

# The Green Thumb

## Easy-to-Raise Petunias Offer Color and Quantity

By LEWIS LORING  
One of the most colorful and useful plants that we can use in our gardens that will give us interesting color tones as well as huge quantities of bloom during the Spring, Summer, and Fall is the Petunia.

Petunias are available in many interesting types from the common trailing single form with which we are all familiar, to the newer hybridized forms which are becoming so popular now days. These newer forms have a

more refined growth habit and do not sprawl all over the place, and their color tones are very desirable.

Also very popular are the Giant Ruffled types which give you large colorful flowers with ruffled petals around the outer edge.

They are often referred to as "double" but in reality are not. There is a true double form, however, and if you have never tried them, they are worth considering.

Petunias are very hardy. They like lots of sun, occasional deep

watering, a minimum amount of fertilizer and plant food, and are almost one-hundred percent pest resistant.

They are not very fussy about the type of soil they are planted in and the amateur gardener will be well rewarded with color.

It is well to think about where you might include some of these colorful plants in your yard. After you have decided where to plant them, decide upon the color or shadings that would blend in well with other plants nearby.

Oftentimes a mass of one special color or type rather than choosing mixed colors is better.

Your color choice is wide, ranging from white, to light and dark pink, rose red and deep red, and blue and lavender tones.

In addition to the many color types that your nurseryman and garden supply dealer has at this time, he can also show you the wide range of flower sizes; small single types, large single types, frilled, ruffled and the true double.

Try a planting of petunias in your garden today.

## Use Closet Door For Storage

Back wall of a cabinet or closet isn't being used to fullest efficiency if it isn't used for storage. If either is lined with Masonite "peg-board" paneling, the use of this waste area becomes easy.

ly-spaced holes, the homemaker can slip in a suitable metal fixture enabling her to store little-used items. At the back, they are out of the way, yet available when needed.

When making such an installation is to offset the "peg-board" panel sufficiently for insertion of the fixtures. This may be done by means of thin furring strips, such as wood lath. Prime and paint the panels to suit the decor of your room.

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## HOW TO SAVE MONEY WHEN YOU BUY A NEW CAR

By Ed Sullivan

### Fan Mail Brings Questions On Car Buying... Ed Answers With Money-Saving Facts!

For quite a while now, I've been getting mail from people like you — people in the market for a new car. They want to know how to get the best "deal" on a new car, and are confused by a lot of conflicting advertising claims. I've been connected with car buying and selling for a long time — and I've picked up a lot of good information on the subject. Now, I'd like to turn those facts over to you, to help you get the most for your money when you buy your new car.

Naturally, I hope you decide on a 1956 Lincoln or Mercury — because I'm convinced that they're the best buys in their respective price classes.

Now, I know these facts will save you money, and I've put them in step-by-step order to make the whole thing easy to follow. Some of what you see here may seem pretty obvious, but I think that all of it is worth saying.

#### BEFORE YOU GO TO THE DEALER

1 Find out what your trade-in is worth, by checking used car dealers and "want ads." You'll find that used cars do have a definite market value, so common sense says that nobody can give you "\$1,000 more than your car's worth." Once you've found out what your car is worth, you'll know when you're getting a fair trade-in allowance.

2 Decide on exactly what you want — on the make, on the model and on the accessories you want.

3 Then pick your dealer. This is the most important part of any new car "deal," so do it carefully. Talk to friends who drive the make you want. They'll recommend their own dealer — and this is the best endorsement of all.

#### WHEN YOU GO TO THE DEALER

1 Before you talk price — make sure! Don't talk price until you've specified the exact model and accessories you want and have taken a thorough test drive. Take more than just "a ride around the block," and let every driving member of your family have a crack at it, too. Take this advice, even if you're buying a Lincoln or a Mercury, because your Lincoln-Mercury dealer wants you to be sure before you buy.

2 When you're sure — talk price and trade-in. If you're satisfied, now's the time to make a deal. First, get the base price — and any good dealer will be happy to let you see it in writing. Find out exactly what the base price includes. (The Mercury Medalist, for example, includes directional turn indicators and an oil bath air cleaner in the base price, so you don't have to buy them separately.) Then price the extra accessories you want. Add these, local taxes and license, and you have the "cash price" of your new car.

3 Now talk trade and figure "the difference." Find out what the dealer will allow on your present car. Then subtract the trade-in allowance from the cash price to get "the difference." This is the most important figure in any deal.

4 If you're financing, get all the facts. Find out exactly how much you'll pay in finance charges — exactly how many payments you must make — and exactly how much each payment will be. Be sure you won't be making 29 "low-low" payments and be surprised by one big "balloon" payment at the end. Section 2982 of the California Civil Code limits finance charges to 1% a month, but it is possible to finance your new car for considerably less — so make sure you're paying the lowest finance charge possible.

5 About auto insurance. You don't have to buy insurance on your new car from the dealer, but many dealers are set up to help you buy insurance from reputable companies.

6 Get it in writing — as required by law. Section 2982 of the California Civil Code requires that all details of your "deal" be on the conditional sales contract, that both you and the dealer sign it, and that you get a copy of the contract at the time it's written. Make sure that the contract is both signed by the salesman and accepted by an officer of the dealership. Don't sign the contract until it is completely filled in, and until you've read it completely.

Your Lincoln-Mercury dealer is the man responsible for getting these facts in print. He wants you to use them, because he feels you're entitled to get the most for your money, no matter what make car you buy.

*Ed Sullivan*  
For your LINCOLN-MERCURY dealer



JAMES F. CULLEN, 22, recently was commissioned a second lieutenant in the infantry after graduating from the Officer Candidate School at Fort Benning, Ga. His mother, Mrs. Mayme Cullen, lives at 424 W. 214th in Torrance. (U. S. Army Photo).

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