

Pyramid power in the garden

(NC)—Some gardeners think plants grow twice as fast if you place them under a pyramid structure. In fact, some people believe that pyramids are a supernatural source of power and energy.

Whether or not you're a believer, you can put your faith in Scotts Plant Growth Pyramid, an icon designed to remind gardeners of the four simple elements it takes to achieve healthy growth for plants.

Soil: Healthy gardens need soil rich in organic matter with the correct balance of air space, water holding capacity and drainage. **Tip for Success:** Enhance existing soil with three inches of quality garden soil before planting.

Thoroughly mix the garden soil with the existing soil to a depth of six inches. This provides an ideal environment for the roots – a good foundation will help plants get off to a great start.

Water: More than 90 percent of a plant's weight is water, so it is vital to replenish what is lost or used each day, especially during hot summer months. **Tip for Success:** For best results, water your garden during the morning hours. This helps prevent evaporation and ensure the plants get the necessary moisture. Be generous; water thoroughly until the soil is saturated for best results.

Plant Food: As with people, plants require regular feedings for healthy,

abundant growth. **Tip for Success:** To save time, easily do two things at once, feeding while you water with new Miracle-Gro LiqueFeed. This new product not only makes feeding easy, but it applies plant food evenly at the correct rate. The results are beautiful blooms, lush foliage and a healthier overall appearance for your plants with regular feeding.

Sun: Different plant types have different lighting requirements to achieve optimal growth. The best plant in the wrong location is a recipe for frustration – for you and the plant. **Tip for Success:** For plants requiring partial shade, two to three hours of sun each day, look for naturally shady areas such

