

# Tips On How To Beautify Home With Flower Baskets

"Break out" your wicker baskets, fill them with bright spring flowers now abundantly available at your neighborhood florist, and display them to advantage to "beautify" your home or apartment, suggests the Society of American Florists.

You can use almost any shape, size and weave of basket as a flower container. If you don't



## Doctor in the Kitchen

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There is no need to eliminate sweets entirely from a special occasion. Popcorn confections with molasses and nuts are popular and are quite in order if not overdone. Advance can be taken of the natural sweets in bananas and other fruits. Dates and prunes can be stuffed with cream cheese. Peanut butter and cream cheese stuffing can turn a celery stalk into a tempting bite. Honey added to peanut butter makes a fine sandwich, so does jelly or jam.

No party is really a PARTY without ice cream. In many flavors, with various toppings, and for really fancy parties like Valentine's or St. Patrick's day or the fourth of July, ice cream in appropriate molds is the touch that makes the party perfect. A bit of cake on the side adds the nutritional value of eggs and milk as well as the sweet touch.

Of course, not all of these belong to one party, but who's going to stop with one? Use new ideas the next time, and have fun!

# Give Potted Plants New Life Outdoors

Flowering and foliage plants that can be spared from their job of decorating home interiors should be given a vacation outdoors—when the weather becomes settled and warm—to strengthen them for the winter months indoors, says the Society of American Florists.

Now that spring is here, the Society suggests plant owners undertake these preliminary steps:

Discard plants that have outlived their usefulness, including those too big for their indoor niche and that cannot be reduced in size by pruning.

Prune, to promote symmetry or to reduce a plant's size, several weeks ahead of the time when it is safe to set plants outdoors.

Repeat in larger pots those plants needing more room in which to grow.

If the pots are to be put into the earth, first use an insecticide to combat any insect pests on the plants, the Society advises.

IT IS BETTER to group house plants together in an outdoor bed location providing a variety of conditions—full sun for desert plants (cacti and succulents), amaryllis and geraniums; partial shade for azaleas, Christmas cactus and orchid cactus; and shade for foliage plants in general.

A spot near a high-headed tree or shrub whose foliage is not too dense, or in the vicinity of a building, may provide these various conditions. If not, the plants will have to be scattered in flower or shrub borders.

# Research That Move, Keep Cool And Save

There's no getting around it, moving can be a chore. There are so many things to do, things that are time-consuming and bothersome.

However, there's a lot you can do to make moving easier. The secret lies in advance planning, according to moving consultants of Aero Mayflower Transit Company. Start programming four to six weeks before your moving date.

Your first consideration is what firm is going to do the moving for you. If you're unacquainted with moving companies, check your telephone book's yellow pages under "Moving." Chances are that those having display ads and stressing long-distance, national or international service will prove most reputable.

In any case, get more than one estimate, and be sure it's a visual estimate. No one can intelligently estimate the cost of a move by telephone. Compare not only cost, but the service each mover offers. Check their reputations locally and be sure that the one you select has a representative in the community to which you're moving. Finally, don't be overly influenced by the "low bid," because remember this is only an estimate, not a firm bid.

RESPONSIBILITY for insurance is yours, not the movers. So check to be sure your goods are fully protected. The mover's liability won't begin to replace an expensive object that might be totally damaged.

Getting an early start on a move is extremely important. At least a month ahead of time, select the mover and set the date. This is particularly im-

portant if you're moving at month-end.

You'll want water, electricity, gas and telephone turned off at the old address and the service resumed at the new. The earlier you let the utilities know, the more likely you are to get prompt service on the desired date. Don't overlook services like milk deliveries and newspapers either.

Give the post office your new address and remember, magazines take four to six weeks to change their subscription addresses.

TO AID in accomplishing this host of chores, Mayflower offers a "Movers Check-Off List" which covers the many notifications that have to be made.

You'll have to make other arrangements for transporting frozen foods, pets, plants and flammable liquids. Movers won't handle them.

Consult with your mover to determine just what you're going to pack and what he will do. While some items can be left in furniture drawers, in

general the best idea is to store everything in containers. Check with your mover for advice.

While there are some items you are sure to want to pack yourself in easy stages, your best bet is to leave fragile, breakable items to the movers. Mayflower, and other major movers provide complete packing services and you will want to consider using them. The cost is moderate and well worth it in terms of the responsibilities that are lifted from your shoulders.



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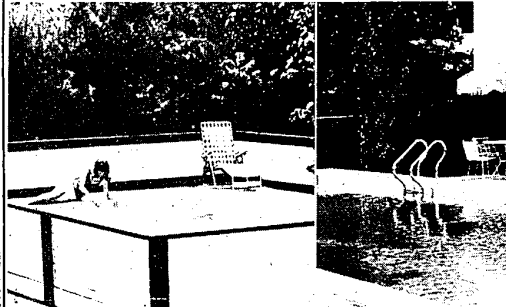
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