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SPEND SOME TIME ON THE MOUNTAIN

CHRYSANTHEMUMS NEED FULL SUN

A Tip From the County Agent
From the Morgan Messenger

Your chrysanthemums will provide a glorious show of color this fall, if you pinch them back now.

Richard Zimmerman, West Virginia University extension horticulturist, says plants that have overwintered form last year must be pinched back. Annual division provides the best results, he added.

"It's best to divide crowns to a single plant, discarding or giving away the extras. At the same time, pinch tops back to about six to eight inches," he explained.

Once they've become established, give the plants some fertilizer. Broadcast a 5-10-10 formulation around the plants, using about two pounds per 100 square feet of area. Besides dividing crowns, another propagation method for mums involves cuttings. Dr. Zimmerman explains the procedure:

Snip off the top four to six inches of stems and place them in rooting medium containing sand and peat or vermiculite in pots or shallow boxes. Place the cuttings on the north side of building where they're be indirect light. Keep them well watered. They should root in two to three weeks.

"This is a good way to increase your supply of new varieties or to produce gift plants. Once the stems have rooted, treat the plants just like divisions," the specialist said.

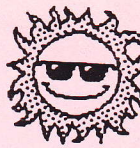
Chrysanthemums that are pinched back in early June will be ready for a second pinching in early to mid-July. At that time, just nip off the top inch of growth. Give plants a second feeding in late July.

It's best to stake tall-growing varieties, says Zimmerman. The way to do this depends on how the plants are being grown.

With mass planting, one method involves the use of plastic netting, like that used for trellises. Cut the netting into strips and fasten it over the bed of mums so that stems can grow up through the netting. Supported this way, flowers won't get blown down onto the soil when they're in full bloom. You can minimize insect and disease problems with proper cultural practices. Give plants plenty of room to grow. Plant them in full sun, and avoid watering in late evening. Use an all-purpose insecticide at the first sign of infestation. Usually, this is all that is needed.

If you don't already have chrysanthemums in your garden, you can add them this fall. Garden centers will have pot-grown mums covered with flower buds and ready for planting in September.

This is the second year in a row that the Thompson's have spent Memorial Day weekend on the mountain and have had just gorgeous weather. The daytime temperature stayed around the 80's on Sun and Mon while the evenings were just right for blanket sleeping. I didn't get out to see everyone, but the Elko's did stop by to see us and that gave me a respite from washing windows, which never did get completed.



FROM THE TOP

It was good to see so many of you at the annual meeting on the 14th of May. We had a turnout of 48 people; that's an improvement over the past few years.

During the week following the meeting, there were some severe hail storms in the area, but according to a security check, no damage was done to any of the subdivision properties.

Since we now have telephone service available, you might be interested in noting some of the emergency phone numbers listed elsewhere in this letter. It's good to have them handy when you need them.

It has come to my attention that one of your fellow property owners, at his own expense, has hauled away trash that was left on the roadside. Please remember that we do not have trash or garbage disposal services and that the covenants prevent the accumulation of trash or other unsightly debris, even on one's own property - it can become a health menace as well as an eyesore. We hope all will, in neighborly cooperation, heed this reminder. Let's keep our mountain clean and as much in harmony with its natural beauty as we can.

Speaking of beauty, the mountain laurel is in full bloom. Hope you get a chance to see it.

Carol Thompson
Chairperson

PHONE SERVICE IS ON THE MOUNTAIN TO MOST

True to their word C&P has delivered. The phone lines are in and I am aware of at least two cabins that have phone service now that previously did not. That means there are four cabins that presently have phone service. Possibly more, I am not aware of how many owners subscribed to phone service. Since there is this service available here are a few local numbers which may be useful to someone on the mountain. All of these numbers have the exchange 258-

Fire	9911
Police (Day)	1100
Ambulance/Rescue	9911
State Police	2101
War Memorial Hospital	1234
Maggio's	4200
Dugan's	1798
Bernie Hook	4346
Dawson's Hdwr	2111
Hunter's Hdwr	2442
B S Pharmacy	1900
Country Inn	2210
Appalachian	3110
Treetop House	4500

I know it may sound a little silly but there has been a couple of landowners that have planted trees this spring. Roughly 200 trees and, if all goes well, our future 'springtimes in the mountain' will be just a little bit more colorful. There may be a profusion of Dogwoods and Redbuds on at least three properties. I know the road up the mountain has many in the wild but maybe these will be cultivated to become landscaping masterpieces.

