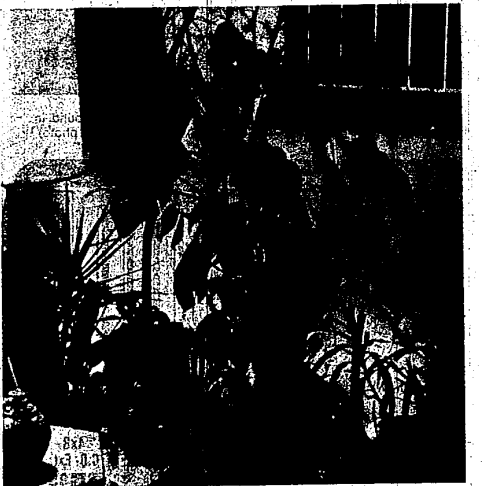


The Green Thumb

By GEORGE ABRAHAM

Do you want to raise carrots without using a hoe or a spade? It's simple enough. Build a raised bed made of 2 by 8 lumber (length is up to you) but width should not exceed four feet. Fill with a mixture of garden loam, sand, compost, rotted manure or peatmoss. For every 10-foot length of bed spread five pounds of bone-meal. Mix thoroughly all ingredients; then rake down into a fine seed bed. Broadcast the carrot seed, cover with 1/4 inches fine sifted peatmoss. Sprinkle with water and keep the bed well moistened, but not soggy wet. Pull carrots as they are ready. Make a successive



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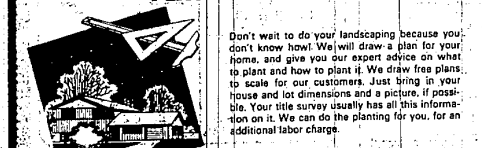
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sowing. Seed down in July will give you carrots in the fall. Varieties? You have a fine selection. Scarlet Nantes has a reputation for the flavor, Bolay Chantenay is an old favorite, easy to grow. Tiny Sweet is a three-inch golden orange carrot ready to eat in 65 days. They are tender, sweet and one of the best for a mini-garden. By the way, if you don't have a garden spot, grow carrots in a wooden box. Fill box with above soil mixture and scatter seed on (not too thick). Place the box on the blacktop driveway and the heat will make them grow faster. Good way to raise radishes, if you haven't a garden spot. Herbs used to season carrots are summer savory, parsley, thyme, basil and mint. To enhance the flavor of glazed carrots sprinkle sesame seeds over them. Green Thumb Bonus: Want to know more about carrots? Send me a self-addressed, stamped envelope and ask for a copy of our guide on growing carrots, sunflowers, pumpkins and squash. WATCH YOUR TERRARIUM: Terrariums come in two types: those that are open and those that are closed. Those that are kept closed need no watering. However, if the soil seems excessively soggy, or if water stands on the bottom, open it several hours a day until the soil dries out. Totally closed terrariums may need only a few drops of water every three to six months. If terrariums are not vented, moisture collects on the inside and you can't see the plants. Plants might grow out of bounds in your terrarium. Don't hesitate to snip them back. Don't hesitate to experiment with various plants. Just about anything will grow in a glass garden. GREEN THUMB CLINIC: "We have bumblebees which cut holes in the side of our house. What can be done to check them?" Answer: What you have is the carpenter bee. They are large, yellow and one-inch long, resembling bumblebees. CONTROL: Direct insecticidal spray or dust into the holes they make-and do the job at night, when they are all home.

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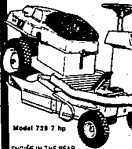


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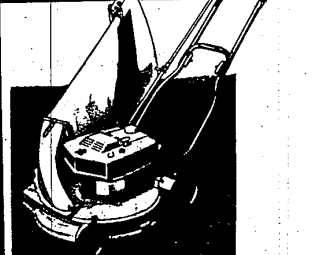
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