

Gardening

Time For Planting Needle Evergreens

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Evergreens are the crown jewels in the landscaping around the home.

In this area, broad-leaf evergreens are best planted in spring. However, September is the best month for planting needle evergreens.

Before any planting is done and before any purchases are made, a plan should be made. Know what effect you are trying to get and what plants can be used to get this effect. Keep the design simple, and it will be more effective.

Use only a few varieties of plants and do not plant too many or put the plants too close together. Remember that they will increase in size as they grow older and allow for this.

THE NEEDLE evergreens can range in size from creeping plants only a few inches high to tall forest plants. Be sure you know what the plant you choose will grow into and choose one that will naturally fit the spot you have for it without having to be pruned and cut frequently.

The pines, spruce and hemlock grow into tall trees. These tall varieties are not suitable for planting around the foundation of the house. However, they make a choice material for screens and background planting or for an accent specimen on the lawn.

Pines have soft textured needles. Spruce have stiff, short needles that surround the twigs like a round bottle brush. Hemlocks have needles arranged so they are flat and feather out on two sides of the twig.

The dwarf evergreens are the ones that are most valuable for foundation planting. These grow slowly and can be expected to remain within a prescribed size. The prostrate forms creep along the ground and remain less than a foot tall. Spreaders may grow many feet across but only a few feet tall. Globe forms develop into spheres a few feet in diameter. There are also upright forms that grow into columnar or conical shapes but remain within bounds.

THE YEW (taxus) are the very choicest evergreens. Their needles have a good texture and remain a rich deep green all year. The female



plants have attractive red berries in fall.

The dwarf Japanese yew (Taxus cuspidata) is an excellent low-growing variety. It is one of the most frequently used "spreaders". Hick's yew is an upright columnar form that is used for evergreen hedges as well as accent plants in a foundation planting. Hick's yew is a tall pyramid or cone, and Brown's yew grows into a globe shape.

The jumpers have gray-green or blue-green needles much lighter in color than those of the yews. The lighter color and the feathery texture of the foliage contrasts nicely with the yew foliage.

There are some very dwarf forms that creep close to the ground and are suitable for use in a rock garden. These are most attractive. Slightly taller are Andorra juniper and Sargent's juniper. The latter has a blue-green color. The former is frequently planted because the foliage which is green in warm weather turns a purple-bronze during the winter.

Next in height range is the dwarf Pfitzer juniper. It is a small version of the Pfitzer juniper which is one of the most widely planted of all evergreens. It is a hardy plant which grows well in either sun or shade and thrives in even quite poor soil. The Pfitzer juniper often attains great age and can spread very widely, although it will withstand very severe pruning.

Hick's juniper has a beautiful blue-green hue and tall arching branches. There are also tall upright jumpers, including a variety known as silver cedar. Dwarf Mugo pine is the only pine suitable for foundation planting. Arbor Vitae are also used as landscape material but they are less satisfactory than yews or junipers because they are less hardy and often suffer

severe winter damage so that the form of the plants becomes distorted.

EVERGREENS CAN be used to accent the entrance of the house, soften the strong lines at the corners, and provide a feeling of transition between the house and the landscape. It is not necessary to use completely surround the house with shrubs, or to line them up all along the front of it so the house looks as though it is sitting in a nest. In fact, more interesting effect can be achieved if the plants are grouped and the house is left exposed in some places.

LANDSCAPE planning must be an individual thing, planned and custom tailored for each individual house, but there are some "rules of thumb" that can serve as rough guides in planning.

One expert suggests that the plantings in front of the house should have the shape of a funnel leading to the front door, to funnel attention to this spot. On a photograph or sketch of the house make a mark at each corner midway between the eaves and the ground. Connect each of these midway points with a point on the center of the door sill. The mature height of the shrubs planted should be within the line.

Plan a heavy grouping of plants at the corners, and if space permits, flare this out from the house in a wide wing. Plan an accent at the doorway, and use low spreaders beneath windows.

Evergreens should be moved carefully with the roots encased in a burlap-wrapped ball of earth. Prepare the hole so it is larger than the ball and fill in around the ball with a mixture of top soil and peat moss. Water thoroughly.