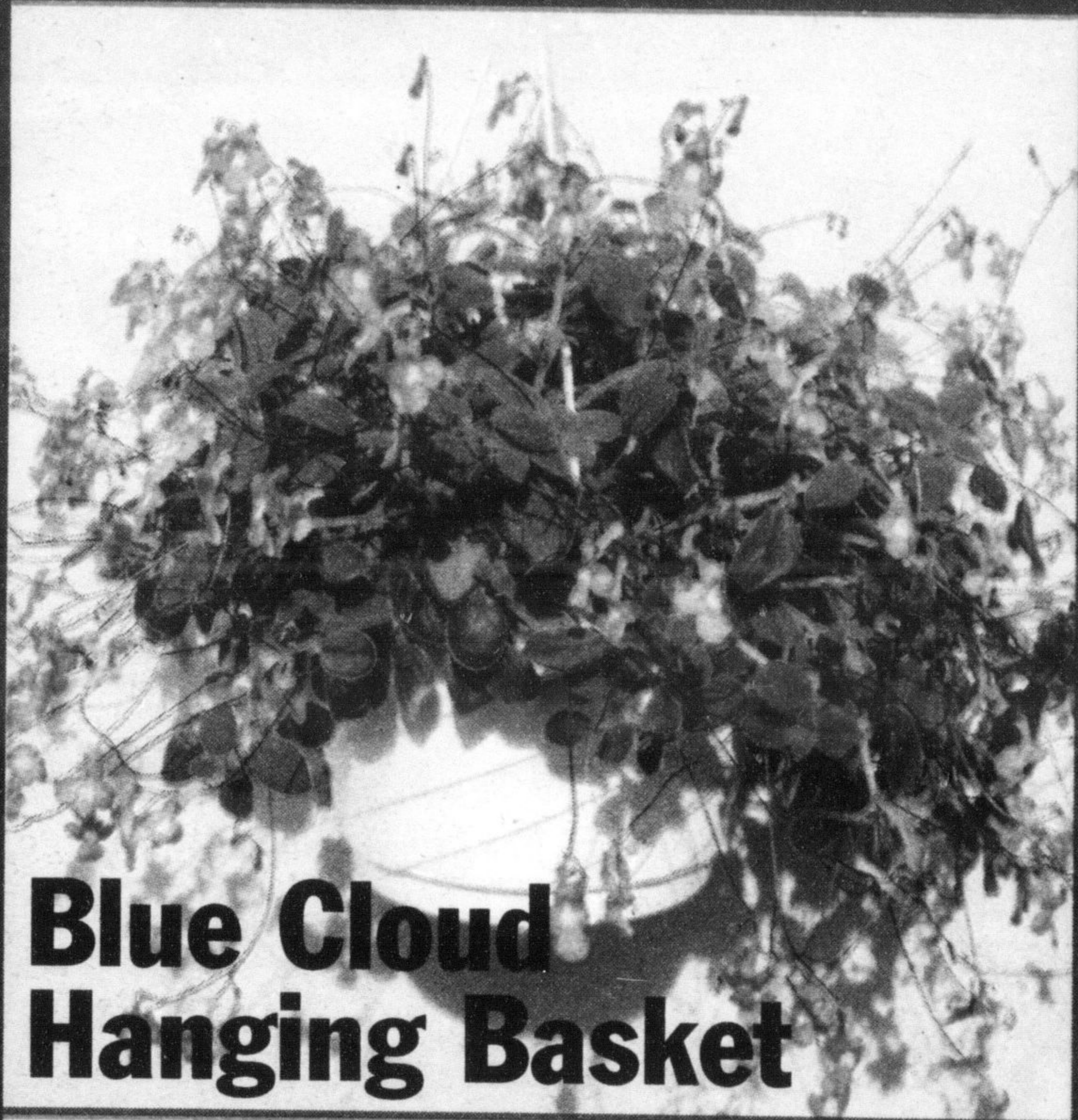


Plant Growth Pyramid

as the sides of a home, under big trees and around large evergreens. Be sure to look at the tags on the plants for vital information about how much direct sun or shade a specific plant should receive.



