

All-American flower selections picked

DOVER, Del. — Five Delaware Extension garden specialists. These "All-American Selections" have been rated as the best new hybrids for North American

gardens by a council of expert judges throughout the continent

Experienced hobby gardeners like to try these superior varieties in their home gardens, but beginners should also consider them because of their ruggedness and adaptability.

Award-winners this years include the striking 'Snowfire' dianthus plus four beautiful new zinnia varieties.

The 'Snowfire' pink puts on a show of fringed white blossoms with cherry-red centers. An early bloomer, 'Snowfire' is frost and heat resistant. The plant also resists rain and wind damage, and can even recover from an occasional

foray by children or pets. The mounds of blue-green foliage produced by this plant are seldom visible due to the abundance of silver-dollar-sized blossoms.

The new 'Cherry Ruffles' and 'Yellow Ruffles' zinnias should be especially popular with flower-arrangers because of their long, arching stems and subtle colors, but both are valuable landscape plants as well. These vigorous, mildew-resistant zinnias grow to 24 to 30 inches in height and produce about two dozen 3 inch blossoms per plant.

Halfway between yellow and white, the 'Peter Pan Cream' zinnia provides a restful edging for a summer garden. Only 12 inches in

height, 'Peter Pan Cream' produces showy four inch blossoms which are resistant to heat, wind and rain damage.

The final award-winner, zinnia 'Red Sun' produces four to five inch blossoms of vivid scarlet 'Red Sun'

plants are long-stemmed but sturdy, designed not to bend or break in wind and rain. They are also more resistant to mildew than other zinnias.

Both seed packets and plants of all five varieties should soon be available in selected stores and seed catalogues.

Reupholstery course taught

WEST CHESTER — The Chester County Extension Service of Penn State University will offer an upholstery course. The orientation meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 28, 1978, at the Elverson National Bank, Bucktown Branch, Route 23, Bucktown from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. At this time discussion will cover: procedures for preparation of the chair, supplies, and equipment needed and selection of fabric.

The work meetings will follow on April 25, 26, 27, 28, May 1, 2, 3, 4 at Ludwig's Corner Fire Hall, Route 100,

located about six miles north of Route 30. The procedure for work sessions is to keep the chair at the Fire Hall and complete the renovating process in the eight days. Two persons are permitted to work on a chair for one registration fee.

Boudoir and living room chairs, that are structurally sound, are suitable. However, diamond tufting or channel backs are not appropriate for a beginner. Deadline for registration is March 21, 1978. For further information contact the Extension Service, 235 W. Market Street, 3rd floor, West Chester, Pa. 19380 or call 215-696-3500.

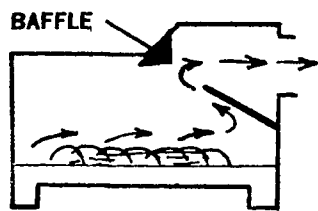
Tractor 4-H club meets

QUARRYVILLE — The Southern Lancaster County 4-H Tractor Maintenance Club met at Wenger Implement Co., Quarryville R1 on February 24. President Tony Groff opened the meeting with the club pledge.

Following the adjournment the club broke up into small groups for study on how engines operate, mixing fuel and air, and the proper ways of transmitting power.

