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Officials of Epps Sporting Goods announce the opening, Wednesday, of their sixth unit at 28243 Plymouth Road, in Livonia, across from the General Motors Plant.

Art Schubiner, Morrey Cole and Morrey Mandel, partners in Epps, stated that the new Livonia unit is the first in their contemplated expansion program.

"We have great faith in the economic growth of Metropolitan Detroit," stated Schubiner, spokesman for Epps. "And we have plans for opening additional units in the very near future, to bring our concept of merchandising within easy reach of millions of shoppers."

The first Epps store was opened on Broadway, in Detroit, in 1927 and now there are 26 stores covering every corner of Metropolitan Detroit featuring sporting goods, camping equipment and sports clothing.

Tips on Care of Forsythia Plants in Spring

By Wayne Jones

Everyone is familiar with forsythia. It is one of the first bright spots in the garden after a dreary winter. Masses of yellow flowers appear before the leaves. It is not winter hardy north of Michigan and in extreme winter, flower buds not covered by snow may not bloom. It is free of disease and insect pests and is a vigorous, easy to grow plant.

Forsythia should be pruned after blooming by removing several of the older canes. Earlier pruning would remove flower buds developed on last year's growth. If you have an old plant that has been neglected, prune it to within six inches of the ground early in the spring to develop a new vigorous plant. A little pruning each year is best. Always plant forsythia at least six feet or more apart and never as a hedge.

Spring Glory is an old variety with large pale yellow flowers and arching branches. Spectabilis is an old variety with a deeper yellow flower and upright habit. The older varieties can grow 8-10 feet high. New varieties such as Lynwood Gold and Beatrix Farrand will not grow as tall.

Lynwood Gold is erect growing with deep golden yellow color. Beatrix Farrand is not available everywhere because it is so new. It develops into a rounded plant with somewhat large flowers often two inches in diameter.

There are two dwarf forsythias. Arnold dwarf has never bloomed and so cannot see much use for it in the garden. Bronzensis is an attractive low growing that does flower and can be used as a hedge and easily kept at two feet or lower.

With all the merits of forsythia it still does not have fall color or an attractive fruit but who can resist that splash of color in the early spring.

Various types of retaining walls, from railroad ties to Ohio Blue stone will be shown at the Flower and Garden Show in Michigan, March 28 through April 3 at the Michigan State Fairgrounds.

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