

More Than Roads On State Map

A good highway map not only will assist motorists to get where they want to go, but will provide a variety of other useful information.

Major theme of the 1973 official highway map of Michigan, produced by the Department of State Highways, attempts to educate the motoring public on the meaning of symbols, shapes and colors used in the new system of signs on Michigan's highways.

Forty signs, shapes or colors are displayed on a panel on the reverse side of the 1973 map. It can be used as a handy guide to familiarize motorists with the new trend in traffic signing.

The map contains a broad range of non-highway information including the state flag, state stone (Potosky), state bird (robins), state flower (apple blossom), state fish (trout); notes on Michigan speed limits, historical markers, bridge and tunnel facilities and their tolls, ferry lines, state police posts, district highway offices and an index to cities and villages with their population figures.

More than two million 1973 maps were produced for free distribution.

A map can be obtained by writing - on a post card with your name and address - to: Maps; Department of State Highways; Lansing, Mich. 48904.



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African Violets Need Proper Light To Bloom

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Do you have trouble growing African violets?

Michigan State University horticulturist Dr. William Carlson offers these suggestions:

The most important factor in producing good growth and bloom is proper lighting, Carlson states. If the violets are not flowering, move them to an area with more light.

Many African violet enthusiasts have turned to fluorescent lighting with good success. Lights are placed about 12 to 15 inches above

the plant table and are kept on approximately 14 hours a day.

The plants will not thrive in an atmosphere that is too dry, too hot or too drafty. An ideal room temperature is from 65-75 degrees. If the air is too dry and hot the buds may drop off, or the blossoms will fall off shortly after they open.

With too low temperatures, plant growth slows down, and flowering may stop. Foliage will also curve down around the edge of the pot.

Carlson says to determine watering habits. Water from either the top or bottom of the pot; the only requirement is that water be warm. Plants do not do well when the soil becomes hard and dry, nor do they thrive if too wet.

After the plants begin to bud and bloom they should be fed with a complete soluble fertilizer about once a month.

New plants may be propagated at any time of the year by means of leaf cuttings, plant divisions, offsets or seeds.

The most common method is by leaf cuttings.

Read Scene

Think you know how to read the traffic scene when you're driving?

According to the Highway Traffic Safety Center of Michigan State University, it's like reading a book. Keep your eyes moving. Glance from left to right and take in your rear view mirrors as your eyes move. Concentrate on important details and look ahead - at least one block in the city, a half-mile in the country.

Good drivers have this kind of know-how.

LIVELY COTTON MIX

Multi-pattern cotton fabrics, coupled with bright yellow walls and brilliant red carpeting, give this family room a high-spirited coziness. The patchwork cotton used on the sofa integrates the color scheme of red, yellow, and black. Apt companion piece is a pull-up chair upholstered in checkered geometric cotton. Carpet by Bigelow.

Pest Of The Week

BRONZE BIRCH BORER

This borer has become more prevalent in the past few years, attacking smaller and smaller stems of the European and paper birch.

The beetles lay eggs on the bark. Eggs hatch out and larvae bore into stems. They eventually girdle the cambium layer under the bark, killing first the upper portions and then the rest of the tree.

Their presence can be noted by the sap oozing from the small, pin-like entrance holes, causing water marks on the bark and later raised ridges on the bark caused by tunneling.

CONTROL: Keep trees healthy by yearly fertilization and watering during dry periods. Spray or treat to control leaf miners. Spray main stem from ground to terminal ends before June 15 with 25 per cent W.P. Lindane one tablespoon per gallon of water, or 20 per cent emulsion of Lindane 1 1/2 teaspoon per gallon of water.

Cygon 2E may also be used. Malathion-Methoxychlor mixture may be used but should be applied 10 days after the first application, also triple rates for Methoxychlor and Malathion, applied only to main stems.

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