JUDITH GWINN

Mr. and Mrs. E. Tompkins Gwinn, of Coldwater, Mich., announce the engagement of their daughter, Judith Ellen, to Robert Doyle Novak, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Novak, of Farmington. The bride-to-be is a graduate of Coldwater High School and attended Wright Beauty Academy. Her fiancé is a graduate of North Farmington High School and is employed by the Farmington Township police department. A Nov. 18 wedding is planned.



PAMELA MAGERS

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Magers, of Farmington, announce the engagement of their daughter, Pamela Joyce, to Robert John Halmond, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Halmond, of North Muskegon, Mich. The bride-elect is a student at Grand Valley State College, and her fiancé, a graduate of Northern Michigan University, is teaching at Spring Lake, Mich. A December wedding is planned.



NANCY SPIGARELLI

Mr. and Mrs. James B. Spigarelli of Beck Road, Plymouth, announce the engagement of their daughter, Nancy, to Robert Mida, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Mida, of Robson Road, Belleville. The bride-elect is a graduate of Plymouth High School and attended Eastern Michigan University. Her fiancé is a Belleville High graduate and serving in the United States Navy, aboard the destroyer USS Goodrich. No wedding date has been set.

Cynthia Eaton Engaged



CYNTHIA EATON

Daisies, traditionally keepers of secrets, told the news of Cynthia Eaton's engagement to Edward Joe Johanson at a cocktail party in her home Sunday, Sept. 3.

Each guest received a daisy blue boutonniere with royal blue ribbon to a small card bearing the engaged couple's names.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Mrs. Sterling Preston Eaton, of North Territorial Rd., Plymouth, and the late Mr. Eaton. Her father, a former state representative, was long-time publisher of The Plymouth Mail and founder-publisher of The Livonian, weekly newspaper now owned by The Observer Newspapers.

The prospective bridegroom is the son of Harold Dodge Johanson, general manager of the Western Electric Co. plant in Plymouth, and Mrs. Johanson.

Miss Eaton is employed by Associated Newspapers in Westland. She attended Katherine's Girls School, Davenport, Ia., and majored in journalism at Michigan State University.

Her fiancé holds two degrees from Dartmouth College and is employed in the investment department of Motor Insurance Corp., New York.

The couple plans to be married in St. John's Episcopal Church, Plymouth, Dec. 30.

Bible Scholar  
Dr. Millington Will Give Lecture Series

Dr. W. Millington, noted British authority on the Bible, will speak in a series of meetings Sept. 12 to 24 in the Parkdale Assembly of God Church just south of Plymouth and Levan Roads.

The Rev. Edgar R. Cook, pastor of the church, said Dr. Millington would speak Sundays at 11 a.m. and Tuesday through Saturday at 7:30 p.m.

The public is invited to all services.

Dr. Millington, whose home is in Sussex, is a world traveler

who has been interviewed on radio and television stations in several parts of this country. In recent months he appeared on the television program "Today" and spoke on WNUZ-FM in Detroit.

He quotes scripture passages which he considers prophetic on the matters of flying saucers, Israel's sovereignty and the possibilities of nuclear war. The speaker also is known for answering widely-varied questions from the audience and backing his replies with quotations from the Bible.



DR. W. MILLINGTON

OBITUARIES

THOMAS BRIGGS

Thomas Briggs, 63, of Detroit, father of Mrs. John Clarke, of Farmington Township, died Aug. 26 at the Green Lake Rest Home, West Bloomfield Township.

Cremation services were held Aug. 29 at Woodlawn Cemetery, the Rev. Robert N. Sawyer, of First Presbyterian Church of Farmington, officiating.

Arrangements were handled by Heene-Sunquist Funeral Home.

Born March 29, 1904, in Edinburgh, Scotland, Mr. Briggs was retired from the Detroit Edison Co.

Also surviving are two sisters, Mrs. Marjorie Bertold and Mrs. Margaret Shaw, of Detroit; two brothers, Stair Briggs, of Peterborough, Scotland, and Alexander Briggs, of Galt, Canada; and three grandchildren.

