clubs.

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activities for children is always a favorite spot. I will be demonstraling verath making 2-4 pm. Sunday, Nov. 19. so come say "hi." The Herb. Unit to which I belong is participating for the first time this year and we have been bustly making orns; ments. Hundreds of people, organizations, and businesses are involved in Festival of Trees.

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The Festival opens Saturday and runs through Nov. 26, excluding Thanksgiving Day. Hours are: 10 am. 10 6 pm. Saturday-Wednesday, until 8 pm. Nov. 24-26. Admission charge. Tickets at all Tickets at all Tickets at all all the Tund at Children's Hospital of Michigan is the sole beneficiary of Festival of Trees. The Fund was established in 1985 to fund research into the causes and cures of childhood diseases.







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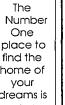
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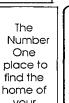


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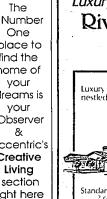


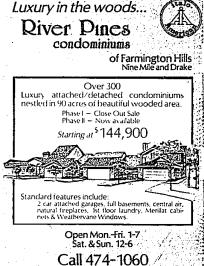
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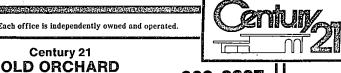
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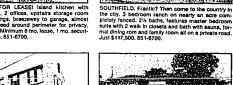


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