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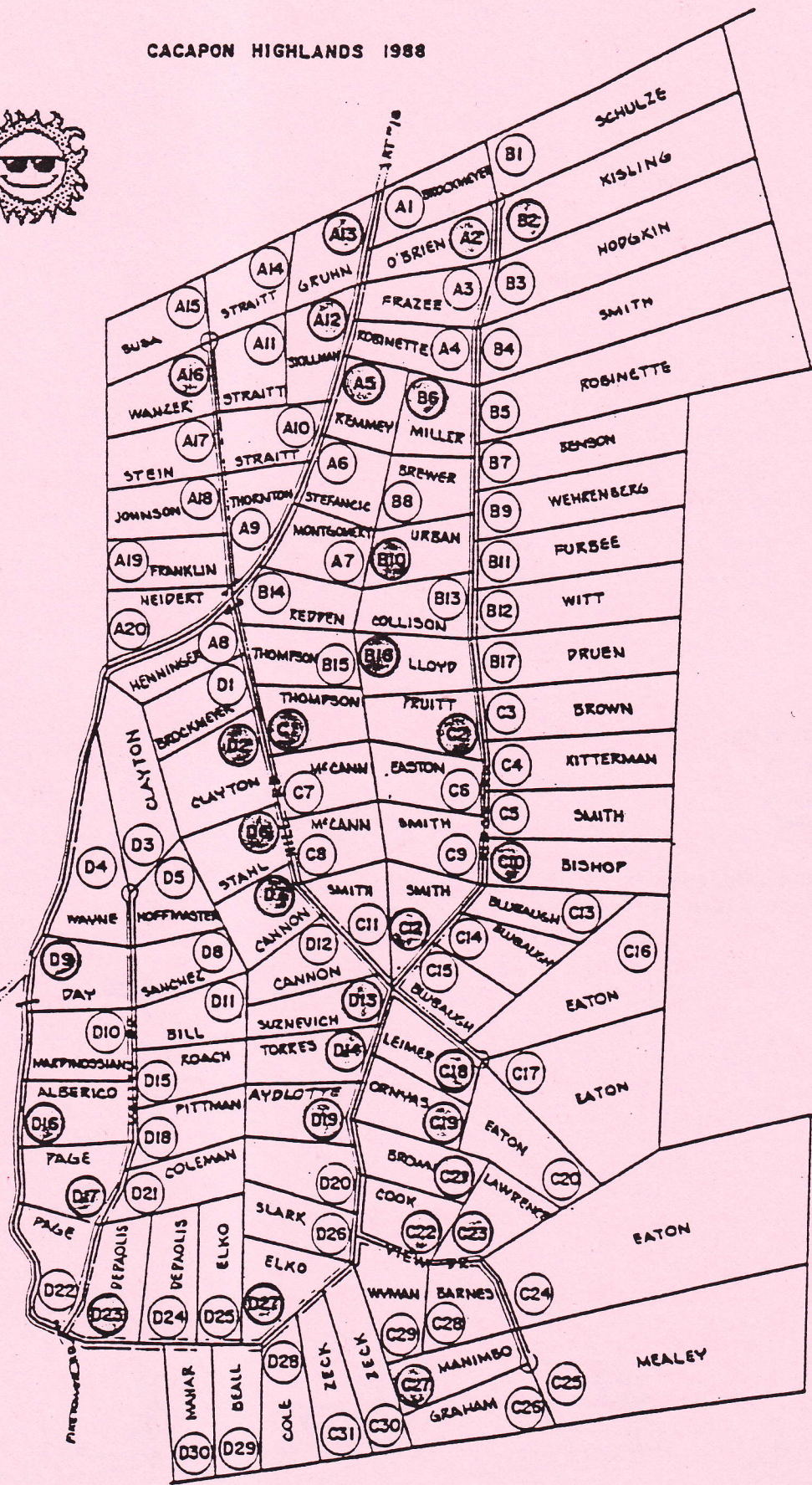
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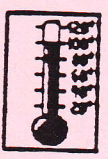
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