

# Quality Lawn Blends Garden Plantings With Surroundings

Only when a lawn of fine textured grasses blends planting with surroundings does a home become truly beautiful. Fortunately, an effective landscape is neither expensive nor difficult to create with excellent seed and what with excellent seed and



**CAPTAIN R. K. BROWN**, Commanding Officer of the Groves He Naval Base, 3552 Marler, Livonia, meet to discuss ticket sales to the annual tennant to benefit the March of Dimes, scheduled for Saturday, April 29. Tickets are available at high schools in the down river area for \$1 and can be purchased at the home Saturday night for \$1.50. Robin Seymour's "Swing Time Review" will be on hand for entertainment with top recording stars and disc jockeys. Join the fun from 8:00 to 11:00 with teens who are helping in their community.

## Beautiful Your Corner Of U.S. With Flowers

To get a pleasure bonus an eye to outdoor use, too, from indoor flowers or foliage. Many plants can be transplanted to the outdoor garden for summer months, with benefit to both garden and plants.

Exceptionally long-lasting house plants such as philodendron profit from an outdoor vacation. Kept in their porous clay pots, to insure proper drainage and oxygen passage, sturdy foliage plants can be "plunged" into shady outdoor spots. Plants out-spend the summer immersed in garden soil gain additional strength for the "indoor" months.

Another choice might be multi-colored Caladium plants. In large clay pots these plants are suitable for decorating the living room, and in warmer weather they can be used to advantage in a sheltered garden border or on a shaded patio.

Vividly-colored geraniums will thrive in a sunny bay window indoors — and then can be planted right into an outdoor window box or terrace planter during the summer.

When house plants are used outdoors, these suggestions can be helpful:

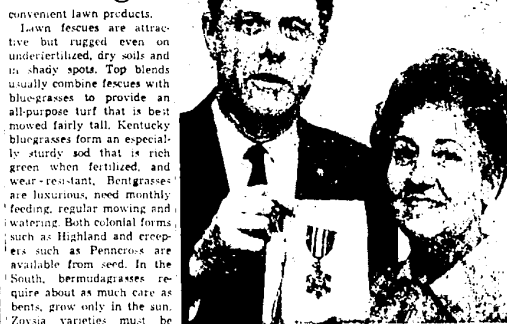
1. Double-pot plants in clay pots at least two inches taller and wider than their own containers. Place an inch or so of pebbles and vermiculite at bottom of the outside pot, and line space between inner and outer pots with peat moss or sphagnum. Plants can be watered freely, with no danger of root damage caused by "wet feet."
2. Check with a florist or nurseryman on the proper locations for plants placed outdoors. Foliage plants in general don't like direct sunlight, but most flowering plants prefer more light.
3. House plants placed outdoors—even sun-loving ones—should be guarded against searing sun and wind. They'll withstand sun better if protected by walk, fences, heavy shrubs, overhanging roofs or patio ledges.
4. For portability, put large clay-potted plants on dollies, so they'll be easier to move. Many showpiece plants for porch, terrace and patio require clay pots up to 14 and 16 inches. Slipping them and their matching clay saucers onto a dolly makes transportation simpler.

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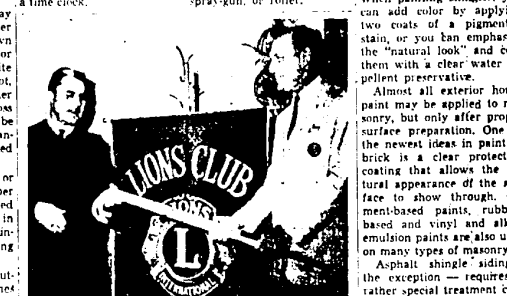
## Urge Complete Check Before Painting Job

Wood, brick, cinder block or siding? Regardless of the building materials used in your home, a painting makeover is an easy exercise, starting with a thorough inspection of your home, and finishing up with a glitzy testimonial to your painting prowess.

Begin by checking areas where painting problems are likely to occur, such as window and door frames, bases of columns on porches and entrance steps, siding, downspouts—in short, all the places that are natural moisture traps.

If you find excessive cracking and peeling paint in these areas, removal will be necessary for a lasting coating. A paint scraper and coarse grained sandpaper make good combination for spot-removing. If the moisture damage is extensive, obtain a sanding machine. By using a scraper and the electric sander, you can complete paint removal with ease! Remember to sand with the wood for best results.

After you remove the old coating, be sure to do a pre-painting prime job. Ask your paint dealer for the right primer for the surface of your home, and apply it like a top coat, with a brush, spray-gun, or roller.



**MUNICIPAL JUDGE Richard L. Hamm**, Jr. (left) of Garden joins the local Lions Club President Douglas Kanack in reminding the community the white cane being the legal symbol of blind persons. Occasion is National White Cane Week being observed this week.

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You do, if you are the owner of one of the 25 million or so rotary power mowers in use in the United States. This word of warning comes from the Greater Detroit Safety Council, a chapter of the National Safety Council.

Power mower accidents are most frequent during the early part of the mowing season and the increasingly more popular riding or tractor-type mowers appear to be the most serious.

The U. S. Public Health Service estimates that about 100,000 people in this country are injured annually by power mowers.

The most common injury from power mowers results from some small object in the grass being thrown by the rotary blade. The injured person is usually the operator, but all too often it is a child playing nearby.

Other factors contributing to early-season accidents include forgetfulness after a winter's inactivity, new operators and unfamiliar machines, greater exposure to mowing hazards because grass cutting is more frequent, wetter and taller grass.

Gerald E. Montgomery, Executive Director of the Greater Detroit Safety Council, offers these helpful hints for mowing:

- Study the manufacturer's instructions carefully.
- Fill the fuel tank before, not after, you start the machine.
- Clear the area of children, adults and pets, and pick up all small objects before you begin.
- Avoid any area where the grass is wet.
- Stay away from the mower's discharge chute, and be careful about discharging against curbs, fences or walls from which debris might rebound.
- Keep your feet clear of the mower at all times; never pull it back toward your feet.
- Do not try to unclog the mower while it is running.
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- Never tip the mower for inspection without first stopping the engine and disconnecting the spark plug.
- If you must work on the underside of a mower, first

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