

# Greene Motors Creates New 'Minibug'

The story of Livonia's own Minibug will be told on Motor Vets' Michigan Outdoors TV program, Channel 4, on Saturday, Nov. 2.

The little fun car with the streamlined design has created so much interest recently that Fred Trost, Michigan Outdoors photographer, came out to

Greene Motors to photograph the actual assembling of a Minibug. Then it was taken to nearby Union Lake area on a hunting expedition to show its off-road capabilities.

Avery Greene, general manager of Greene Motors, Volkswagen, on Plymouth Road, in Livonia, reports on the Minibug, "Driving has become a chore instead of a pleasure on clogged highways, but lots of us enjoy driving just for fun. We've created the Minibug as an off-road vehicle which can be assembled at home in one's spare time. It'll go almost anywhere--on the sand, over hills, through woods and snow--and it puts that wind-in-the-face feeling of freedom into driving again!"

The Minibug is a fiberglass body bolted to a shortened Volkswagen chassis. With a wheelbase of 60 inches it is highly maneuverable and the wide tires and engine-in-the-back traction take it anywhere the driver wishes to go. The sporty top and VW heating system make it suitable for winter driving.

Late in September, Greene, a resident of Plymouth, went to Provincetown, R.I., by personal invitation of Volkswagen of America, to display the unique car at the press showing of the '69 V.W.s.

# Mohawk Plans New Branch In Southfield

Mohawk Lumber and Hardware Co., a Detroit-based building materials and hardware chain, has announced plans to open a new store in Southfield. It will be the sixth and largest of the company's retail outlets, having 50,000 square feet of selling area and an additional 14,000 square feet of space devoted to receiving, warehousing and utilities.

The store continues Mohawk's original merchandising concept as Detroit's original department store of building materials. Basically, the merchandise stocked consists of all products necessary for the consumer to maintain, improve and enjoy his home.

Basic departments of hardware, housewares, paint, electrical supplies, unpainted furniture, wall and floor coverings and plumbing and heating are on the floor as well as large quantities of lumber and building materials.



**GERANIUMS FOR BOXES:** Geraniums are one of the most useful plants for the porch and window box, ornamental urns and bedding plants. Gardeners who want to use plenty of them in the spring need not pay 70 cents or more per plant, if they will do a little work on their own plants each fall and winter.

Here are a few tricks gardeners passed along to me for increasing your geranium plants each spring.

Feed them once a month with a liquid plant food such as Rapid-gro, and make sure they get plenty of light. Other garden plants can also be started the same way: Coleus, fuchsia, begonia, ageratum, dusty miller, bloodleaf, vinca, Paliurus, Salvia and dozens of others. These can be used with geraniums for your window or porch box next spring. Plants started from cuttings will be a better size for the home and will adjust to house conditions more readily if given care--its better to do this than bring the entire mother plant indoors.

A final word: If you use sand for starting, sterilize it by pouring boiling water over it and allow to cool.

**STARTING NEW PLANTS:** Take cuttings from your best "mother" plants in fall. These are 3" to 4" long, and from non-diseased plants. Cut can be made anywhere on the slip. Take off all leaves from lower half (they'll only rot) and insert them into your favorite rooting material. Clean sharp sand, vermiculite, or perlite, or just plain tap water are used for rooting.

If you use purchased rooting materials make sure holes are in the bottom of the pot or box to provide drainage for excess water. Place cuttings in to a depth of one inch to hold cuttings upright. Cuttings are watered well, kept moist, but not too wet, until rooted. A 6" or 8" clay florist pot makes a good "greenhouse" and to keep cuttings fresh, place the container with cuttings into a plastic bag, then close the top. The plastic bag reduces water loss, hastens rooting. Keep cuttings out of direct sunlight, and they'll root in 3 or 4 weeks.

**AFTER ROOTING,** pot the cuttings up in 2 or 4 inch clay pots, using a 1/2 mix of sand, peat and loam mixture. You can add some perlite to loosen the mixture. Grow the plants in a bright, cool window, and keep the soil moisture constant. If the cuttings get a bit tall, pinch the tip back to get a bushier plant.

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