

CHEAPER COFFEE

FLOCKING ABROAD

Coffee prices are all tied up with the coffee bean crop in Brazil, and current indications are that coming crops will be needed. So you will perhaps pay less for a pound of Java. Cocoa and chocolate may be better buys this year. One out of ten goes to Latin America. An old saw rewritten: A fool and his money are welcome everywhere.

Expect to find ships crowded, travel borders on the sensational, with over 1,000,000 people scheduled to make a trip abroad this year. Most go to western Europe. One out of ten goes to Latin America.

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SPRAY NEEDED TO ASSURE GOOD STRAWBERRY CROP

Want to be sure of a happy strawberry shortcake season with plenty of good strawberries? Now is the time to get that sprayer ready for "shortcake insurance." It will be at least a year before Michigan growers will have a chance to get virus-free strawberry plants at their favorite nursery.

That is the opinion of an expert plant pathologist. Some nurseries may have a few plants that are nearly free of the virus diseases, however.

Even starting with virus disease-free plants won't guarantee a healthy crop unless some how the grower can find a way to keep insects from carrying the disease to the patch.

Of more immediate concern to strawberry growers will be the recent rash of leaf diseases, fruit rot and spotting attacks. Here are recommendations for solving the disease problems:

Dormant sprays containing phos-... like Taz, Coromere, Phox, or Fuzitazil. Apple Spray should be used at the rate recommended on the package for control of apple scab before growth starts in the spring.

When first leaves emerge, Captain should be used at the rate of two pounds per 100 gallons of water or one ounce to three gallons to control fruit rots and leaf diseases. Forbath at three-fourths the strength will also do the trick.

For a second cover, use the same spray and put it on about four or five days after mowing the patch of strawberries. Also include a pound of 15 per cent wettable parathion in 100 gallons of water - this will take care of the hatching of aphidbugs and leaf hoppers. The third cover should be a duplication of the second, applied about ten days later or when the berries are about one third grown.



Homes and Gardening

CLIMBING, PILLAR ROSES IDEAL FOR SMALL HOMES, SAYS U. M. PROFESSOR

Ideal for the small home gardener are climbing and pillar roses whose great vigor makes them easily adapted to a variety of soil conditions, says Harlow D. Whittemore, professor of landscape architecture at the University of Michigan.

However, these, like all roses, prefer a clay-loam soil, well-drained, sunny, and with a generous amount of humus, he explains.

Let's assume you have a heavy clay soil - too dense even for roses. Professor Whittemore suggests: "You can break this up by excavating to a depth of two feet and then replacing the soil with clay mixed with sand or with sifted coal ashes or black swamp muck, with some powdered dolomite added. The latter neutralizes the acidity of the muck. Black muck, easily available in Michigan, is inexpensive and accomplishes two things: 1) it breaks up the clay, prevents it from coming together into a mass again and 2) provides the humus necessary for the development of beneficial soil bacteria and soil molds."

"In general," he explains, "soil needs for roses include nitrogen, phosphorus, potash and magnesium. These can be supplied by means of a chemical fertilizer containing about six per cent available nitrogen, about 12 per cent available phosphorus, and about four per cent available potash, to which should be added powdered dolomite, about 2/3 calcium carbonate and 1/3 magnesium carbonate. Available trace minerals, such as iron, copper, and manganese are desirable and can be added if the soil is deficient."

not present in the soil. They can be obtained from any store selling farm fertilizers." The landscape architect points out that roses, when in bloom, draw very heavily upon fertilizer and should be watered with fertilizer in solution - dissolved fertilizer at the rate of two ounces to the gallon. This will boost the plant during its blooming period, he says.

If your soil is heavy clay, poorly drained, Professor Whittemore instructs that it will be necessary to dig a bed or hole to a depth of two feet eight inches, and make a drainage basin of coarse gravel, or broken brick. To keep the soil from washing down into that, cover the bottom with sand spade-down, and then with prepared soil, he suggests.

"Pruning of climbing and trailing roses should be done only for the purpose of directing their growth," the expert says. "However, in the case of the pillar roses, the two-year-old canes (main stems) should be removed completely. If the ends of the twigs are attacked by borers or other insects, they will have to be cut back and burned."

