

## Plant lovers' corner

FLEMINGTON, N.J. - "Why did my chrysanthemums bloom so late?" ask many home gardeners, and the best answer is that they are the wrong varieties, according to experts.

Some excellent types that are grown as potted plants and cut flowers in greenhouses just aren't satisfactory for outdoor planting.

Many take as long as 12 weeks from bud to bloom. These plants normally flower the first week in December, which is just right in the greenhouse but entirely too late for garden plants.

The beautiful Princess Ann varieties, for example, are sold as potted plants and require 10 weeks from the time buds form until bloom. They do not flower until the second week in November and are not satisfactory as garden chrysanthemums.

Plants that need only six to eight weeks from the time buds form to flowering make the best garden varieties. These plants come into bloom between mid-September and mid-October.

Varieties can be selected from catalogs that list the blooming dates. Most catalogs listing home garden varieties do not include those greenhouse types which are not suitable for the home garden.

In the Spring, many florists use lighting to bring garden chrysanthemums into flower as potted plants. These can be planted in a garden and will flower a second time in the Fall.

### Last minute gift ideas told

WEST CHESTER - Do you have some empty milk cartons, string, yarn, bricks, pine cones, tin cans? You have the ingredients for some interesting recyclables.

The gift giving season is close at hand the Chester County Extension service is offering a workshop "Making Gifts on a Budget." The program will be held at two locations from 9:30 - 11 a.m., on Thursday, December 14, at the Extension office, 235 W. Market St., West Chester and Friday, December 15, at the New Garden Township

Building, Rt. 41 (2 miles south of Avondale and just north of the intersection of Neward Road and Route 41. This is a free workshop but pre-registration is necessary by Monday, December 11. Call or write the Extension Office, 235 West Market Street, West Chester, 215-696-3500.



## Recent elections may help farmers

HARRISBURG - According to Lancaster County Representative Noah Wenger, 99th District, the results of the recent general election will have positive effects on agriculture. He predicts increased legislative activity on agricultural activities such as the preservation of farmland and assistance to young farmers.

Chester Heim, public affairs manager for the Pennsylvania Farmers' Association, says that the new House and Senate members at the state capital are considerate towards



Noah Wenger



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Richard Thornburgh

agriculture and that Governor-elect Richard

Thornburgh indicates he will consult agricultural leaders.

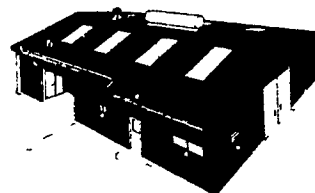
In all, a positive effect for farmers is foreseen.



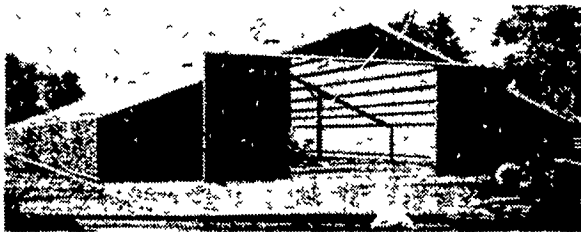
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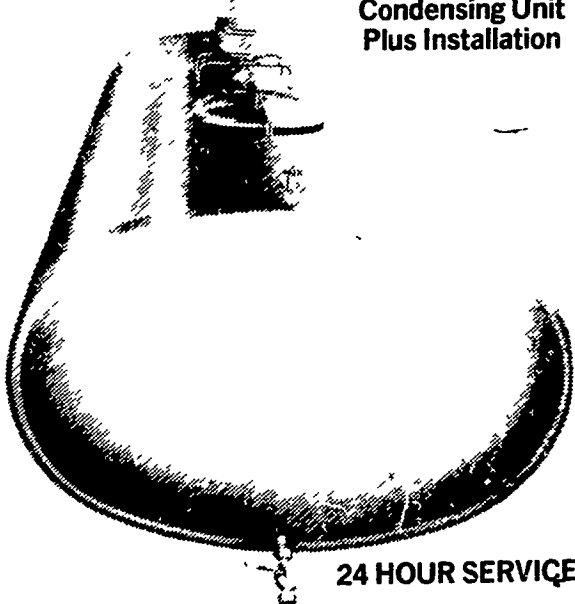
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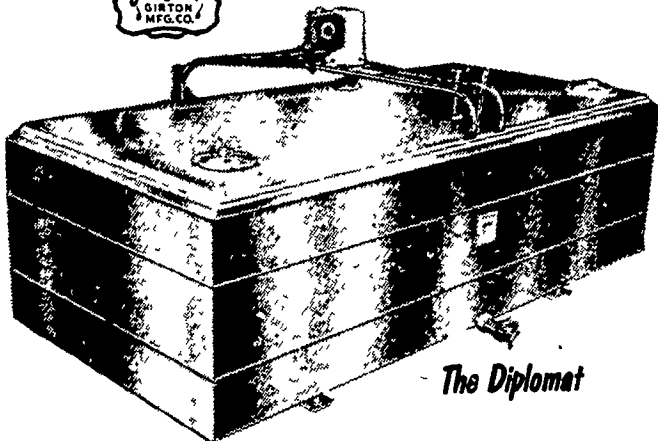
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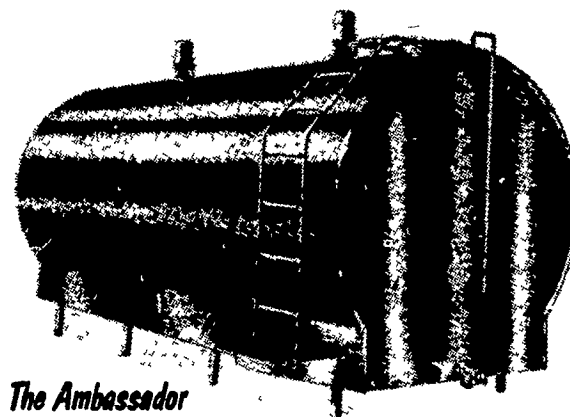


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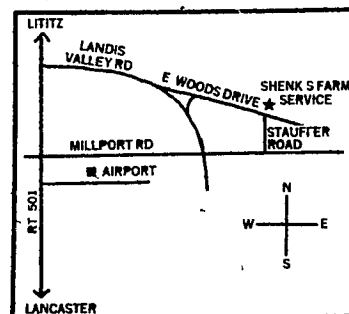
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