

## Horticultural News

We are nearing the time of year that we know spring is just around the corner. Are you planting a garden? The seed catalogue is here with all its beauty.

In Ottawa today, the technique of plant breeding is really catching on. Plant Hybridizing is relatively simple and can be learned in a few minutes, according to A. R. Buckley of Agricultural Plant Research. In recent years, he says the largest number of ornamental plant varieties have resulted from the efforts of amateurs. Basically remember that plants must be closely related botanically. It is useless to try to cross a lily and a rose or, a geranium with a dahlia. Even some very closely related flowers will not produce seeds from a cross, such as varieties of hybrid roses or even gladiolus.

### Examining the parts of a Flower Before Starting:

As work proceeds the art of selecting the right kind of parents and evaluating the hybrids produced will be more carefully studied. A perfect flower has four parts: the ovary at the base contains ovules (underdeveloped seeds); the style is the stalk that connects the stigma with the ovary, the stigma has different shapes according to the flower; the anthers produce the pollen grains. Blooms like those of dahlias, mums, and zinnias are really clusters of perfect or imperfect flowers. The parts described above are so small they are difficult to emasculate (remove the anthers). Many fully double flowers like geraniums, double nasturtiums and double petunias have been doubled by stamens that have changed into petals resulting in little pollen being available. Mr. Buckley's hobby is breeding iris and gladiolus, which have large flowers that are easy to work with. CONT. NEXT ADDITION. JOIN OUR HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

See you in the garden  
Bertha Smith

## Wintario Grants

Culture and Recreation Minister Robert Welch said today's list of grants which totals \$918,489 is part of the continuing Share Wintario programme to support cultural and recreational facilities throughout Ontario. To date, the ministry has announced \$23.1 million for more than 750 projects and groups in the province.

In addition to the grant for the construction of a community centre which will include an indoor swimming pool, skating arena, and community hall, and the grant for goal tending equipment, Mr. Welch said the Township of Caledonia Community Hall is eligible to receive a grant of up to 25,000 for construction of a community recreation centre.

The Prescott and Russell Musical Centre is Hawkesbury is eligible for a grant of up to \$15,150 to construct an addition for a to construct an addition to the Yolande Studio which provides music instruction, and instrumental and vocal theory to the community.

A grant of \$4,552 is to be made to the Choral Melodia Choir of Hawkesbury for the purchase of instruments, amplifiers and costumes. Part of the grant will be used to defray costs of provincial tours.

The Village of Plantagenet is eligible for a grant up to \$3,713 for alterations to the existing community hall.

The 50 member mixed choral group "Les Baladins" will receive a grant of \$3,404 to assist in concerts and performances in

the Embrun area. Part of the grant will be used to purchase an organ for the group.

## Russell W. I. Card Party

### EDITORIAL

This is certainly not the best ever issue of the Review and we offer two reasons. First, very few really strained themselves getting items to us. Second, the editor was working under a strong influence of Neo-Citran and was virtually stoned.

We beg your indulgence.

The Russell Village Women's Institute will hold a card party at the Arena Hall on Tuesday, March 30th at 8 p.m.

Proceeds will go towards the purchase of dishes for the Community Hall. Keep this date open for a very worthwhile project.

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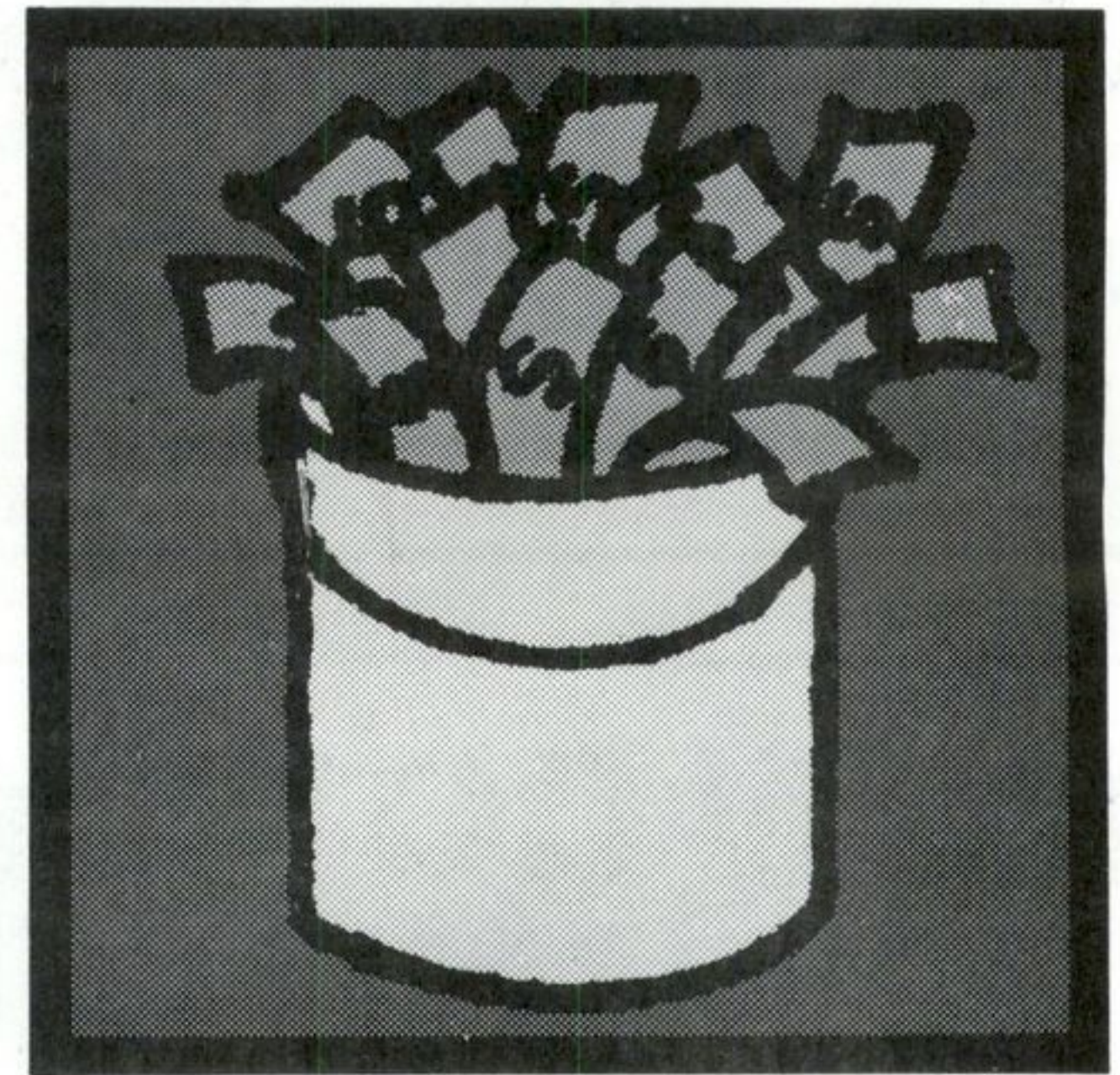
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