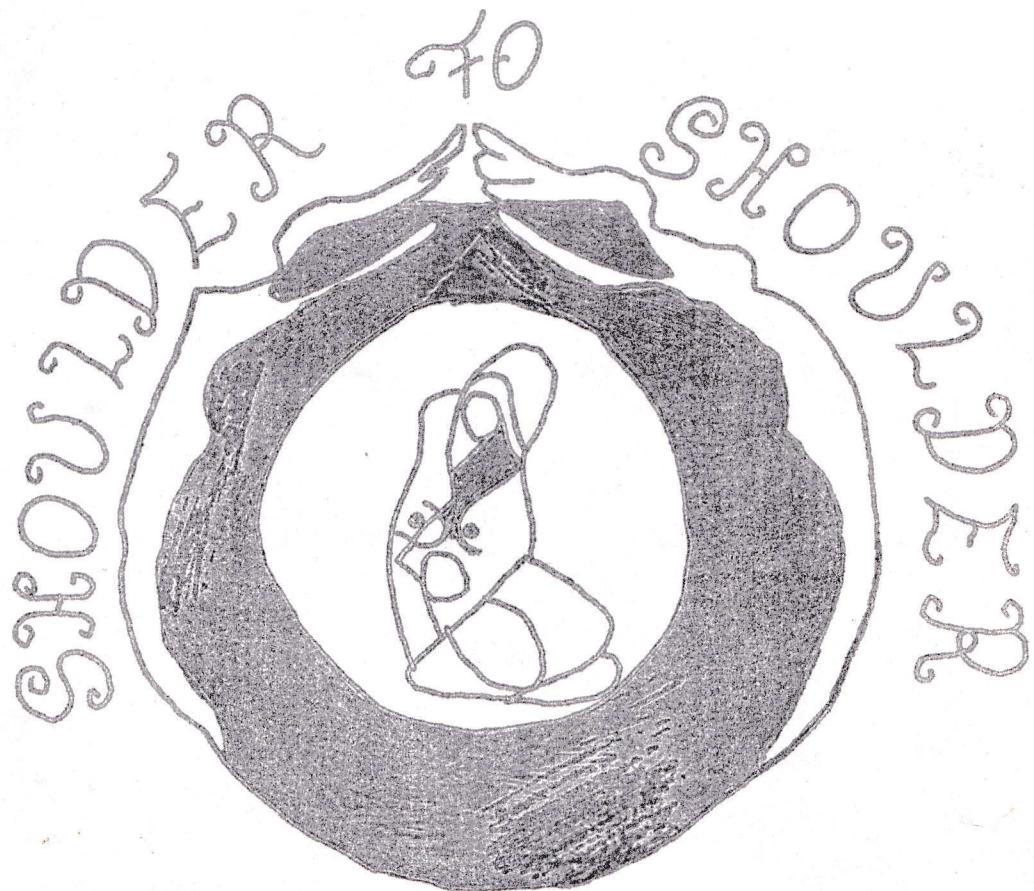


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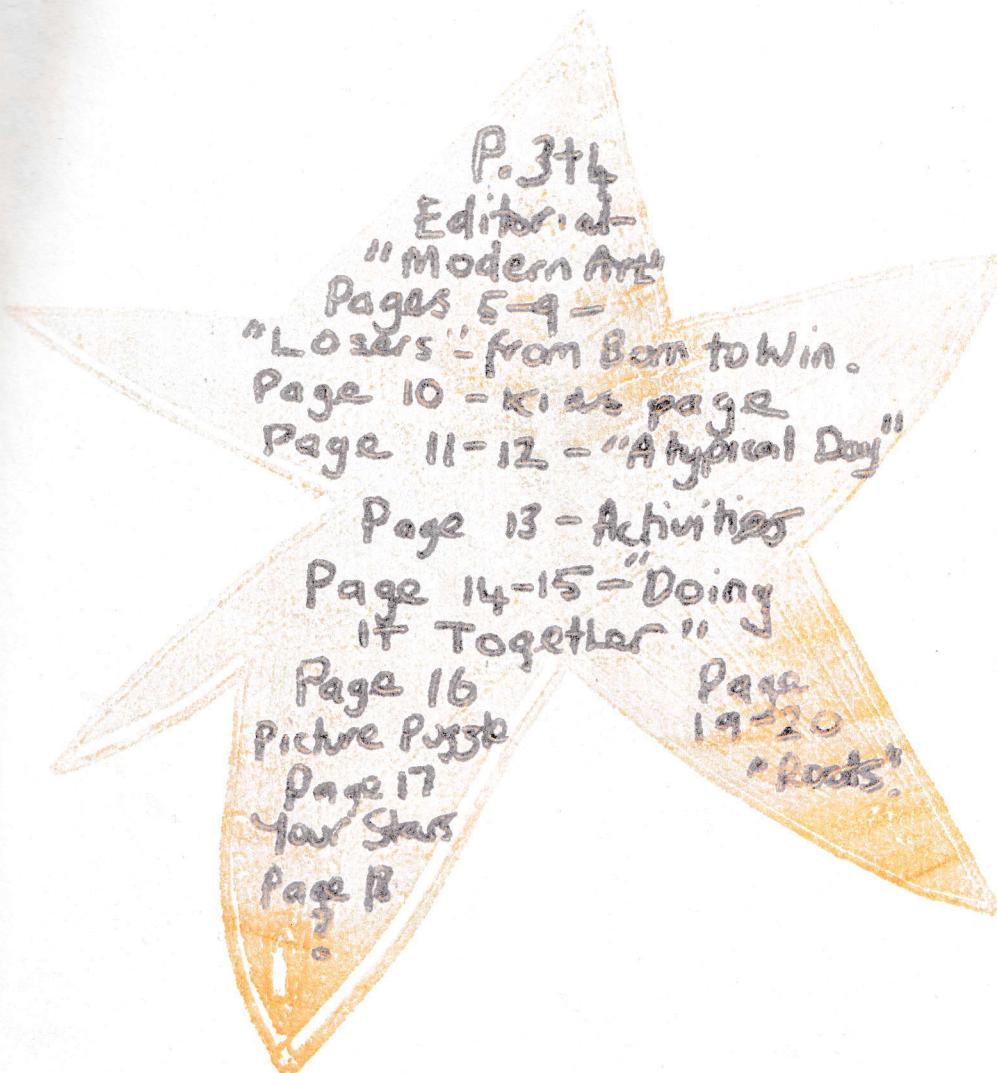
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EDITORIAL

“Modern Art”



FROM P. 3.
"Modelin Art,"



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to be nobody-but-yourself
in a world which is doing its
best, night and day, to make you
everybody else - means to fight the
hardest battle which any human
being can fight; and never
stop fighting.

-LOSERS -

Although people are born to win, they are also born helpless and totally dependant on their environment. Winners successfully make the transition from total helplessness to independence, and then to interdependence. Losers do not. Somewhere along the line they begin to avoid becoming responsible for their own lives.

As we have noted, few people are total winners or losers. Most of them are winners in some areas of their lives and losers in others. Their winning or losing is influenced by what happens to them in childhood.

A lack of response to dependency needs, poor nutrition, brutality, unhappy relationships, disease, continuing disappointments, inadequate physical care, and traumatic events are among the many experiences that contribute to making people losers. Such experiences, interrupt, deter, or prevent the normal progress towards autonomy and self-actualization. To cope with negative experiences, children learn to manipulate themselves and others. These manipulative techniques are hard to give up later in life and often become set patterns. Winners work to shed them. Losers hang on to them.

Some losers speak of themselves as successful but anxious, successful but trapped, or successful but unhappy. Others speak of themselves as totally beaten, without purpose, unable to move, half dead, or bored to death. Losers may not recognise that for the most part, they have been building their own rags, digging their own graves, and boozing themselves.

