

Ruhls' give tips on vegetable gardening

FLOWERS

Flowers are usually not planted until late April or early May. Pansies are among the first flowers to be planted outside, because they've been culminated in the hotbed during the winter and have already been adjusted to cooler outdoor temperatures. Gardeners would normally buy pansy transplants from the greenhouse or roadstands, or garden marts.

Geraniums, too, are developed in the greenhouse and planted outside around Mother's Day with a flower already in bloom.

Petunias are seeded as early as January, transplanted in March, and transferred to the garden in May.

Flowering plants that are developed slowly in the greenhouse and adapted to the outdoors in a hotbed are heartier and less likely to become "leggy."

HANGING PLANTS

Since certain hanging plants require much sun and others require more shade it is important to know your hanging plant. Hanging

plants require more attention than ground plants, because all sides of the hanging plants are exposed to quicker evaporation of water. Hanging plants must be watered everyday. Hanging plants should be watered so that just a small amount of water seeps out of the attached saucer on the bottom of the pot. Hanging plants require more fertilizer than ground plants because constant watering leaks the nutrients out of the soil and it becomes inert.

If yellow leaves appear on the plant, it may be because it is receiving too much water, and the oxygen is being replaced by the excess water. Hanging plants

should be dried out occasionally almost to the point of wilting to permit oxygen to return to the roots.

Mrs. Elinore Ruhl has a B.S. degree in home economics from Penn State University. While at Penn State she worked in a flower shop. In addition, she was an individual floriculture winner at a 4-H contest held at Penn State.

Mr. Charles Ruhl is also a graduate of Penn State University with a B.S. in horticulture and a specialization in floriculture. He has managed the family business of Ruhl's Flower Shop since 1950 and bought the

business from his father in 1958. While at Penn State University, he was a member of the national flower judging team which took first place in the Intercollegiate Flower Judging Contest held in Illinois.

The Ruhls are the parents of four children all of whom are active in the flower shop.

They are Rebecca, aged 15; Jonathan, aged 14; Mary Kathleen, aged 12, and Lisa, aged 9.



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