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Each year I try to keep my readers abreast of the times by calling attention to new varieties of flowers and vegetables of interest to both the home gardener and the commercial grower.

The next two or three issues of Garden Time will be devoted. to the 1969 All-America selections of flower and vegetable varieties. These tests are sponsored by the United States and Canadian seed associations and the selections are made only after carefully controlled tests under different conditions of environment.

First, the 1969 flower varieties: Cherry Buttons, a buttons-type zinnia; Rosy Future, Fla cactustype zinnia; Polka Dot, Vinca rosea; and now Ball, a dwarf cornflower.

Zinnia "Cherry Buttons," the only Silver Medal flower win-ner, begins blooming at about 10-12 inches, perhaps a little dwarfer than pink Buttons. A profuse bloomer, uniform charming new cherry-coral color, fully double 11/2 to 13/4 inch flowers almost as deep as wide, on wiry stems. Compact, base branching plants are prolonged bloomers and blooms are long lasting. Foliage is mint green and abundant for the bright, luminous colored blooms. Richest, most delightful of the Buttons zinnias, a real honey.

F1 hybrid giant cactus flowered Zinnia "Rosy Future" is of bright rose-pink color and two feet or taller. With many strong stemmed flowers of five to six inch width, these large quilled floral heads make glorious cutting material as well as garden display. The dwarfer and sturdier plants of this Zenith series make more desirable garden subjects with zinnia's most spectacular flower form. As large as they are, the quilled petals provide a lightness or airiness, never a heavy appearance, for ar- est. However, they are like a rangements. The sturdy, com- bank account; the VA cannot pact plants have continuous use these dividends to pay your blooms and color.

Fl hybrid giant cactus flowered zinnia "Torch" is of richest orange color, 2 to 2½ feet tall. It in the future, you should change is vigorous, sturdy and profuse your dividend option to provide flowering, bushy and continuous that dividends will be used to with huge five to six-inch quill- pay the insurance premiums in ed double blooms, true to color advance, as they accrue. You and an improvement over the will be furnished a statement



The Drunk Driver Can Hurt You

As the holiday spirit flows, so do alcoholic spirits — and also blood on our nation's highways. Even during non-holiday periods, alcohol plays a major part in the nation's tragic traf-fic safety record, points out Don Costa, safety director at the Allstate Insurance Com-

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Almost half of the 52,000 deaths and about half of the 4,000,000 auto injuries are caused by drunk drivers. Of the nearly 100 million drivers in the nation, an esti-mated 93 mil-lion drink. Luckily, only 2% — one of every 50 driv-ers — are drunk drivers. ers are drunk drivers. Every drink-ing driver is not a drunk driver because

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only the drunk driver is a men-tally sick driver. Only a "sick" driver would drive his car when: —he is 25 times more likely to have an accident —his behavior is erratic and

unpredictable —his field of vision is lowered by 80% —his reactions have been re-

duced by 15% —he may fail to see dark ob-jects at night

-and all this is topped with a false sense of bolstered con-

As a consequence, says Cos-ta, the statistics tell that some 26,000 dead and 2,000,000 injured motorists and pedes-trians owe their pain and suffering to the drunk driver ... the "sick" driver ... the killer driver.

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how we can finance all of the demands for Federal spending without incurring inflation and doing serious damage to our monetary system.

Certainly, governments should be responsive to the needs of the people, and anyone familiar with a changing society can understand that we must keep an open mind about how we shall deal with our needs. We should, however, keep in perspective the fact that not every problem can best be solved by drafting a new Federal program. In fact, our experience demonstrates that we may damage the whole fabric of our civilization by taking that approach. Adding layer upon layer of Federal bureaucracy to deal with problems that can best be dealt with at a level closer to the people stifles productivity and individual initiative.

Aside from dealing with specific problems of crime, education, health, the post office, highways, pollution, and hunger, there is the problem of general government and its structure which needs attention at this Congress. For years now, we have been dealing with problems almost on a program by prcgram basis. Consequently, there is duplication, overlappage, and waste in the countless programs which deal with domestic prob

Senior Citizen Status Can Be Rewarding

Reaching senior citizen s may mean a woman has to take a closer look at her goals and values: the things that are mos important to her. Why?

According to Frances Jordan, extension family life specialist, North Carolina State University, a couple will have realized most the goals they set in early mar-riage. The house is paid for; the children are through school.

Now there may be some new goals the homemaker can set Goals to help her make the best of the rest of her life.

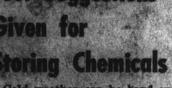
One goal a woman may set is to be a good wife. During all those years with children to care for, she may have let this other role take second place. Now is the time to get reacquainted with the man she married and discover some of the new dimensions of the personality he has become.

In addition, a woman will wish to be a good in-law; willing and helpful when the children ask for her help. "It may be hard to let married children make obvious mistakes in their decisions, yet they must do their own bit of learning through experience." Miss Jordan points out.

Also, a senior citizen should be in step with the time. She should read the newspaper and library books and be willing to listen to an opinion that's different from her own. She will do well to determine why she believes the way she does about certain things.

A woman should do all' she can to be a good citizen. In the golden years he may have the best change ever to make a contribution to her community. She has less home responsibility, more time and years of maturity. Community action programs need volunteers at all levels.

A senior citizen should be somebody. "Remember, a wom-an is herself and no-one else, no matter how old she gets. No- ish it. Share it."



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Cold weather can be hard on esticide-chemicals as well as many other things around the farm, home or business.

In fact, any extreme temperature, high or low, makes it necessary to guard many pesticide-chemicals. Home chemicals are usually safe because they are likely to be stored in protected areas. Chemicals for other purposes, especially herbicides, often need special care.

J. C. Wells, extension plant pathologist at North Carolina State University, said four precautionary steps should be taken in storing pesticide-chemicals.

1. Store liquid formulations on pallets and duckboard to prevent the containers from rusting.

2. Keep containers tightly closed. Plug air vents which have been punched for ease of pouring.

3. Keep water soluble chemicals clean and dry to prevent them from caking.

4. Check chemicals to see if they have "crystallized out of solution." This often happens when the temperature drops below 32 degrees. If this does happen, warm the chemical to at least 40 degrees and shake the container. If the crystals disappear, no harm has been done.

Wells, who heads the Pesticide Education Team at NCSU, said that most labels on chemicals give directions or how they should be stored.

body else in the world is just like she is," Miss Jordan adds. "The senior citizen will do well to recognize her special talent, whatever it is. She should cher-

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