A loser seldom lives in the present, but instead destroys the present, by focusing on past memories or future expectations.

-LOSERS- CONT...

regret, some losers live constantly under the dread of future catastrophe. They conjure up expectations of what if:

"What if I lose my job..."

"What if I lose my mind..."

"What if something falls on me..."

"What if I break my leg..."

"What if they don't like me..."

"What if I make a mistake..."

By continually focusing on the future, these losers experience anxiety in the present. They are anxious over what they anticipate - either real or imagined - tests, bill paying, a love affair, crisis, illness, retirement, the weather, and so forth. Persons overly involved with imaginings let the actual possibilities of the moment pass them by. They occupy their mind with material that is irrelevant to the current situation. Anxiety tunes out current reality. Consequently, these people are unable to see for themselves, hear for themselves, feel for themselves, or taste, or touch, or think for themselves.

Unable to bring the full potential of their senses into the immediate situation, losers' perceptions are incorrect or incomplete. They see themselves and others through a prismlike distortion. Their ability to deal effectively with the real world is hampered.

Losers spend much of their time play-acting, pretending, manipulating and perpetuating old roles from childhood. Losers invest their energy in maintaining masks, often projecting an image front. *Karen Horney, 1954, p. 9, 18.*

LOSERS - CONT....

The loser who lives in the past dwells on the good old days or on past personal misfortunes. Nostalgically, the loser either clings to the ways things "used to be" or bemoans his or her bad luck. The loser is self-pitying or shifts the responsibility for an unsatisfactory life onto others. Blaming others and excusing oneself are often part of the loser's game. A loser who lives in the past may lament if only:

"If only I had married someone else..."

"If only I had a different job..."

"If only I had finished school..."

"If only I had been handsome (beautiful)..."

"If only my spouse had stopped drinking..."

"If only I had been born rich..."

"If only I had better parents..."

People who live in the future may dream of some miracle after which they can "live happily ever after." Rather than pursuing their own lives, losers wait-wait for the magical rescue. How wonderful life will be when:

"When Prince Charming or the ideal woman finally comes..."

"When school is over..."

"When the kids grow up..."

"When that new job opens..."

"When the boss dies..."

"When my ship comes in..."

In contrast to those who live with the delusion of a

"LOSERS" CONT...

of a phony self is always at the expense of the real self, the latter being treated with disdain, at best like a poor relative." To the play acting loser, performance is often more important than reality.

Losers repress their capacities to express spontaneously and appropriately the full range of possible behavior. They maybe unaware of other options for a more productive, self-fulfilling life path. Losers are afraid to try new things and instead, maintain their own status quo. Losers are repeaters, repeating not only their own mistakes, but often those of their families and culture as well.

A loser has difficulty giving and receiving affection and does not enter into intimate, honest, direct relationships with others. Instead, a loser tries to manipulate them into living up to his or her expectations. Losers' energies are often channelled into living up to the expectations of others.

People who are losers are not using their intellect appropriately but instead are misusing it to rationalize and intellectualize. When rationalizing, losers give excuses to make their actions seem plausible. When intellectualizing they try to show others with verbiage. Consequently, much of their potential remains dormant, unrealised, and unrecognised. Like the frog prince in the fairy tale, losers are spellbound, and live their lives being something they are not meant to be.

