

**Green Thumb Tips**

As you transplant seedlings into the garden, give a thought to future watering. Rainfall or water from the hose will gather in depressions in the soil. If you leave a slight depression around each newly set plant and eliminate any nearby, you'll insure the moisture so necessary for the growth of the plants.

It is a great mistake to garden when the soil is wet. If it should happen to be largely clay, working it while wet will result in a product closely resembling concrete — certainly not a medium in which plants will grow happily.

The time to eliminate weeds is when they sprout. Then it's simple to dislodge the roots with a cultivator. Later, when weeds have grown, the weeding job takes both time and effort.

Some annuals bloom so quickly when sown from seeds that several sowings should be made to keep their flowers in your garden all summer. These include annual baby's breath and candytuft.

Do you know that both of these flowers may be grown in colored forms as well as the usual white? There is a rose-colored baby's breath and a mixture of seeds of candytuft available that will produce plants with lilac, pink, carmine and cardinal flowers as well as white.

For a different ingredient in salads, why not plant endive? It's as easy to grow as lettuce, but don't bother to use the seedlings that you thin because they do not taste sweet. Wait until plants have grown and then use only the center leaves, which will be tender and delicious.

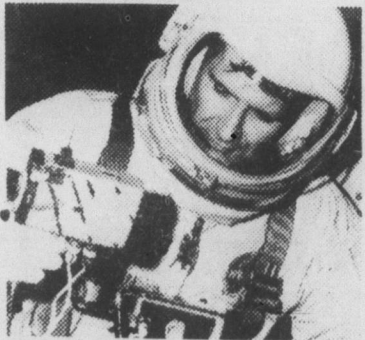
An unusually dainty climbing plant for use in window boxes, hanging baskets or just to cover a bare bit of soil is the black-eyed susan vine. Flower colors are yellow, orange, buff or white and most blooms have the black eyes of their name-sake.

This vine grows in sun but also does very well in light shade.

Transplanted Southerners and Northerners who want to grow that Southern delicacy okra — often called gumbo — should know that the seeds will not sprout well as long as the weather and soil are cool. Delay planting seeds until the soil warms up and you'll have no trouble getting plenty of seedlings.

Looking for a quick cover for that hot dry spot? Plant seeds of portulaca, nasturtiums, or sweet alyssum. These plants enjoy sun and poor soil.

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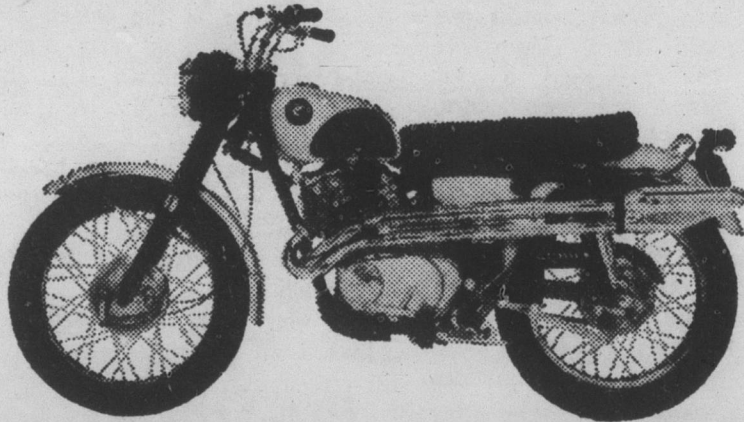
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