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Of course, you can travel there alone, rent a car and investigate on your own. However in recent years, local drug cultivation has made it dangerous to wander the back roads. If you do decide to explore, employ a knowledgeable driver or guide before taking off for the bills.

You need't go far from the city to see and learn more about tropical vegetation. Frequently the plantings in parks and around hotels and public buildings are tasteduly designed with interesting. Frequently the plantings in parks and around hotels and public buildings are tasteduly designed with interesting return to the control of the planting of the property of the planting of the property of the planting of t

GREENHOUSES as we know them GREENHOUSES as we know them, are unnecessary in this part of the world. The extensive Trinidadian collection of vandas, all of which are sun and heat lovers, was growing in the open without any overhead protection. In another section of the garden, a shade or a lathe house was set up over

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other less sun- or wind-tolerant plants. In discussing orchid culture with this experienced grower, I learned of his very strong opposition to chemical fertilizers. He said, "More orchids, especially young ones, are killed by Peter's Orchid Food than by any other cause." Of course, many professionals may contest this view and attribute losses to over or improper fertilizing. This man uses only fish food and seaweed fertilizers and the results are impressive.

over or improper fertilizing. This man uses only lish food and seawed fertilizers and the results are impressive. He said that fertilizer used in the garden will run off into the soil, Fertilizer that is poured on a potted plant remains in contact with the sensitive root itps, where growth occurs. The root tip is burned by the chemicals, the plant is weakened and after a few applications the plant dies.

As I reflected on this, I realized that it generally is the young, unestablished orchids with the weakest root systems that I have most frequently lost, or more accurately killed. He said they most likely died from a chemical cause rather than improper watering or incorrect placement.

Of course, many sophisticated outdoor, organic gardeners constantly warn us that the continued use of chemical fertilizers adversely affect the soil and destroy micro-organisms

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normally found there. For that reason, chemicals should be avoided.

TILERE ARIC many fine orchid nursettles in the United States and several in the United States and several to the tropics to collect plants. However, there is something thrilling about picking an orchid off a tree in a jungle in Venezuela. In fact, one develops a special interest in an orchid purchased in the tropics.

With an easily obtained importation license, anyone can bring in orchids. If you are interested, send a request to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Plant Protection and Qurantice, Hyatsville, Md. 2072s.

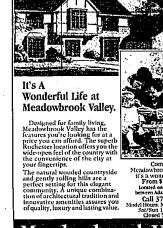
If you do collect or buy plants, present your license to the customs officer at the port of entry. An agricultural inspector will take your plants, dip them in the insecticide and mail them to you also the collection of the collection o

maintained and the cost factored into appect them and, if the plants are squeaky clean, he may allow you to carry them in. After you get the plants mentioner, but hem in moist orchid bark, mist the leaves frequently and allow them to rest in a quiet, low light place.

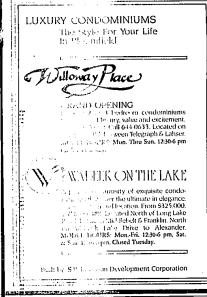
RECENT LOCAL laws in many tropical countries prohibit the export of many native orchids as a means of protecting endangered species.

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