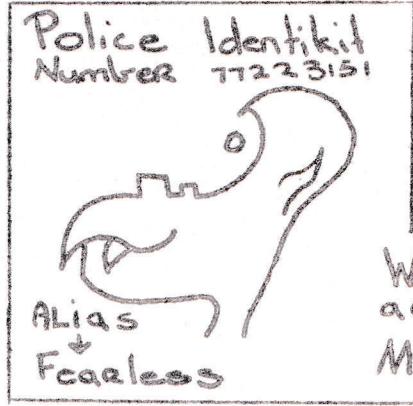
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BORN TO WIN

Tommy and Jane Ward

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WANTED, MARG'S
accomplice
Maureen Fagan

JOKE S

Race to the toilet

Written by Will.e. Makit.
Directed by Bet.e. Want.
and Ha Ha the doors locked

Q. Why did the Irishman
DRIVE his car into
the Yarra River
A. To dip his headlights

The aching tooth
written and directed
by Mona Lott

Q. Why didn't the
skeleton jump off
the cliff.

A. Because he had
no guts

Re-arrange the letters
to find out four words you
use in the classroom

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BY: PAUL WHITE

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Diary of a Typical Day (1)

Dear Diary,

Its 5 o'clock in the morning, (light up a smoke and puff away) finished smoking, get up, put the kettle on and go to the loo, hop back into bed and have another smoke, cough and splutter, wake the kids at 7, give them breakfast, make the beds and cut the lunches, (kettle boiling make a cup of tea, take it back to bed) & get the kids off to school, take a load of washing up on the roof, while that's going around do the breakfast dishes, one load of washing done, bring that down and maybe take another load up. Started sweeping the floor, telephone rings, wrong number, finished the floors, a knock on the door, only the rag man, wash the floors and maybe dust, phone rings again, only so & so for a natter, its 12 o'clock, no time for lunch, have to go to a meeting, come back put the ironing board up and

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and start to iron, another knock on the door, only someone a bit lonely, we have a chat for $\frac{1}{2}$ hour or so, kids are home from school, gotta start tea, what will we have tonight?? Tea finished, start on the dishes, kids all fighting as usual, throw them out for an hour or so, finished the dishes, run the bath for the kids, fighting who's getting in first and who's getting in last (only smoked a couple pkts today) kids in bed, peace, wake up and it's morning again.

Oh well Diary it's time I got out of bed and made a move, I guess I don't have to wonder what I'll do today I know it all by heart.

"Come on kids out of bed!"

Pottery

Tuesdays

1 p.m.-2 p.m. FRESH AIR
BACK TO HAVE CAMPAIGN
WE HAVE TO LEND YOU
GEAR TO ? ? ?

SHOPPING 10am.

EVERY OTHER

THURSDAY

(PENSION WEEKLY)
MEET AT GROUPS
HOUSE'S SESSIONS
WOMEN'S WEDNESDAY
EVERY 10.30
ONWARDS

NEWSLETTER

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DAY TRIPS

0 FAMILY CAMPING
DRIVER B-B-Q'S
(BE BRAVE) DINNERS ETC
SEE EDUCATION MARG.
WED 1 P.M. AT ? ? ?
HOUSE AT ? ? ?

HOUSE IS OPEN

BINGO 9-6 p.m.
EVERY BINGO EVERYBODY
PENSION OTHER WED BINGO
WEEK 7 P.M.-10 P.M. WELCOME

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DOING IT TOGETHER

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In January, 1976 the Women's Group organized the first of many school holiday camps for mothers and children. It was held at the Methodist Camp in Dromana and because it was seen somewhat in the light of a "trial run", eligibility was restricted to women from the group and their friends - and of course children. The aim was to assist women who would otherwise have little opportunity to take their children away on holidays, because the financial and transport difficulties

involved. At the request of the group, three staff members from the Community Health Centre attended as well as five mothers and fourteen children. The camp was a significant event, for two main reasons. Firstly, it met a genuine need; the women and children thoroughly enjoyed their break from city living and existence in the high rise flats.

Secondly, it was the first tangible achievement of the group. Assistance received had been at the women's request and on their terms, so the whole operation from start to finish had been

DOING IT TOGETHER

initiated and carried out by the women themselves.

Another event in January was a "Holiday Fun Factory" held at the local school for four days. This again was organized and run by the women and aimed to enable mothers and children to participate in creative activities, like painting, leatherwork, clay modelling, music, woodwork etc.

