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Art Schubiner, Morrey Cole and Morrey Mandell, 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.

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 winters 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. These 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. Bronkensis is an attractive low growing plant 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 of Michigan, March 28 through April 3 at the Michigan State Fairgrounds.

White paint on low hanging pipes or other bumping obstructions in your basement will call attention to them. To prevent unnecessary falls keep scatter rugs away from the head and foot of the stairs.

Home Safety Check List Available

How safe are you in your home? Facts show twice as many people need a physician's care from home accidents as from highway accidents.

The wise homemaker will try to recognize and correct hazards and practices before fire or injuries happen.

Homes should be the foundation of safeguarding human worth. People who learn safety at home show this attitude on the highway as well as on their jobs.

A checklist has been compiled by the Michigan State University Cooperative Extension Service to help homemakers develop a greater awareness of approved home safety practices.

It is "The Safe At Home" (F314) and is available from the Michigan State University Cooperative Extension Office, 3200 Newberry, P. O. Box 558 Wayne, Mich. 48184. (No charge).

Some of the safety checks this folder suggests are: having a pressure relief valve on your hot water supply system and an insulated or plastic link in pull chains to electric light fixtures.

There should also be plenty of large ashtrays in easy reach locations around the house.

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