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Green Thumb Gardening is New Night School Subject

Green Thumb Gardening is one of the new courses offered this year at the Georgetown Night School. Miss Adelaide Lash Miller, who describes herself as "a plain dirt or mud pie gardener," will give practical down to earth talks covering flowers and lawns, trees and shrubs; also African violets, and foliage plants for the home.

Perhaps you like flowers, but feel you cannot have them in your garden because your lot is shaded from late spring until fall? Early spring bulbs could be one answer to your problem; they burst thro' the cold ground before the frost has fairly gone, delight you with the first, exciting green leaves of spring, then spangle your garden with colour before the trees and shrubs have had time to come into leaf and shut off the sun.

For an entirely different reason, bulbs are the ranch house owner's joy. The modern one-story or split level house can cover so much of the modern sized lot that about the only spot left for flowers is under the picture window, or along the walk or the drive. In these positions a formal planting will often look smarter than an informal one. "And for formal planting, nothing can beat ribbons of hyacinths, or single or double tulips. And if you are thinking of putting in tulips this fall, how about peppering petunia seeds all over the surface of the same bed? Next year, by the time the tulips have finished flowering, the petunias will be coming along and soon will be tall enough to hide the tulip leaves, which must be left to die down naturally if you want your bulbs to flower year after year." The petunias, after a slight lull, will come into bloom, and will continue the ribbon of flowers until frost.

The rose still ranks as the favourite flower, in spite of the fact that to grow good roses well takes know-how! "We'll take a few golden rules that can save off frustration, and save both time and money — such as, when should roses be planted in the Georgetown area — spring or autumn? When and how to prune, and when and why not to — an easy fertilizer program — good and bad points of some popular mulches — latest news on mildew control — the life history of black spot, so you will know what you are doing when you battle this killer."

Lawn seeding vs. sodding, and lawn maintenance, add up to another Green Thumb topic. Do you know why expensive grass seed is expensive? And why it is cheapest in the long run. How about fertilizers — weed killers — crab grass killers — white grubs?

Miss Lash Miller is an iris fan, and is ready to demonstrate in the class room with real plants and real earth how to divide and plant her favourite flower. She'll tell you the points that make a good iris, and describe a number of the newer varieties — with coloured slides if possible.

African Violets will spark another demonstration — how to trim and reset old plants so they look like new, how to divide, how to start a collection of youngsters from leaves and offsets, how to hybridize and set your own seed.

If you are planning your first garden, or perhaps thinking of re-making one which you have enjoyed for years, this winter is the smart time to decide what landscaping you will do next spring. Are you satisfied with today's cut-and-dried suburban lay out? Does it suit your needs? Families are different, and gardens should be different too. Some people just want a pretty setting for their home; a good lawn and a neat foundation planting may be exactly what they are interested in. But other people like to sit outside in the summer and read or sew, and do not like doing it in public; a little shrub-enclosed lawn with a shade tree and a lounging chair might suit them better.

The sunbathers and the swim-suited barbecue crowd might appreciate the shrub enclosed lawn but not the tree. A lot of people would like to have beds crammed with annuals, from which they could bring cut flowers into the house all summer long. If you have a sunny garden, and know the easy ones to grow, and plant them properly, you can have masses of the most brilliant flowers from July until frost, just from a few packages of seeds.

The owner of a modern home may be interested in an enclosed

garden, but may find that his lot is not wide enough for shrubs. He will be interested in hedges. How high will the various types of hedge material grow? How long will the various types of hedge material grow? How long will it take? How much will it cost? Which hedge plants will cooperate more gracefully with him, if he is aiming to be a do-it-yourself hedge pruner?

If his lot is REALLY narrow, a tall "living" fence, covered with vines is the modern answer. "Happy vines just seem to look after themselves, but an unhappy vine won't do one thing for you: It will not even sulk. It'll just up and die."

Some vines are much tougher than others. Virginia Creeper will stand almost anything, and is really stunning in the right place. Boston Ivy is neater and more aristocratic, but looks more at home on a house wall than on a fence. If you are ready to prepare a hole a yard square, do try a clematis; nothing can be more beautiful, though they've got their limitations — they can't stand getting bone dry, and they're allergic to dogs.

The new climbing roses are marvels of form and colour, but they do need some attention. "For a fence, the old toughies are the best. They can stand out in the open all winter on a cheap wire fence with zero blizzards whistling past their ears, and give you a breathtaking wall of colour next

July. They get mildew, of course, but the new dusts can cope with that. They are hard to buy, but we're really fortunate, we can get them right here in Georgetown."

Another plant that will produce a sheet of colour is Heavenly Blue morning glory, "but only if your fence is in the sun, and on the north or east of your property. If the fence is to your south or west, morning glories will turn their backs on you and flower for your neighbours."

Other Green Thumb topics include Peonies (when and how to plant, fertilize, stake and disbud) — some hardy perennials from seed (delphiniums, Oriental poppies, pyrethrums; and also those utterly charming small things, pinks and pansies) — seeding a number of the fast, easy annuals — foolproof lilies — shrubs for bloom, and for foliage colour — (height, width, soil preferences, how, and especially how not to prune).

The course as designed is somewhat flexible, and if enough people would be interested, other topics could be included — with the exception of fruit and vegetable growing, which merit a course in themselves. Rock gardening is one possibility; also how to deal with the shady lot; and window box gardening; which is staging a spectacular comeback in the steel and concrete jungles of New York and Chicago.