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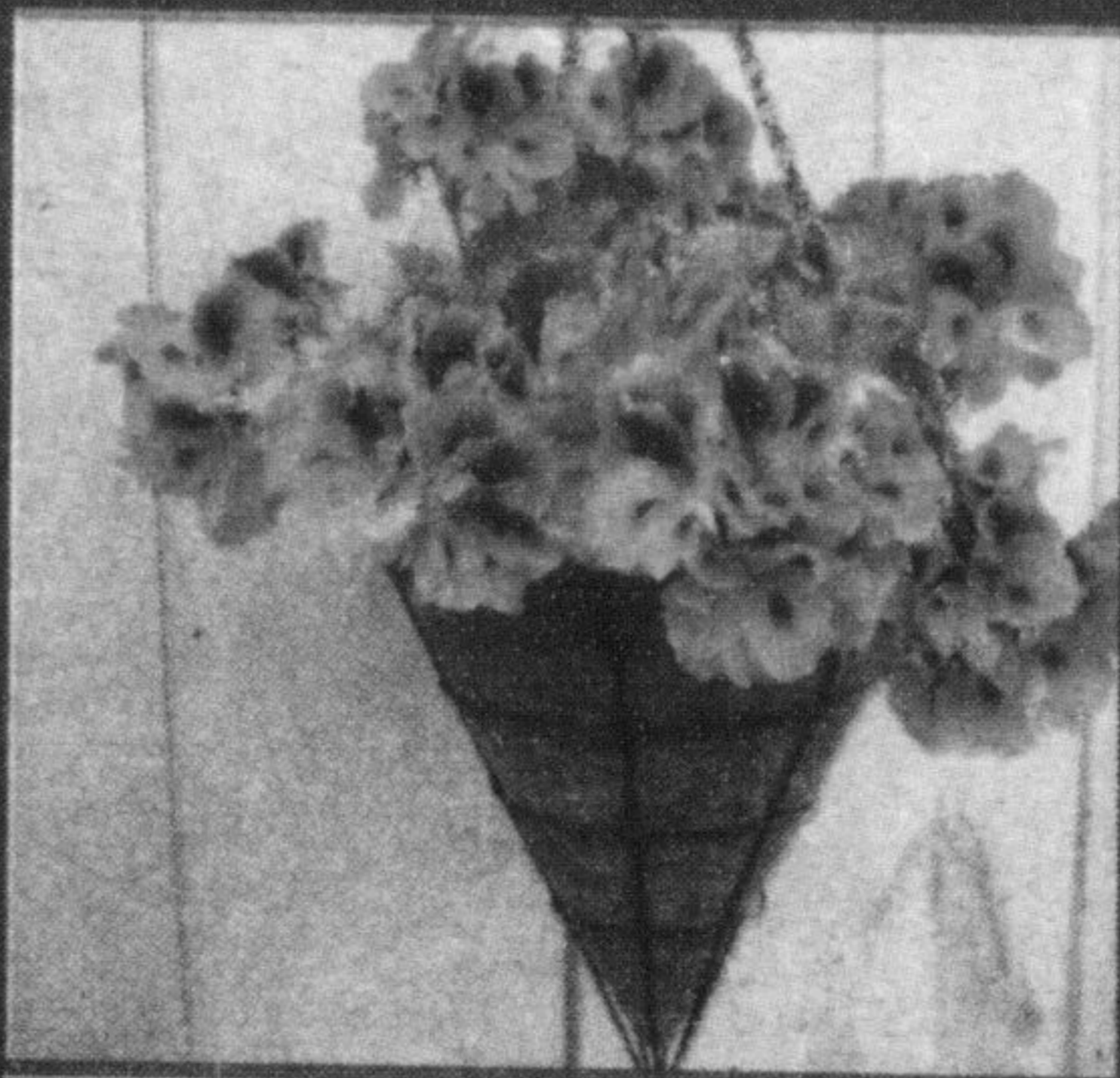
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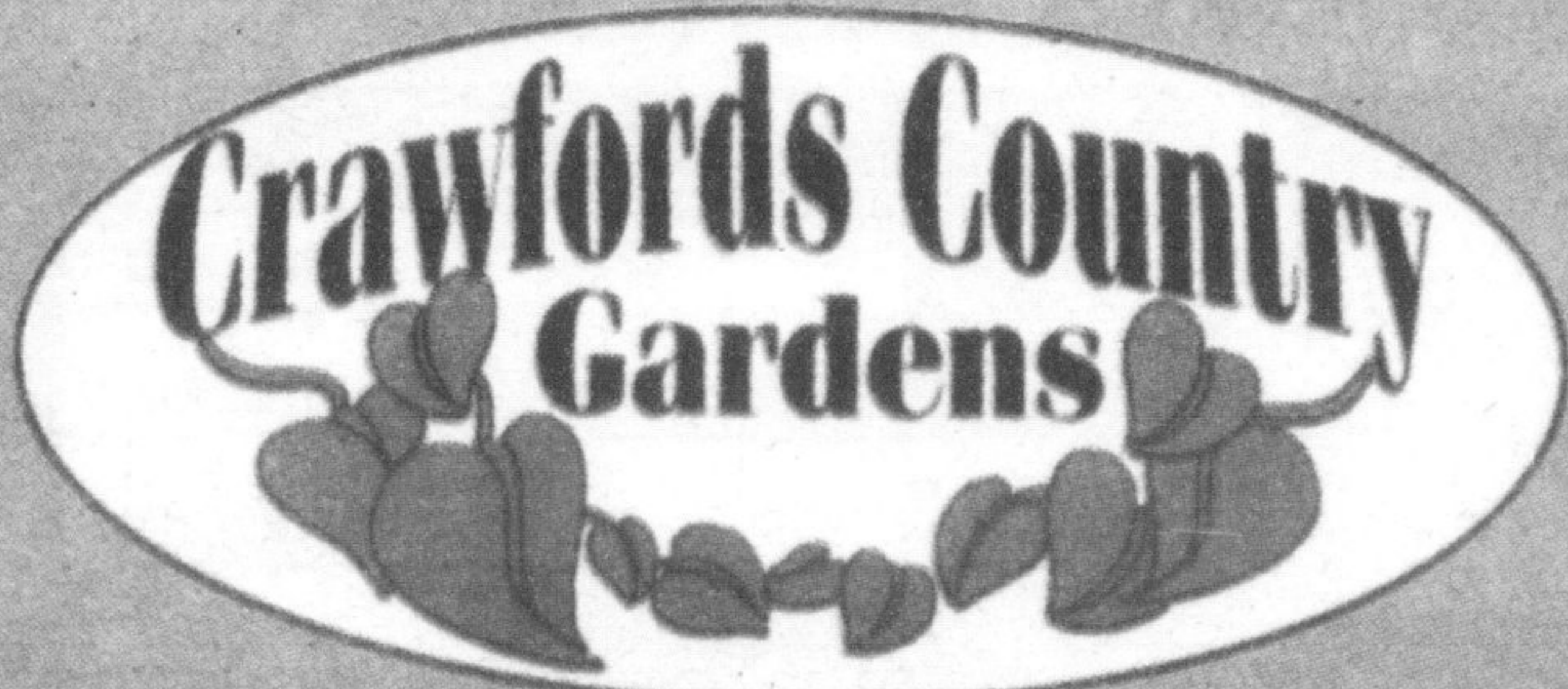
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