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The John Clarksons Observe Golden Wedding Anniversary

Married July 30, 1915, in Scotland, Mr. and Mrs. John Clarkson will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with a family dinner at the Saratoga Farms Restaurant of Novi. An open house, given by their children at the home of their son, Duncan, of 24565 Glen Orchard, Farmington, will be held on August 1, from 2 to 6 p.m.

The Clarksons also have a son, John, of Pontiac, and a daughter, Mrs. Joseph (Beatrice) West, of Detroit. They are the grandparents of six grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarkson came to America in 1923 and established residence in Detroit where they resided until 1951, after which they moved to Livonia, living there until moving to Elk Rapids, Michigan in 1964.

Mr. Clarkson was employed for 34 years at the Ford Motor Company, retiring in 1956. He is a past president of Lincoln Local 900, UAW-CIO, and is a member of Lincoln Lodge No. 50, F & A M.

Timely Tips on GARDENING
By Betty Frankel

SUNNY SHRUBS — Yellow flowers seem to bring an extra bit of sunshine into the garden, and this is especially true of the yellow-flowered shrubs now blooming in local gardens. Hypericum, potentilla, and Kerria are laden with golden flowers. These are all relative low growing shrubs that are a welcome addition to the shrub border because a few shrubs bloom at this season. They should be used at the front of the shrub border, as foundation plants, or as accent plants. Each is attractive enough that it could well be the main attraction in the garden.

There are several varieties of shrubby hypericum in bloom now. Hypericum "Sungold" grows into a low mound two feet high and three feet across. Bloom occurs on new growth and at the end of each shoot is a cluster of deep yellow flowers. Each bloom is two to three inches in diameter. There are five firm-textured petals and a fluffy puff of stamens in the center. This variety flowers freely from early summer until frost and deserves a prominent place in the garden.

"Hildote" hypericum comes from England and has beautiful cup-shaped waxy bright yellow blooms two inches or more in diameter. They bear a resemblance to water lilies only smaller. The attractive foliage is thick and firm, almost rubbery-looking. The simply shaped leaves are arranged on the red tinted stem in an interesting manner with pairs of opposite leaves rotated 180 degrees from the next pair. In mild climates it grows up to four feet tall but in this area it often dies back in winter and grows into a twiggy shrub eighteen inches tall.

Both of these varieties need a sunny spot and light loamy soil. The plants are improved by severe pruning each Spring. Old, weak shoots should be removed entirely and the rest cut back to about nine inches from the ground. A surface dressing of compost or manure every few years is beneficial. The plants are easily propagated by divisions or by cuttings of soft shoots taken in July.

Hypericum colchicum is a variety that can be used as a ground cover. It produces twelve inch shoots from spreading underground runners and covers the ground thickly. Numerous golden yellow flowers are produced at the ends of the shoots. Unlike the other hypericums, this variety will grow in semi-shade as well as full sun.

Potentilla are sometimes called "buttercup" shrub because of the hundreds of small yellow flowers that cover the shrubs during the summer. They are a delightful addition to the garden and are suitable for use in the rock garden as well as for accents in front of the shrubbery border or as part of the foundation planting around the house.

They grow best in full sun and will tolerate only a minimum of shade. They vary in form from low almost creeping types through low mounds to medium sized upright shrubs. All are covered with a multitude of small flowers that are like miniature versions of single roses. Most varieties have flowers of a clear yellow hue, but some are paler and one variety has pure white flowers. Blooming continues from late May until October, an unusually long time for a shrub to remain in bloom. Most varieties have delicate fern-like foliage that is an added attraction.

Kerria is another shrub that bears yellow flowers during the summer. This shrub, which has bright green stems that are attractive in winter, grows four to five feet tall. It has thin green leaves with a jagged edge and a long tapering point. One variety, Kerria Japonica, has single flowers, while Kerria Japonica flore-pleno has flowers that are shaped like a ball. This shrub, too, thrives in a sunny location. The flowers last well when cut, and the slender arching stems stand up with bloom are graceful in flower arrangements.

REMEMBERS — Powdery mildew is a fungus growth that often appears on lilacs, phlox, and other plants. It is unsightly but does little damage to the plants because all growth is on the surface and the fungus does not penetrate the plant. They thrive in humid weather, especially when the days are warm but the nights are cool. Sulphur sprays and dusts, and copper sprays, and Miltex and Kerthane give good control. Downy mildew is a parasitic fungus that is more damaging to the plants because it lives inside the plant tissues, merely producing spores on the surface, especially the under surface of leaves. Grapes, pumpkins, melons, and squash are often affected. Spraying with Zineb, ziram, or nabam gives control. Bordeaux mixture (copper sulfate and lime) also is recommended as a control.

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News from Kimberley
BY VERA R. KERASTAS 474-3237

The Oris O'Daniel's of Barwell were surprised this spring to see a wild mallard duck teaching her ten ducklings to swim on their pond. Civilization has not quite managed to drive out all of nature's wild life from Kimberley.

On August 10, the Kimberley Association will have a mid-summer meeting of all officers and committee chairmen. Anyone having anything particular to discuss at this meeting can contact any of the officers or chairmen who can then have it put on the agenda.

At first Ed Sokol thought he had driven 1000 miles from home just to the family could stop to buy souvenirs at every possible shop. But Dorothy and their four children assured him that they loved hiking in the Porcupine Mountains, observing the "Lake in the Clouds," viewing Copper Harbor, camping by the Great Lakes and visiting all the best tourist attractions that northern Michigan has to offer. Ed, checking his wallet, still isn't sure!

REMINISCENCES of Williamsburg, Va. beckoned the Scott Buzzard's of Wexford to view again all its charm and beauty. Then they turned southward to Cape Hatteras, Kitty Hawk, and the outer banks in North Carolina which is time if you like windy wall-to-wall sand. The sea-food dined there is so fresh and abundant that one evening they decided to cook fresh crabs for dinner. One frisky crab thought otherwise and crawled out of the boiling pot to seek escape from the tent. They did catch and cook it. Recovering from this episode, they continued on to visit Scott's brother and friends and even a tour of the Wabigoon Tobacco Co. which they discovered makes Hawaiian Punch.

Following President Johnson's advice to "See America First," the Aldo Vagnozzi's of Kiltarnan traveled east in search of history. They traveled to the Liberty Bell and Independence Hall in Philadelphia, Pa. Journeying on to Washington, D.C., the children were most impressed with the Washington Monument and the F.B.I. Building and operations. While visiting congress, the family had the honor of lunching with our congressman in the House dining room and hearing the announcement of Adlai Stevenson's death. The Vagnozzis then had the opportunity to pay their last respects to him the next day. The 50 pounds of brochures collected of this trip will certainly provide plenty of teaching material for some time.

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