ARTHUR HUMMEL

Services were held Sept. 8 in the Schrader Funeral Home, Plymouth, in charge of Rev. Henry J. Walch, by Mr. Hummel, 67, of 4664 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth, who died suddenly Sept. 6 in St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Ann Arbor. Interment was in Riverside Cemetery, Plymouth.

A retired bookkeeper and a

member of the First United Presbyterian Church of Plymouth, Mr. Hummel is survived by three brothers, Paul of Plymouth, Separes of Bellevue, O., and William, of Sandusky, O., and one sister, Mrs. Butler (Edna) Bradner of Milan.

PIETRO LOMONACO

Services were held Sept. 8 in Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, Plymouth, in charge of Rev. Francis Byrne, by Mr. Lomonaco, 72, of 9050 Marlowe, Plymouth, who died Sept. 5 in St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Ann Arbor, after a long illness. Interment was in Riverside Cemetery, Plymouth.

A retired employee of the C & O Railroad, Mr. Lomonaco is survived by his wife, Rose; one son, Pietro, Jr., at home; two daughters, Mrs. James (Rosalee) Duty of Plymouth and Mrs. James (Sylvia) Stasky of Westland; two sisters, Mrs. Rose Amato and Mrs. Vilia Lomonaco, both of whom live in Italy; and four grandchildren.

MAGGIE PEARL CALLAN

Services were held Sept. 2 in Thayer Funeral Home for Mrs. Maggie Pearl Callan, 77, of Novi, a resident of the Farmington-Livonia area for 31 years. Burial was in Oaklawn Hills Cemetery, Novi. The Rev. Walter C. Ballagh, of Farmington: First Baptist Church, officiated.

Mrs. Callan died Aug. 27 in Vancouver, B.C. She had been a member of the Farmington Maccabees Lodge.

Survivors include two daughters, Mrs. Eleanor Dossey, of

Brighton, and Mrs. Lillian Charlton, of Detroit; four sons, Garret, of Livonia, Edward, of Novi, Murray, of Plymouth, and Elmer, of Detroit; a sister, Mrs. Mae Letuque, of Vancouver; 15 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

ROBERT BUCHANAN

Services were held Sept. 6 in Thayer Funeral Home for Robert Buchanan, 83, of Detroit, Dr. W. Leslie Williams, of Farmington First Methodist Church, officiating.

Burial was in Glen Eden Cemetery, Livonia.

Mr. Buchanan died Sept. 2, after an extended illness, in Grace Central Hospital.

Survivors include two sisters, Mrs. Florence B. Kimball, of Detroit, and Mrs. Mary Grundy, of Jackson, and several nieces and nephews in the Farmington, Milford and Royal Oak area.

MRS. GOLDA WELLSBAUM

Mrs. Golda Wellsbaum, 70, of Canton, O., mother of Ronald Wellsbaum, 20907 Robinwood, Farmington, died Sept. 5 while in Farmington visiting her son.

Services were held Sept. 8 in the Reed Funeral Home, Canton, with burial following in Newcomerstown Cemetery, Ohio.

Local arrangements were handled by Thayer Funeral Home.

Also surviving are two other sons, Robert, of Detroit, and Richard, of Canton; a sister, Mrs. Harriet Torr, of Waverly, O.; and seven grandchildren.

SAMUEL P. MCGUIGAN

Services for Mr. McGuigan, 73, of 16188 Middle Belt, Livonia, were held in St. Genevieve Church, with burial in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Arrangements were made by Mahns-Ferguson Funeral Home.

He died Aug. 24 in Mt. Carmel Hospital. A retired boiler

operator, he moved to Livonia about three years ago.

Survivors include his widow, Pearl; a daughter, Mrs. Shirley Jackson; a son, James J.; and two grandchildren.

MRS. MARTHA LAKE

Services for Mrs. Lake, 75, of 20292 Middle Belt Road, Livonia, were held in St. Priscilla Church, with burial in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. She died Aug. 25 in Dotsford Hospital.

Survivors include her husband, William; and two sisters.

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