Recently I had the pleasure of meeting Nancy Morgan of Birmingham. She remembered how surprised she had been, about 10 years ago, when I commented in my.column about her use of plumber's candles in brown paper be so with a couple of inches of sand are abase. She had placed them along the student of the same of the sa

MANY PLANT ENTHUSIASTS are enjoying a flowering amaryllis that was a holiday gift. When the flower is through with its show, cut off the flower stem and water sparingly. When the leaves become dry, move to your cloyed so to non-freezing spot. In late spring, begin to water the flower pot while more inglifted to the flower pot while may be the flower and fertilize frequency. When a freeze is expected, move to

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your storage area for dormancy and allow the leaves to dry. Bring out again when you wish to force it to flower in midwinter. Some people have good luck repeating this performance each year. Try it.

As you review the areas of your garden which are shady, think about annuals which can add spark and accent the area. Impatiens will do well where it is shady but light. By this I mean, you can

have shade from a free most of the day, but light comes through on the plants for brief periods. I have had luck with salvia in an area where branches of a tree were high. Be sure to remember that salvia varieties can be tall, medium and low growing. They give a delightful accent in August and September.

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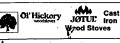
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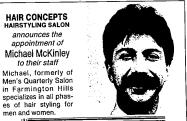
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