



(Photo by Hogg)

# Gardening

## Seed your annuals

It's unfortunate, but many home gardeners have come to rely on their bedding plant grower almost entirely for their annual flowers, says an Ontario ministry of agriculture and food horticulturist.

Many fine types of flowers will grow as well, or better, from seed planted directly outside in the garden.

R.A. Fleming says May is the best month for sowing such seeds as calendula, larkspur, marigold, nasturtium, cornflower or cosmos.

These are only a few of the easiest to grow that offer a great deal of color in the summer garden.

"There's no special trick involved with direct seeding. All that's required is to prepare the soil to a fine seedbed as soon as it can be worked. Then sprinkle the seed sparingly in marked

areas, lightly cover the seed with fine, screened soil and keep moist until the seed germinates," he says.

If seedlings are growing too thickly, he recommends they be thinned out, leaving only the strongest and healthiest plants.

Annuals can be seeded directly in beds, or if preferred, in a location in the garden where they can grow undisturbed until the young seedlings have established a good root system.

Then the annual beds can be prepared and the seedlings transplanted

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## Flowers

Spring flowers in abundance and an old fashioned maypole provided a cheery motif for the Summit Golf and Country Club Ladies Bridge Club's annual charity bridge and luncheon May 1. Convenor of this popular event was Miss Gladys McLatchy who is also a member of Richmond Hill Horticultural Society and past president of the Ontario Horticultural Association. Pictured left to right Miss McLatchy and club president Erma Dominico of Willowdale accept favors from flower-decked baskets carried by Marie Little of Highland Lane and Julie Markham of Major Mackenzie Dr., Richmond Hill

## Day care has open house

RICHMOND HILL — Open house will be held at the four York regional day care centres during Day Care Week, May 10 to 14, from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. There will also be an evening session May 12 at 9 o'clock.

Featured will be a variety of activities arranged by day care authorities to "enhance the social, emotional, physical and intellectual development needs of the children."

