# Gardening

## Plant fruit trees in mid-May

Fruit trees should be set out in home gardens in mid-

"For the best results, buy quality trees and follow recommended planting procedures," advises Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food horticulturist D.M. Sangster.

"Because fruit trees need good drainage, avoid

#### Home Handyman



Harold Loughlin

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planting sites with heavy clay soils that retain water and inhibit new root for-

Dig a large hole for each tree to allow plenty of room for root development. Spread a good loam soil around the roots before

filling in the hole. After planting, water the tree with one and one-half to two gallons of water.

Prune newly planted trees back to assure a good balance between the tops and root systems to stimulate adequate

Fruit trees do not need fertilizer during the first

For proper pollination, plant two varieties of apples, pears, sweet cherries, and

## Potted plants are for Mother's Day

Mother's Day is coming and you may be wondering what to give the special lady in your life.

"Don't overlook that popular favorite - the potted plant," advises Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food horticulturist D.M. Sangster. "It is a lasting gift and sure to please."

The yellow-flowered Princess Anne and the white-flowered Winter Carnival are by far the most popular Chrysanthemums available.

new ones with daisy-like

Hydrangeas produce large showy pink, blue or white blooms that last much longer if the plants are kept well-

However, for exceptional

endurance in the average

home, the Rieger Begonia, with red, pink or yellow flowers against a lush green foliage background, is hard To please the mother who likes unusual things, try a

These, along with most other potted plants, last if However, there are many they are given proper atother 'mum varieties to tention. Ask your florist or choose from, including the nurseryman for printed care instructions to give along with the plant.

Gloxinia or an Azalea.

### Replanting trees from the bush is chancey

Imagine yourself hungry, thirsty, and in a strange windy place.

That is the situation trees transplanted from hedgerows, the bush, or woodlots, to gardens find retain most of the roots. themselves in.

"These trees have a difficult time adapting to their new surroundings," says Ontario Ministry Agriculture and Food

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horticulturist, J.K. Hughes. "First of all, they frequently do not have enough roots. To prevent this, the homeowner should dig his tree carefully to

"He should also be sure they have a large soil ball around them.

"After the tree is transplanted, its top growth should be pruned back about one-third.

"However, the tree may still die because its tap roots had not been cut a year or so ahead as they would have

been in most nurseries." Although most trees naturally grow in a bush or heavily wooded situation where they are protected from the wind, many homeowners plant their freshly dug trees in the middle of lawns where they are not.

Increased evaporation (due to exposed leaf surfaces) and other wind damages result.

"The leaves of trees that survive are usually rough and dark in the first year," says Mr. Hughes.

"However, as the trees acclimatize, their appearance and growth become more normal. The homeowner should go to a nursery for a tree that is almost sure to thrive, if handled properly.

### Spray fruit trees early

Home gardeners who planted or plan to plant fruit trees should remember that they all require regular insect and disease spray programs beginning in early spring, says Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food horticulturist, R.A. Fleming. "Besides making the fruit unsightly, the insects and diseases in unsprayed garden fruits sometimes spread to nearby commercial orchards and can cause serious financial

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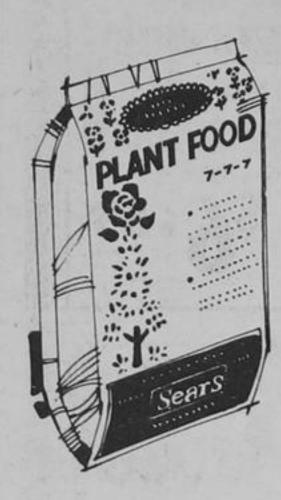
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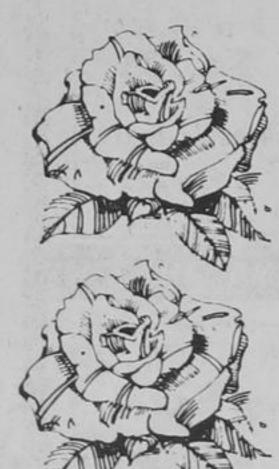
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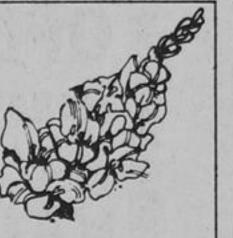
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