



# How Does Your Garden

## TRY SOMETHING NEW

Each year the seed catalogues tempt their customers with new varieties of old favorites as well as exotic species. This year it's a green zinnia and a tomato tree. Tuberous begonia seed offers the adventurous the possibility of developing something new himself. And who knows? Maybe this year you will grow the white marigold!



## FRAGRANT HYACINTHS

"Hyacinths to feed the soul" can continue to do so year after year if treated right. After the flowers of your potted hyacinths have faded, the bulbs can be planted in the ground, about five inches deep. Better wait until frost danger is past, and try not to disturb the bulbs in the process. Let the foliage die down naturally.



## DISEASE-FREE PLANTS

To grow disease-free vegetable plants such as cabbage, tomatoes, peppers, and egg plants, treat seed or buy treated seed. Then, grow the plants in sterilized soil to control soil-borne disease organisms and weeds, says Allen H. Bauer, extension plant pathologist at The Pennsylvania State University.

## WAIT AWHILE

Don't let a few warm days rush you into the garden while the soil is still too wet to work, caution extension horticulturists at The Pennsylvania State University. Working wet soil puddles it and when dried out, it stays hard all summer.



## CRABGRASS CONTROL ON NEW LAWNS

Newly seeded lawns, planted this Spring, can be kept free of crabgrass with a chemical bearing the common name of siduron.

Applied when seeding a new lawn, siduron has given complete control of crabgrass in two years of experiments by the Agricultural Experiment Station at Penn State. Siduron was used at rates varying from 4 to 8 pounds of active ingredient per acre.

While eliminating crabgrass in newly seeded turf, siduron did not injure bluegrass, stated William G. Downs, associate county agent in Perry County who carried out the experiments as a graduate student at Penn State. In previous experiments, other lawn grasses were not injured.

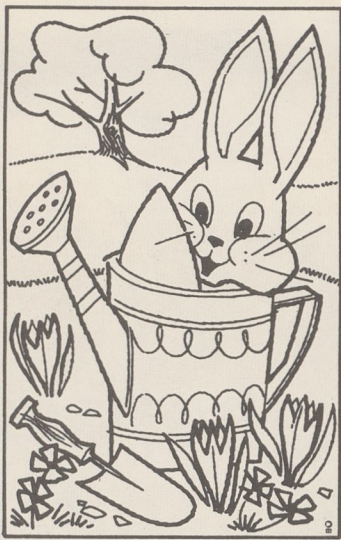
"These experiments open up the possibility of successful Spring and early Summer seeding of turf areas where crabgrass has been a problem," Downs affirmed. "Spring



The bumblebee is important as a pollinator because its long tongue can take nectar from deep flowers which honeybees cannot reach. Photo courtesy Allied Chemical.

## GREEN THUMB SECRET

Green thumbs which began itching with the arrival of the first seed catalogues back in January are now happily at work with spring raking, digging, trimming and planting. If you envy a friend his "luck" with growing things, chances are it's because he keeps the green thumb a good dirty brown all through the growing season.



## DANCING DAFFODILS

Use your pot of Easter daffodils to brighten a dull or shady spot in the yard. As soon as they finish blooming, separate the bulbs and plant them in loamy soil about four inches deep. They'll gain strength during the summer, preparing for next spring's flowering.

When you plant daffodils, whether now or in the Fall, remember Wordsworth's "host of golden daffodils". THEY SPREAD!



## EASTER LILY BED

Do you have an Easter lily bed? If not, this is a good time to start planning for one. Pick a sunny spot with good drainage and room for expansion, for you'll want to add to it each year, and the bulbs will multiply.

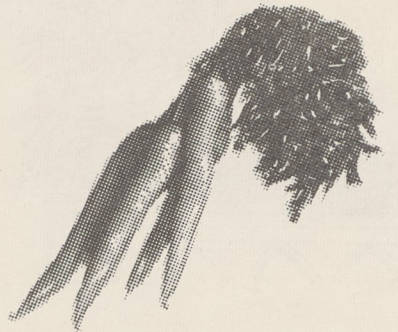
When your potted lily loses its blossoms, water it sparingly until the foliage dies down. Then remove the bulbs from the pot, separate, and plant them, not too deep.

After a short rest, they'll start growing again and you can expect more blossoms in late summer. Next year they'll bloom in mid-summer, the normal time.



## LET FORCED TULIPS REST

Tulips forced into bloom for the holiday will need a rest before joining the outdoor garden. Set the pot in a sunny spot and keep it watered until the leaves die down. Then you can put it in the cellar until fall planting time, or remove the bulbs and store them in a cool place.



## HEALTHY VEGETABLES

Many home gardeners have trouble raising certain vegetables because of disease-infested soil. Allen H. Bauer, extension plant pathologist at The Pennsylvania State University, suggests that a rotation helps control short-lived organisms, but in many cases resistant varieties must be used.

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