

Super-Centers On Haggerty Rd.

NORTHVILLE Rezoning requests are expected to be submitted to the Northville Township planning commission March 31 to permit one and probably two adjoining huge shopping centers on Haggerty Road between Seven and Eight Mile Road.

The proposals front on Haggerty in Northville Township directly opposite Livonia's northwestern-most section.

Preliminary outline of a 40-acre development involving two department stores and supplementary outlets and services enterprises was no sooner completed than an attorney for Leonard Brooks,

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wealthy real estate speculator, disclosed plans for a second, much larger development.

The first project was attacked by James A. Hitt, attorney for Nate Shapiro, chain drugstore founder and longtime Northville property holder. The Shapiro development was estimated at a total of 390,000 square feet at a cost of \$13 million.

The Brooks development was described as covering 55,000 square feet to include three department stores and a theater, a bank and a restaurant covering an additional 100,000 square feet.

The rezoning requests at the March 31 meeting will involve B-2 and B-3 zoning. Potential for the two projects were regarded as favorable in view of the proposed I-96 freeway to run parallel with Haggerty Road.

Littell said the Shapiro development has been given the name of Meadowbrook Mall.

For measurement of mall size, an average supermarket has 20,000 feet of space, and a mall the size of Northland is in excess of one million square feet.

Savings Stamp Program Ends

School youngsters and young people from kindergarten to high school have been asked by Secretary of the Treasury David M. Kennedy to fill up their U.S. savings stamp albums before the stamp program is closed off June 30 this year.

Kennedy recently announced cutoff of the program. He said the Savings Bond Division was mapping a new thrift education program in the nation's schools to encourage continued purchases and holding of savings bonds.

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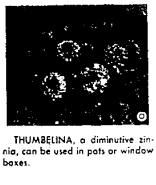
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THUMBELINA, a diminutive zinnia, can be used in pots or window boxes.

Pint-Sized Varieties Are Handy

Zinnias and marigolds bow only to petunias as favorites in the garden and their huge, colorful blooms are featured in many back yards.

But, sometimes, rather than big plants with enormous flowers the gardener needs smaller plants with tiny blossoms. Then the pint-sized editions of zinnias and marigolds come in handy.

The smallest zinnia flower is on an eight-inch-tall species, *Zinnia linearis*. Used for a ground cover, in window boxes or for edging, this plant blooms in six weeks from the time seeds are sown and is covered with golden-orange flowers, each petal striped with lemon yellow.

Purple Passion: We get lots of letters about his item with an erotic common name. Also called the purple velvet plant, the gynura ("Gin-New-rui") is quite attractive and you wouldn't believe it's in the same family as the chrysanthemum, producing yellow daisy-like flowers.

ow...in average house temperature. Gynura likes a soil mixture consists of equal parts sand, peat and loam. Plant gets spindly if you don't nip out the tips regularly. Start new plants by rooting the tips in water.

Aphids (plant lice) often are a problem and if you hose or wash the leaves regularly, you can keep this pest down. Usually reporting is needed.

GREEN THUMB CLINIC: A reader writes: "Last year we bought a peck of apples called Idared, and we liked them. Can you plant a tree of this variety?"

Answer: Yes, Idared (pronounced Ida-red) is a large handsome apple with solid bright red skin. This is a fine long keeping variety that keeps its firmness and flavor late into winter.

We predict this is going to be the apple of the future. The tree ripens a month or so after McIntosh.

OLD MEXICO and Persian Carpet are 8 to 12-inch-high zinnias. Flowers of Old Mexico are mahogany-red, edged with varying shades of gold and may be 2 1/2 inches wide.

Those in the Persian Carpet mixture are white, while the red, each pointed petal tipped or bordered with a contrasting shade. These blossoms are smaller by an inch of diameter.

Then there is the delightful Thumbelina—different that it won one of the few gold medals ever awarded in the All-America trials.

Miniatures of the big fellows, only six inches high, these plants bear double and semi-double blooms of white, yellow, pink, lavender, orange and scarlet. Buds open when plants are only half grown.



The Green Thumb By GEORGE ABRAHAM

If you had a bad year for roses in 1969, perhaps it was because some of your plants are old and need to be replaced.

This doesn't mean that the newer varieties are more disease resistant. Not so. Some are more susceptible.

However, it should be said that there are roses which are highly susceptible and these should be avoided. If you're a busy home owner and have room for only a few roses, and don't have time to spray regularly, better select the kind of roses that aren't high susceptible.

Careful pruning in Spring is important. A large unpruned does not permit new healthy growth to come out. Proper pruning allows good air drainage, keeping the foliage dry and discouraging powdery mildew as well as blackspot.

If your roses were covered with black spots better get some Filipet (phattan) and keep the foliage covered with this fungicide, applying it before disease becomes heavy.

Spring Gardens Featured At Mall

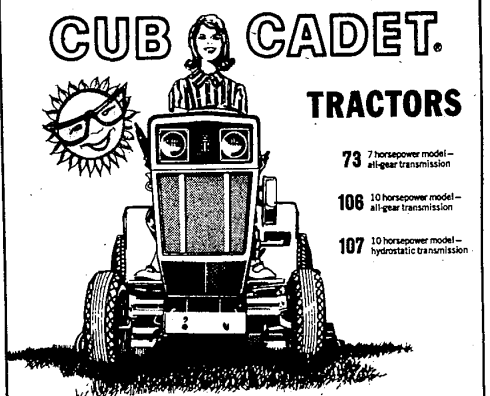
A riot of spring gardens will be on display March 19 through 28 at Livonia Mall, Seven Mile and Middle Belt in Livonia.

The show, second largest in the state, is sponsored by Twentieth Century Design, Inc. of Farmington, the Metropolitan Detroit Landscape Association and Bernard Margolis, also of Farmington.

There will be 14 different gardens by well-known local nurseries and contractors.

These include Harold Thomas Nursery, Bushel Stop of Livonia, Dan J. Wood Associates, Ray's Landscaping, S & S Pots Unlimited and LaFount and Sons, all of Farmington.

From Southfield, there will be Mulch Associates, Inc., from Garden City, Rainbow Sprinkler Co. Horticultural Consultants is a one-of-a-kind service to landscape contractors and general public, which will be available during the show.



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