Some problems were caused by the fact that the group was only given access to the school at very

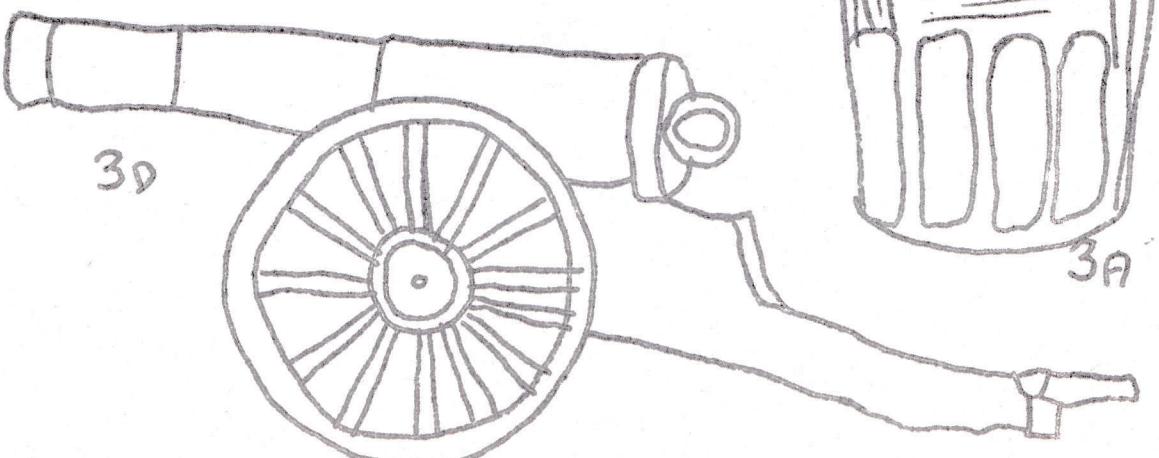
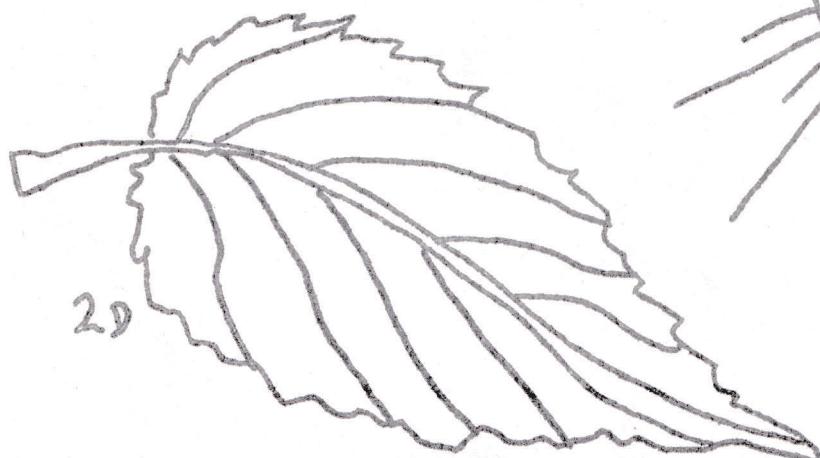
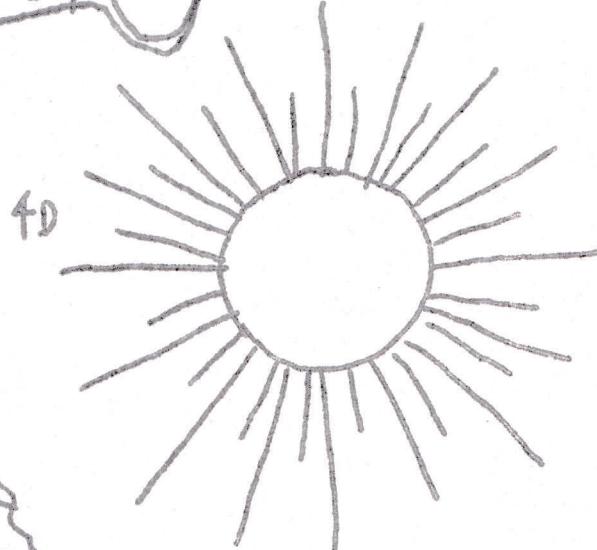
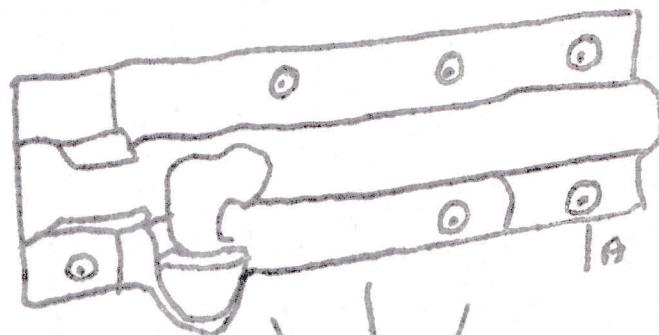
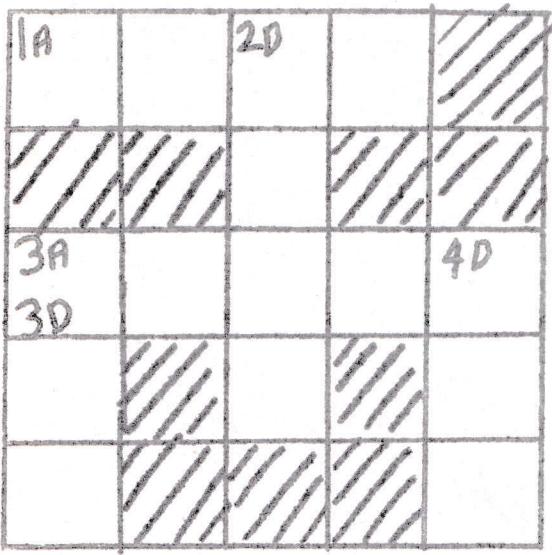
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short notice, and hence there was little time for preparation. However, this did not appear to have a serious effect and women and children both seemed to enjoy the event immensely.