ACTON SPORTS STAR BUS MORTON DIES

An Acton man long active in sports circles there and well known locally, Bus Morton, died Monday, August 31, while being transferred to Guelph General Hospital for observation and treatment after becoming suddenly ill at his work at Beardmore and Co. He had been employed there for over 25 years.

His death was a shock to many Acton residents who knew the former baseball and hockey star and in the late 1930s and early 40s he became a familiar figure to Georgetown hockey fans during hot rivalry that existed between the two towns when they played to the same intermediate league.

Born in Toronto, April 10, 1913, he moved to Acton in 1930 with

his brother, Norman, father and mother, the late Mr. and Mrs. John Morton. He was on the junior team there before moving up to the intermediate ranks, and in '39 he was instrumental in helping to bring the intermediate hockey championship to Acton.

Fond of all sports he assisted minor sports for many years in coaching youngsters during the summer baseball season. He was a member of the Canadian Legion Branch 197, Acton, and during World War II he served with the Canadian Dental Corps. He leaves his wife, Ella Marshall, and two daughters, Judith and Margaret as well as a brother, Norman.

The funeral service was conducted by Rev. Robert Armstrong, former Presbyterian Church minister in Acton now residing in Hamilton and interment was in Fairview Cemetery.

GIDEONS CONDUCT HALTON MANOR CHURCH SERVICE

On Sunday afternoon, August 30, a special service was conducted in the chapel for the residents of Halton Manor by five gentlemen who belong to the Society of the Gideons. Mr. Andrew Dalby was the leader of the service and delivered an interesting and inspiring sermon. Mr. L. Scotland offered prayer and Mr. Ivan Slessor led the congregation in the responsive reading of the Twenty-third Psalm. Mr. Stan Wright read the scripture lesson from the fourth chapter of Philippians. The singing of several familiar hymns and two very fine solos by Mr. Norman Hare accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Doris Hewer added greatly to the inspiration of the service. Mr. Hare's solos were "I Don't Know About Tomorrow" and "Somebody Knows." Mr. Dalby based his sermon on verses 6 and 7 of the fourth chapter of Philippians, which begin with the words "Be careful for nothing." First explaining that these words "Be careful for nothing" really mean "Do Not Be Anxious about anything," Mr. Dalby went on to say that when the problems of life confront us He knows and loves us individually.

As examples of persons who had absolute faith in God's help, Mr. Dalby mentioned two Bible characters, the little Israelitish maid who waited upon Naaman's wife and the Apostle Paul. The former believed implicitly that God thro' Elisha the prophet, would cure Naaman of his leprosy and the latter kept his faith in God through-out his many trials and tribulations.

—Muriel Thompson



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IN THE ESTATE OF Loretta Morrison, Deceased

All persons having claims against the Estate of Loretta Morrison, late of the Town of Georgetown in the County of Halton, spinster, deceased, who died on or about the 21st day of February, 1959, are required to file proof of same with the undersigned on or before the 26th day of September, 1959, after which date the Executrix will proceed to distribute the estate having regard only to the claims of which she shall then have had notice.

Dated at Georgetown this 9th day of September, 1959.

Jane Edna Treleaven, Executrix of the estate of Loretta Morrison, by her Solicitor, T. H. Van Sickle, 36 Main Street South, Georgetown, Ont. 9-23

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IN THE ESTATE OF Robert Arnold McEnery, farmer, deceased.

All persons having claims against the Estate of Robert Arnold McEnery, late of the Township of Esqueville, in the County of Halton, farmer, who died on or about the 23rd day of July, 1959, are hereby notified to send particulars of same to the undersigned on or before the 10th day of October, 1959, after which date the Estate will be distributed with regard only to the claims of which the undersigned shall then have notice, and the undersigned will not be liable to any person of whose claim she shall not then have notice.

Dated at Georgetown, this 9th day of September, AD 1959.

Kathleen Viola McEnery, Executrix of the Estate of Robert Arnold McEnery, by Her Solicitors, Dale, Bennett & Latimer, Georgetown, Ont. 9-23.

HALTON COUNTY WEED CONTROL NEWS

by V. E. McArthur
County Weed Inspector

HARMFUL POLLEN

Ragweed and Golden Rod are the two worst offenders as they release harmful pollen in late summer and fall until the first frost comes. Some fifteen Pollen County Stations are maintained in Ontario, their reports indicate the density of Ragweed pollen is not increasing and in some areas it is actually decreasing. This is very encouraging and should inspire every citizen to continue the war against the ragweed menace.

It has been estimated that half a million people in Ontario suffer from various allergies, and perhaps 75 per cent of these are allergic to Ragweed in some degree. Although the pollen may travel in the air from hundreds of miles, the experience of local hay fever sufferers indicates that plants growing in their backyards or close to their homes greatly increase their trouble. In other words any Ragweed which is allowed to persist contributing to someone's discomfort. Everyone should do their part in eliminating this weed in the interest of public health.

Along roadsides, in fields and waste places, Ragweed can be killed with a spray of 6 to 8 oz. 2, 4-D active acid per acre if applied while the plant is actively growing, cutting and pulling are the best means of control in small gardens, lawns, etc.

According to medical authorities pollen from Golden Rod is much less troublesome although a few people are allergic to it. Usually this type of allergy can be prevented by cutting the Golden Rod before it flowers in the immediate area. Golden Rod is designated a noxious weed in this county but

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IN GOOD HANDS

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