

retirement memos

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We're learning how we ought to eat

Learning new ways with ford shopping for it, cooking it and eating it — has been our big retirement project in the last few months.

A doctor-ordered diet is the reason, oe was ordered off salt and foods high in cholesterol. There went the bacon and eggs, the cheese he loved, the dairy products, even the shrimp. He also was told to lose some weight, so that took care of the pies and cook-

I decided to follow the same regi-men. In a two-person household, it's no fun for one to eat goodles the other shouldn't have. Besides, we have bet-ter ways to use time than to cook two sets of meals, and I figured the diet would be good for me, too, I certainly could stand to shed some of the pounds that have been accumulating.

OUR NEW HABITS started in the supermarket. I know many people have been checking ingredient listings on processed foods for years, but it was something new for us. We quickly became experts at spotting the verboten items in fine print.

We also started looking at some of the newer food products designed for low-sodium and low-cholesterol diets. This netted varying degrees of suc-cess. Fake sour cream and artificial choese seemed preity tasteless, and we're still looking for a good cheese substitute.

On the other hand, we discovered some excellent low-fat cottage cheese and made the acquaintence of the freezen cartons of Egg Beaters for no-

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IN THE KITCHEN, we changed preparation methods. A new cookbook taught us more about using herbs for flavoring. We preity much put away the salt shaker, though Joe still uses a bit on steak and fresh corn, and I need it in homemade soup.

The cookbook also had a recipe for "legal" mayonnaise. That was a great find. It also gave us hollandaise sauce for vegetables and tartar sauce for fish.

And there was the red-letter day when, with reast beef on the menu, I found I could still make our favorite Yorkshire pudding to go with it. The secret was Egg Beater and one egg white and beat it like mad.

THE NEW REGIMEN has wrought changes already. Some have been in the taste buds. Recently, we tried spreading salty cheese on salty crackers and found it didn't taste good at

And Joe has been delighted to re-port, to daughters and doctor, the dropping of 12 pounds in two months. As for me, I'm still hoping and trying. But my nutrition-conscious friends will be glad to know I'm probably en-ing better than I have for years.

Life editor for Observer Newspa-pers for 16 years. She and her hus-band Joe have retired to Florida, where she writes Retirement

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recent years this behavior has been given the name of allopathy. To break it down—the situation is similar to two people disliking each other. However, plants attack underground using their roots. As an illustration, sycamores (trees) affect Dermuda grass, rye grass, filtugrass and others by causing leaves to decay. Chrysanthemums hold back the growth of lettuce in the garden if they are close to each other.

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Lilies will hold back the growth of menles and cals. Yellow mustard will affect the growth of corn and soy beans, and so on goes the list.

PANSIES are such a delight in a garden, so I planted them in my courtyard garden. Now, I am their slave, keeping the old flowers cut off to en-courage a constant performance. I hope I can re-member this time-consuming care program in 1885.

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may do so.

For plants inside of the house, only use pesticides which specify indoor use. Thoroughly clean out your sprayer and equipment after use.

Tals is a good time to stroil around your property both front and back with clippers in your hand, they of the shrubs and trees have fresh growth which isn't very appealing.

Look at the ground level of shrubs and decide if you like groomed branches coming out of the

down to earth Alice Burlingame

ground which have been pruned to be graceful.

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FRUIT trees have a lot of unnecessary green leaf branches in the center which interfere with the sun ripening future fruit. It is lots of fun to stroll around the garden. You are king of the land, Prune where necessary for aesthetic purposes.

Trunks of trees can be beautiful when there has been some pruning of the core area to show the splendor of the main trunk.

Lots of people wonder why their illnes don't give a large production of flowers. Quite often this is due to having planted the illne 10 years before. At this point, the illne is overpowered by the shade of nearby trees.

There is nothing wrong with changing some of the long-established design in your garden. Often some plants have outgrown their initial purpose and, meanwhile, you have grown in your knowledge of plants and their performance.

Maybe the answer is to simplify the design with a judicious selection of plant material which appeals to you in 1884.

Don't overlook the pleasure of looking out in your private, rear garden and seeing a pretty benth appeals to you for the selection of plants and in design which spotlights a pretty piece of sculpture for those guests on your plow how will be envious of the artwork.



WHEN YOU ARE CONSIDERING A CANE. A cane is an appropriate walking aid for someone

variety of canes are available for users with problems maintaining a stable grip or gail.

The height of the cane is proper if the top of the handle is level with the upper outer edge of the hip when the albow in the hand gripping the cane is slightly fload.

In general the user should place the cane on the did opposite the involved log, with the tip 6-3 inches in front of the tops and 3 inches to the cut-side of the foot.

In trait of the tree sets a similar front could be a set of the cane the usual walking sequence is to step with the cane and the involved log at the same time, and follow with the good log. When climbing stairs, the user sould stop-up with the storage reg, and then follow should be used to be compared to the could be compared to the country of the c

Parade float needs teens

Both Farmington and Farmington clither branch library. At the time of Hills branch libraries are looking for registration the float-riders will get a title Founders Featival parade Saturday, July 21. The volunteers will be dressing up as historic or futuristic characters.

Registrations are to be made with Christ Abbate in the Farmington branch, or Bill Jenkins in the Farmington Hills branch.

Youth award winner

Anita Angelas, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Adam Angelas of Southfield, has won the Youth Award from Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Church for 1984: She was presented the award by the Rev. S. J. Anthony, parish priest, Maria Po-niros, president of Holy Cross Ladies Auxillary, and Soler Liberty, vice pres-ident of Holy Cross Parish Council.

The prestlylous award was established by the ladies auxiliary about 11 years ago and is awarded annually to the young person who has made the most outstanding growth and development in Christian character.

Angelas is president of Junior Greek Orthodox Youth of America chapter of Holy Cross in Farmington Hills.

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