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PIRSES, MAR. 21 - APRIL 19
 YOU CANT MAKE UP YOUR MIND WHETHER TO GO TO MOSCOW OR NOT. TAKE THE PLUNGE & GO A GOLD MEDAL IS WAITING FOR YOU.
 HIS COULD BE YOUR LUCKY WEEK. NEWS COULD BE TO TRY YOUR LUCK ON THE HORSE & GOLD NR 6 COLOUR.
 TRY TO GET YOUR WITS BACK ON WEDNESDAY SO ROLL OVER SUNDAY AND KEEP PREPARED AND RIGID.
 YOU WILL NEED TO CALL ON A LONG TIME FRIEND SO GET READY TO THE DENTIST & DENTAL OFFICE.
 YOUR PARTNER FEELS YOU ARE LOST AND LONELY BUT YOU DO HAVE FRIENDS SO MAKE AN EFFORT AND YOU WILL FEEL 100%. YOU ARE LOTS OF FUN TO BE WITH SO GET UP AND DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT.

SAGITTARIUS NOV. 22 - DECEMBER 21
 YOU NEEDED TO GET OUT AND GO OUT TO DINNER AND GO OUT TO DANCE HALL. IT'S A GOOD IDEA TO GET INVITATION TO BE A PART OF IT.

AQUARIUS - APR. 21 - FEB. 18
 THIS IS YOUR WEEK FOR PROBLEMS, BUT TAKE IT EASY, BY THE END OF THE WEEK YOU WILL HAVE ONE BIG HEADACHE TAKE TWO PAINKILLERS AND YOU WILL FEEL BETTER.

