



GARDEN TIME
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This is the first in a series of articles on house plants so you may wish to save it. Others to follow will be concerned with fertilization, containers, watering, light, temperature, and kinds of plants best suited for different environments.

Growing potted plants is one of the most popular indoor pastimes. There is such a wide variety of choices to add color and beauty during the winter months. In addition, the growing of plants in the home helps satisfy the gardening urge for those who cannot have outdoor gardens and for those who wish to continue their horticultural activities during the winter. In many homes,

plants are considered to be an important part of interior decoration.

The artificial conditions under which house plants are grown are sure to present some problems. However, the selection of the proper types for a particular environment and a thorough understanding of their cultural requirements will simplify problems and insure a greater degree of success.

Since plants obtain water, nutrients and air (for the roots from the soil, the proper soil mixture is of utmost importance. Most flowering plants will thrive in a mixture such as this one: three parts of a good garden loam; two parts of organic matter (peat moss, well decomposed compost, rotted manure, or leaf mold); and one part of coarse sand. All of these materials are measured by volume.

If your garden loam is heavy or clay-like, I would suggest increasing the proportion of sand. If the garden loam is light and sandy, the sand may be omitted. Add bone meal, or 20 per cent superphosphate, to the soil mixture at the rate of one measuring cupful per bushel of the mixture.

The above mixture is best for flowering plants as I suggested. For foliage plants I would suggest that you use three parts of good garden soil and three parts of organic matter (50-50). Sand would be added depending upon the character of your garden soil — whether light or heavy. For the foliage plants, I would recommend peat moss as the source of organic matter because the other sources might be too rich in nutrients for best performance.

If any of my readers would like to serve as Guest Columnist for Garden Time, please let me know, I will be happy to have you do this and will send you instructions for copy.

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Drug Abuse Program Starts On Thursday

CHAPEL HILL — A massive drug abuse education project for teachers, counselors, and administrators begins here at the University of North Carolina School of Pharmacy Thursday July 13.

Ammed with an \$80,000 Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation grant and the enthusiastic results of a volunteer project, the students and faculty of the UNC School of Pharmacy are joining forces with the State Department of Public Instruction to launch an all-out war on drug abuse.

This is the first of three five-day programs to be held two weeks apart this summer. Each session will be composed of approximately 60 teachers, counselors and administrators representing all areas of the state.

After completing the program the participants will return to their respective areas and conduct in-service training for other

Employment Survey Set By Census

The Bureau of the Census will conduct a survey of employment and unemployment in this area during the week of August 16, Joseph R. Norwood, Director of the Bureau's regional office in Charlotte announced today.

This survey is conducted monthly by the Bureau for the U. S. Department of Labor in a scientifically designed sample of households throughout the entire United States. The employment and unemployment statistics which are based on the results of this survey are used to provide a continuing measure of the economic health of the Nation as a whole and of its major regions. In June, for example, the survey indicated that 82.1 million persons were employed and 3.9 million were unemployed, with an unemployment rate of 4.7 percent.

Facts supplied by individuals participating in the survey are kept confidential and the results are used only to compile statistical results. The law safeguarding the privacy of the individual applies to all information collected by the Census Bureau.

Interviewers who will visit households in this area included in the sample survey are: Mrs. Jacqueline J. Goforth, 1301 Montrose Drive, Shelby, N. C. 28150; and Mrs. Virginia C. Taylor, Route 2, Box 442 Greenville, S. C. 29607.

A survey by American Iron and Steel Institute indicates domestic steel companies will spend \$2.2 billion for modernization of facilities in 1970.

Mills "Lost" Being Sought

Greenville, S. C. — Some textile mills are "lost", and Textile Hall Corporation is looking for them.

The "lost" mills are new plants which have gone into operation since the most recent textile directories went to press, and therefore don't appear on the mailing lists for the 1970 Southern Textile Exposition - International to be held October 19-23 at Textile Hall here.

Reason for the search: the older mills are now pre-registering their personnel for the giant show which will bring some 30,000 mill men here to study latest developments in products and services their plants require in production of fiber, yarn and fabric.

The pre-registration is a time-saver, enabling mill men to enter the exhibit floor through "speed-line" doors and avoid the time-consuming delay of lobby registration.

Any mill manager not receiving the current show mailings is

requested to write Miss Bertha M. Green, director, Southern Textile Exposition, P. O. Box 5823, Greenville, S. C. 29606.

Attendance at the show is limited to those for whom mill management requests badges and those receiving invitations from exhibitors.

On display will be the products of 707 manufacturers from the U. S. and 11 foreign countries with categories covering auxiliary equipment to up-date existing machinery; instruments, process control equipment and data processing equipment; materials handling and packaging machinery; accessories for machinery, changeovers and parts, supplies and services.

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