

Down to earth

It's time to make garden preparations

The winter vacation is over and it is now time for "all good gardeners" to roll up their sleeves and enjoy the planning and preparation for a year in the garden.

Mother Nature has been doing some pruning of dead branches with the wind. Pick up the twigs and use them in your fireplace. They make excellent kindling.

NEW IDEAS: All of us know the high cost of large pot containers, and if you leave a plant in one, outdoors on your patio over the winter you will probably find the container cracked and the plant dead due to frost action.

As an experiment this winter I placed a large turquoise glazed container with a five-foot Russian Olive tree in it in the garage. About every month I would give it some water (not much) and now it is sprouting bright green leaves. It was cold enough to provide dormancy and now the tree wants to wake up. It won't go outdoors when there is danger of frost.

Another year the same technique will be tried. It seems as though this idea could be used on a tree rose.

As you gardeners try "homey tricks" in gardening and have success, please write them in to me to be shared by others.

THERE IS a new red raspberry on the market which looks good. Developed by Kelly Brothers, Dansville, N.Y., it will bear fruit early in a two crop cycle.

Big, bright red, sweet-flavored raspberries surely make your mouth water in March. The berry

is called Augusted. The fruit is produced in a limited space. Disease is readily controlled by removing all wintered over canes which are cut close to the ground before spring growth.

The Community House is having four lectures in two independent series for rose fanciers. April 9 begins the classes—four in the afternoon and four in the evening.



By ALICE VESSELLS BURLINGAME

The instructor will be Portus Geary who is well known nationally as a speaker on rose culture.

A **SECOND** opportunity to increase your garden prowess is the series at Oakland University on "Landscaping Residential Property," beginning April 17, 7:30-9:30 p.m. for six sessions.

The course is taught by Fred J. Durancene, who is the director of grounds and landscaping for the university. For years you have admired his initial assignment with the same role at Northland. He is practical and would be very helpful for those who wish to upgrade their property.

Be sure and cut some branches of forsythia for early flowering in the house. Hammer the ends to encourage osmosis and soak in warm water.



John Dvoras leads singers in concert

Dovaras Singers present concert

The 20-year-old Pontiac-Oakland Symphony will present its fourth concert of this year Friday at 8:30 p.m. at Pontiac Northern High School.

The John Dvoras Singers will perform Aaron Copland's "The Second Hurricane" with libretto written by Edwin Denby. This is the first performance in this area of Copland's play-ops, an exciting score written especially for high school students.

The story takes place in the 30s in the Midwest. Students are assigned to help an aviator fly supplies to a flooded experience fear, loneliness and danger when a hurricane and flood overtake them.

THE JOHN DOVARAS SINGERS, a

20-member chorus, bring this play-opera to life. They have established themselves as one of Detroit's fine chamber ensembles. In addition to singing professionally, each member teaches private voice or is studying with other voice instructors.

John Dvoras of Birmingham, founder-director of the singers is director of choral activities at Oakland University and also music director at Kirk in the Hills. Last year, he made his debut as conductor with the Pontiac-Oakland Symphony and Oakland University Chorus in Verdi's "Requiem."

The symphony will begin the evening's concert with Handel's "Concerto Grosso, Opus 6, No. 1 in G Major."

Ted Andress of Andress Galleries, Ltd., Pontiac, will exhibit his paintings. Tickets are available at the door.

Pre-bulb era

One method of obtaining light that colonists used in America—burning beeswax in a "jack"—has been copied by modern accessories manufacturer, Sarreid, from a jack found in the Greenfield Village collection. Now all you have to do is find beeswax coils.

Chorale to appear

The Kenneth Jewell Chorale will appear in the Oakway Symphony Orchestra's fourth concert of the 1973-74 season. The concert will be held in Livonia at Church Hill High School at 4 p.m. Sunday.

The Chorale is an ensemble of 40 trained vocal artists. It has appeared with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, the Toledo Orchestra, the Interlochen Arts Academy Orchestra under Thor Johnson and at the Bach Cranbrook Festival.

Concert selections include: Russian and Ludmilla Overture by M. J. Glinka; "Prague" Symphony No. 38 in D Major of Mozart; Prelude and Quadruple Fugue for Orchestra by Hovhanness; Polovetsian Dances from "Prince Igor" of Borodin and No. 4 "Deum" of Verdi. The 85-piece Oakway Symphony is an organization of members from Birmingham-Bloomfield, Southfield, Farmington, and Livonia.



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Ballet performs at O.U.

The Christopher Ballet will perform in concert April 5-7 in the Barn Theater, Oakland University, under the auspices of the Student Enterprise Theater.

Performances will take place at 8:30 p.m., with a special 2:30 p.m. matinee April 6.

The Christopher Ballet is a young company of 12 dancers performing in a variety of styles, ranging from classic ballet to avant-garde modern dance.

THE APRIL concerts will include "Brahms Romance" and "Overtones" from the company's repertoire. Newly-mounted works especially for these concerts include

clude "Go-Team-Go!" by Rael Lamb, one of the most gifted black dancers and choreographers in America today.

On leave from the Rod Rodgers Dance Company of New York where he is principal dancer, Lamb has been in Rochester for the last several weeks setting this work.

Also to be premiered is a new work to music of the contemporary Japanese composer, Yasushi Akutagawa, choreographed by Christopher Flynn, artistic director of the company.

ANOTHER PREMIERE, this one a modern piece, takes a chilling

look at loneliness. It is set to music by the contemporary American composer, Harry Partch, and has been choreographed by Jan Eckert, ballet mistress of the company and head of the modern dance department at the company school.

All tickets for the performances will be available at the Oakland University Student Ticket Office and at the door. Tickets will also be available at The Christopher Ballet and at Perry Drugs in the Rochester Hills Shopping Center. Tickets for April 4 are available through The Christopher Ballet only.

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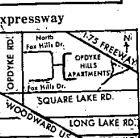
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1-act plays set at OCC

An evening of one-act plays to be presented at Oakland Community College's Orchard Ridge's "Green Apple Theatre" will open Friday at the Orchard Ridge Campus Farmington.

"A Message From Cougar" by Jean Raymond Maljean and "Convention" by Dan Greenberg, two farces and both student directed, will be presented. Also to be presented is a piece written and directed by a student of Oakland Community College, "What is Tomorrow" by Zelma Lang.

Also to be presented is piece written by Detroit playwright Bruce Milan, currently entrepreneur of the Detroit Repertory Theatre.

The one-act plays will continue April 6 and close April 7. Curtain time is 8:30 p.m.

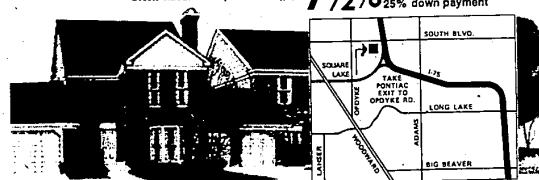
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