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Mobile Homes Hearings Set

LANSING The Governor's Task Force on Mobile Homes held public hearings during the week of Feb. 8.

State Commerce Director Richard E. Whitmer, who was named by Gov. Milliken to head the task force, said manufacturers, park owners, mobile home owners and local government officials were invited to participate in the hearings.

WHITMER SAID the Task Force is looking into the subject of mobile homes that are stationary residences. Recreational vehicles that are towed by motor vehicles and modular homes are not subjects of concern and will not be discussed at the hearing.

The hearings resumed on Feb. 10 and will continue through Feb. 12.

OWNERSHIP aspects of mobile homes, including licensing, titling, taxation and financing will be discussed on the morning of Feb. 11 while design and construction standards will be the topic of the afternoon hearing.

During the morning of Feb. 12, the task force will consider planning, zoning and subdivision control for mobile homes while mobile home building codes will be discussed during the afternoon.

The hearings are open to any interested person who wishes to testify. Each person should bring a copy of his statement in writing to present to the task force at the end of his testimony.

Other members of the task force include State Treasurer Allison Green; Charles E. Harmon, director of the Department of Licensing and Regulation; State Housing Director William G. Rosenberg; and Dr. Maurice Reizen, director of the Department of Public Health.

Tomato Developed At MSU

A new tomato variety that has potential as a substitute for cherry tomatoes has been released by Michigan State University's agricultural experiment station.

The variety, Droplet, developed by Dr. S. Honna, MSU horticulturist, is intended for the fresh market and may be machine harvested.

Desirable characteristics of Droplet include high fruit production, tolerance to verticillium wilt and ease of fruit removal.

Droplet got its name because the fruit look like drops of water. Each fruit is about one inch in diameter and 1 1/4 inches long, and there are 90 to 120 fruits per plant. Fruits are solid and crack resistant.

Droplet fruit mature in the early or mid-season and don't tend to fall off the vine after ripening. They are readily separated from the vine by hand or machine, and since the variety is jointless no stem remains attached to the fruit when it is picked.

Each plant is low to the ground and covers a circular area about three feet in diameter.



NEW SHAG CARPET has a two-inch pile height, but it's still kind to the busy woman with appointments to keep. Whether or not it has been vacuumed recently is a secret between her and the shag.

LEVEL LOOP — The type of housekeeper whose keen eyes perceive a speck of dust at 20 paces might prefer a level loop carpet. Its dense pile holds soil on the surface to be whisked away at regular intervals.

Shag Or Level Loop? Think Before You Buy

Before you buy a carpet for a well-trafficked room, you'll want to pause a moment to reflect on your housekeeping methods.

Chances are that a reputable brand carpet will perform as intended—if it's used the way the maker intended. But you cannot always depend on a busy sales clerk to give you this information.

Two of the most popular types of carpet for the family room (a good test situation) are the shag and the level loop. If the shag appeals to your decorating sense, but

you're the fastidious type who can't bear disarray of any sort, you might be wiser to settle on a level loop.

The tight, dense construction of a level loop carpet takes wear exceedingly well and holds soil on the surface where it can be scooped up by periodic vacuuming.

An acrylic pile resists staining and crushing. As an added bonus from the maintenance standpoint, a three-toned tweed texture will hide minor soiling until the carpet is swept.

NO ONE, ever accused a shag carpet of holding soil on the surface! Precisely for this reason some women will prefer the shag in the family room.

The whirling dynamo with meetings to attend and appointments to keep can rest assured that the casual shag will be discreet about her busy schedule. Actually, though, it's not the terror to clean that many people think.

Even an ankle deep shag carpet with a two-inch pile height can be adequately groomed. Many modern vacuum cleaners have shag settings—and then there's the shag rake.

This gadget really exists. Usually of hard rubber, it can be used to comb a shag's pile straight, just like taming an unruly mop of hair on Billy.

Nonetheless, buy shag with your eyes open, realizing that it will show every footprint. Of course, many people prize this "shadowing," which is caused by light reflecting at different angles off the crisscrossed strands.

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