"Winter care in the case of climbers is not a serious problem, because they are apt to be fairly hardy. However, there are some very excellent varieties which should be mulched to protect the roots from freezing. The mulch should be put on before the ground freezes because it might harbor mice which will live off the bark of the twigs and kill the plant," he advises.

Sowing Data on Short Season Crops

Beans, snap	44-53	4 weeks	1 foot
Beets	55-60	6 weeks <td>1 foot</td>	1 foot
Carrots	60-80	8 weeks <td>2 feet</td>	2 feet
Cucumbers	45-75	4 weeks	2 feet
Eggplant	70-80	6 weeks <td>1 foot</td>	1 foot
Kohlrabi	40-75	3 weeks <td>2 feet</td>	2 feet
Turnips	40-75	2 weeks <td>1 1/2 feet</td>	1 1/2 feet
Splina	45-50	2 weeks <td>3 feet</td>	3 feet
Sweet Corn	65-105	10 days	4 feet
Onion Sets	21	4 weeks	1 foot
Peas	60-75	2 weeks	3 feet
Radish, early	25	1 week	1 foot
summer	45	2 weeks	1 foot
winter	60	6 weeks	1 foot

Provincial Leads In Lamp Styles

Seldom has there been such style variety in the lamp market as there is this season. All periods appear to have been tapped and there are models exhibiting characteristics of many countries. The style leader of the current season is Provincial. There is good reason for its popularity, as it is a style that blends readily with many interiors.

Many lamps are influenced by designs from abroad. They appear in two forms: Reproductions of authentic period pieces or decorative shapes endowed with accretions that suggest the country itself. Favorite influences are French, Italian, Egyptian, Spanish, classical and, of course, Oriental.

The functional metal lamp is still important. The mossneck and tree lamp have staged revivals, while several firms have introduced adjustable wall and ceiling fixtures. Interest is mounting in outdoor units modeled after the functional indoor counterparts.

Succession Planting Assures Greatest Production From Vegetable Garden

A home vegetable garden should produce an average of one pound of vegetables per square foot.

Even a beginning gardener can do this, provided he utilizes his crops and keeps the garden busy all summer through. This requires that short season crops which mature quickly shall be followed with second, or even third, sowings. Before sowing any seed it is well to plan how the vegetables are to be grown, how much should be planted at each sowing, and how many sowings will be made.

Do not sow on one time more than the family can use while the crop remains in good condition. Sowing too much at the first time means wasting much of the harvest, while failure to make second or third sowings will leave the soil idle and deprive the home-maker of vegetables that might be enjoyed later in the season.

In the table shown above, the short-harvest vegetables are shown with the time it takes to mature from seed, the time the harvest lasts with the vegetables in good condition, and the space in the row required to produce one serving for a family of four.

The ideal plans for sowing at first enough to last the family during the harvest period, and following this with other sowings each time to be ready when the previous crop has been used. That calls for some menu planning by the housekeeper. How often each week, for example, will she want to serve garden-fresh snap beans? As nearly as possible, estimate the family needs and plant to meet them, without having a surplus which will be wasted.

It is probably true that the first estimate will not be exact, but it is much better than no estimate at all, and a little experience will keep the garden working all the time, and make available all the desired vegetables throughout the season. Too many amateurs have

an overabundance in the early summer, followed by nothing at all later, because they do not plan production and soil succession crops.

While a long harvest can be obtained by sowing at the same time early and late varieties of the same vegetable, this takes more space than succession planting.

CHEMICAL SPADE WILL HALT GROWTH OF QUACKGRASS

Having trouble with quackgrass in the garden? You can keep it in check with a chemical and a spade.

Maleic hydrazide (MH) will stunt the growth. And when you spade it under, the grass won't be much trouble to keep under control the rest of the season, says B. H. Grigsby, a weed control specialist at Michigan State.

A fourth to a half pound of 40 per cent MH in two gallons of water will take care of about 1,000 square feet of quackgrass. After spraying, Grigsby cautions, you'll get the best control if you spade or plow it under after four days. Don't wait longer than eight days. And you can plant immediately after spading. Be sure to wash the sprayer thoroughly with water after use so there will be no chance of MH getting on plants you want to keep, Grigsby adds.

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