

# Special tulip could serve as memorial to Diana

The first tulips were planted in Holland in the autumn of 1593 by botanist Carolus Clusius. Now, the Dutch growers produce 2.8 billion each year. If all the tulip bulbs were planted four inches apart, they would stretch around the earth seven times. Canadians plant 50 million Dutch tulip bulbs each year.

This week, white tulips along with lilies and roses adorned the coffin of Diana, Princess of Wales. If you would like a memorial in your own garden, plant some of the tulips that were named for her by the Dutch. 'Diana' is a single white tulip which grows 12 inches tall and blooms in early spring.

Sharon Bognar was disappointed with the performance of her plumbago vine, which was situated in half shade and fertilized with 20-20-20 all summer but produced only a few blooms.

The plumbago capensis is a tropical plant which enjoys the extreme heat of Florida, so it would have been happier

in the full sun. To promote bloom rather than foliage, use a fertilizer with a higher middle number, such as 15-30-15 or even 10-52-10!

Sharon also wonders what fertilizer she should use to increase the size and number of blooms on her trilliums. To answer this question I consulted the newest book in my library — the just-released Trilliums by the expert Fred Case. Besides digging in leaf mould he suggests scattering a dry fertilizer 12-12-12 (or whatever balanced fertilizer is available in granular form) in late winter or very early spring before growth commences. Grains of fertilizer on tender, unfurling leaves can cause burn spots. Refrain



## Let's Get Growing

Marjorie Mason Hogue

from over fertilizing — this causes soft plants prone to physical injury and fungal diseases.

Mrs. Lee has a lot of questions about roses which I'll address in a later column, but one query needs answering now.

In July, she purchased two roses which were placed in the ground (still in the pots). After Thanksgiving, when deciduous plants enter dormancy, dig the roses up, remove the pots, spread the roots that have begun to go "around in circles"

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