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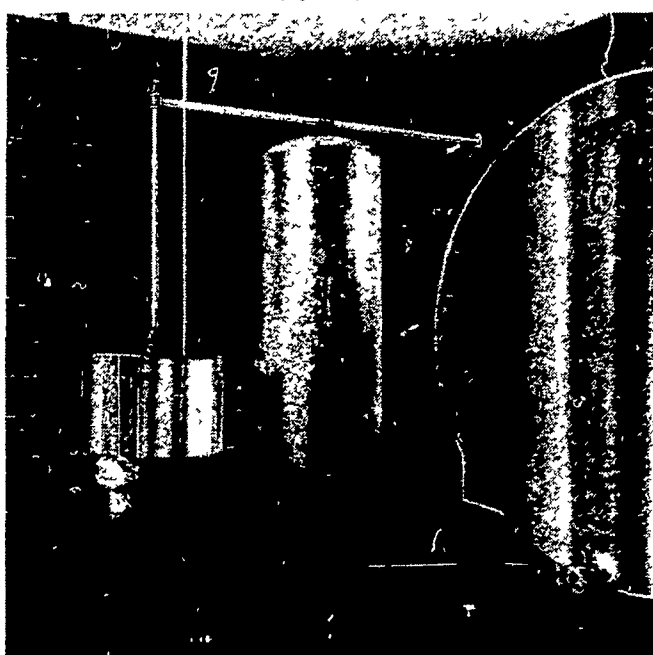
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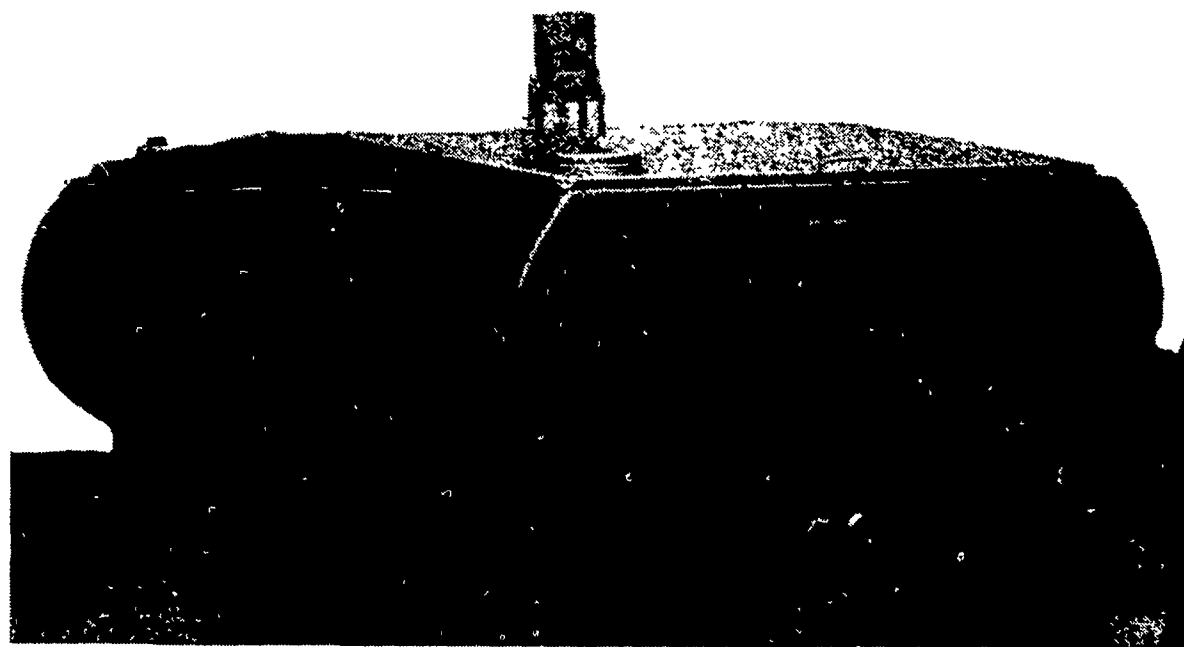
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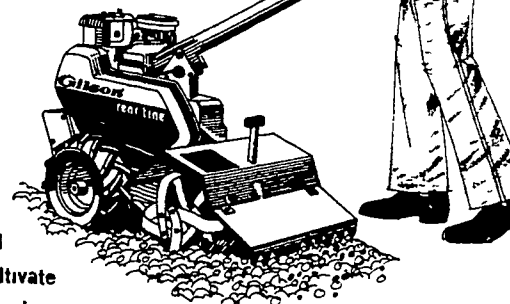
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