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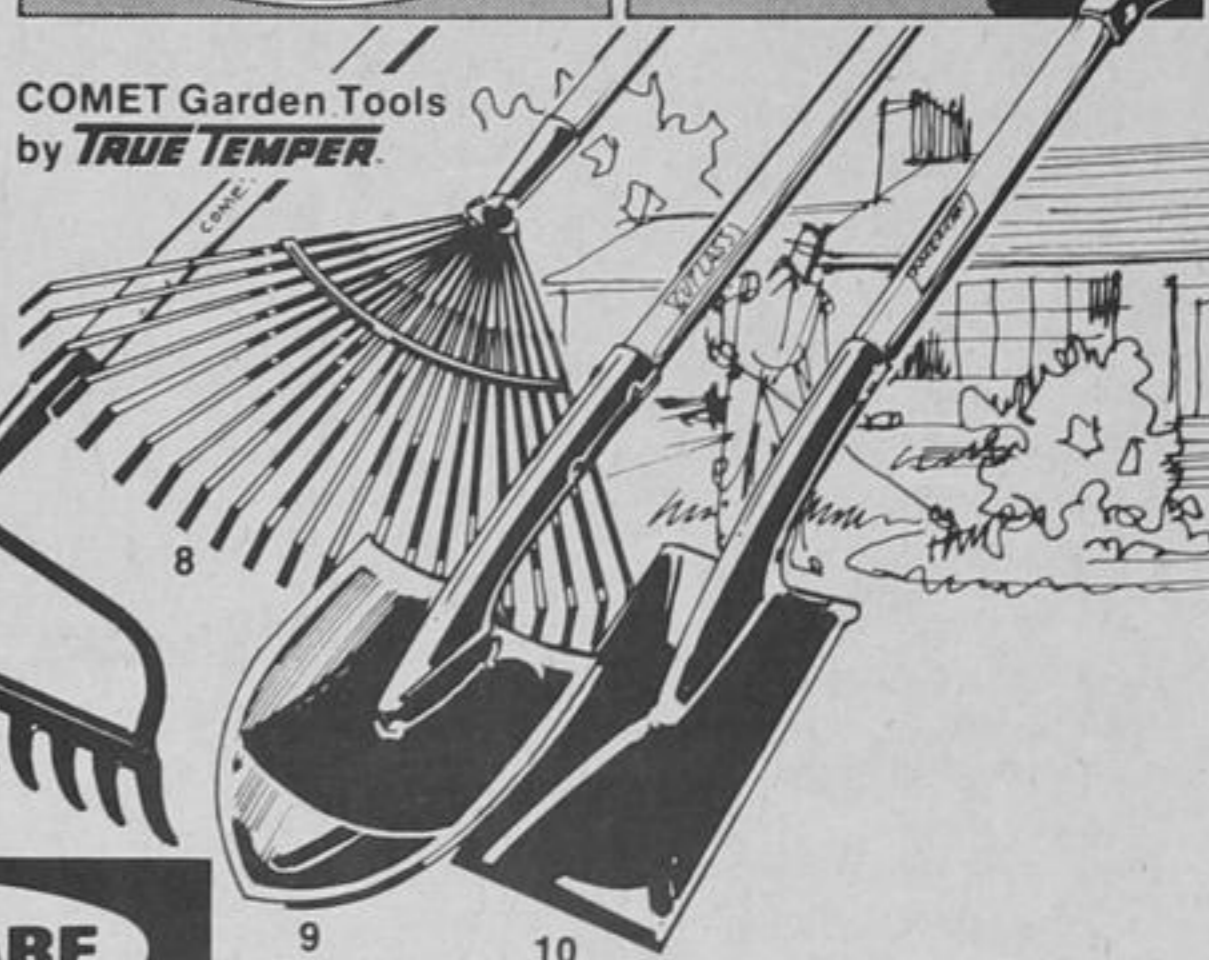
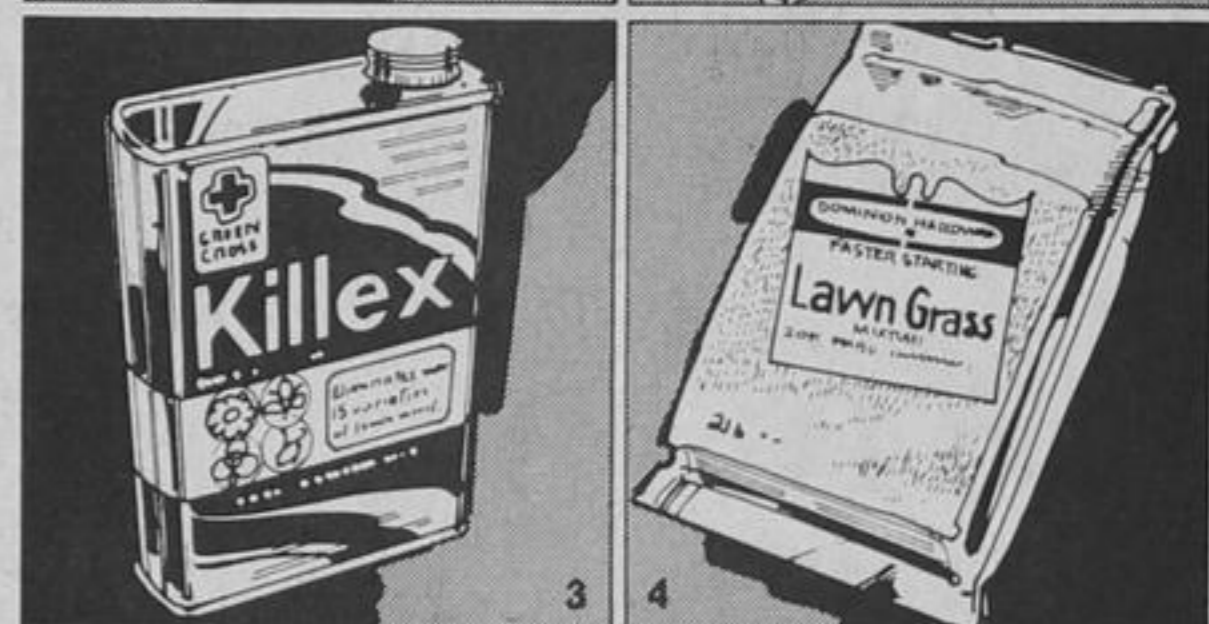
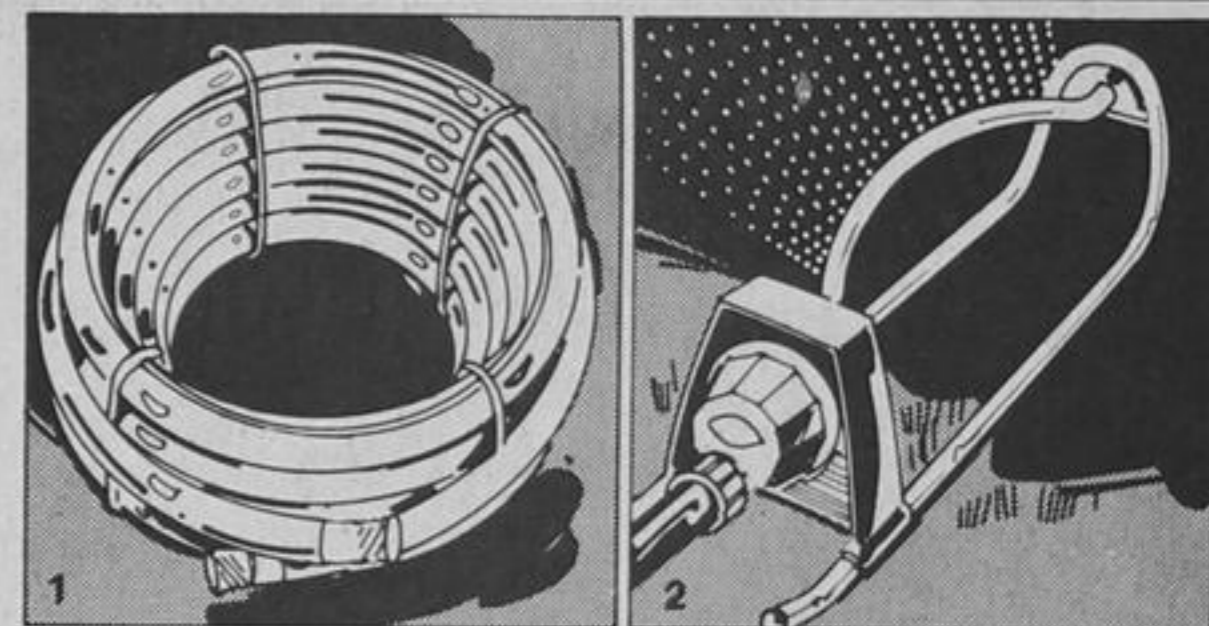
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