PISCES, FEB. 19 - MARCH 20
 DOING THE RIGHT THING, GOOD PROSPECTS ARE OFTEN THROWN TO YOU. FUTURE PLANS ARE OFTEN THROWN TO YOU.

GEMINI, MAY 22 - JUNE 21
 YOU WILL COME INTO MONEY, BUT DONT LET IT GO TO YOUR HEAD OR YOU WILL BE THE LOSER.
 PAY YOUR BILLS OR YOU COULD BE IN STRIFE. YOU WILL NEED TO CALL ON A PERSONAL FRIEND AND KEEP PREPARED AND RIGID.

CANCER, JUNE 22 - JULY 23
 YOUR HAVING A DOWNER THE KIDS ARE SICK, THE MONEY WONT GO FAR ENOUGH AND YOU CANT COPE, DONT WORRY YOUR NOT THE ONLY ONE.

LIBRA, SEPT. 23 - OCT. 22
 YOU FEEL LOST AND LONELY BUT YOU DO HAVE FRIENDS. SO MAKE AN EFFORT AND YOU WILL FEEL 100%. YOU ARE LOTS OF FUN TO BE WITH SO GET UP AND DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT.

SCORPIO, OCT. 23 - NOV. 22
 YOU EAT, DRINK AND SLEEP TOO MUCH. SO GET OUT AND ABOUT MORE. GO FOR A SOAK AND GET FIT IT WILL MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE TO YOU AND YOU WILL BE GREEN HAPPY.

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TIME

There is time to smile
and time to sleep
there is time like
and a time to give
you reach out for time
when there are things
to be done & there
is very little time left
time won't stand still
it goes on & on
never ceasing to end
there is no time left
like the future

BY LILLIAN RAIN

ROOTS

Welcome once again to our gardening section.
This month we will try to take a look at
Balcony Gardening

There are a few problems involved with balcony gardens, the soil in containers dry out more quickly than in the garden if you have a balcony and you live in the high rise you will have to make provision for this problem. One answer is to place bricks under your tubs, this way the plants will not be sitting in water. Also it is a good idea to spray the leaves with an atomizer containing water, this last suggestion will cause humidity. Corianite soils

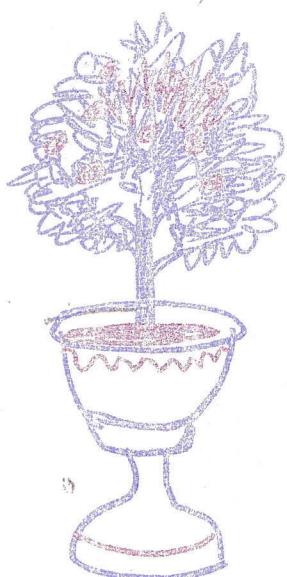
Generally this depends to a great extent upon the nature of the plants grown in them the soil should be free draining and open in texture. This is achieved by using a good loam as base material plus some sand plus a loose material like vermiculite (say 4 parts loam, 1 part sand, 1 part vermiculite, 2 parts peat moss)

Aspect. - The four main divisions are full sun ¹⁹, partial shade and half shade and full shade.

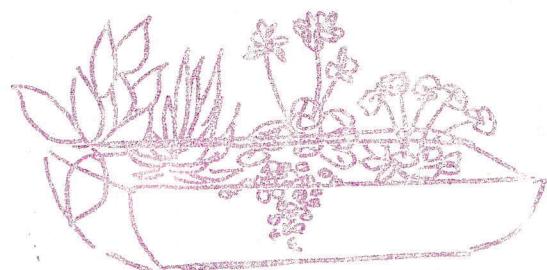
the first and last are self-explanatory and plantings suitable for these exposures must be selected.

Containers - There are a number of containers that are popular for balconies. remember to keep in mind the size of your balcony when choosing containers

Plants - Azaleas are very popular for this type of ~~growing~~ gardening they are ideal for small or medium pots and have blooms for many months of the year. Ferns, Bamboo, climbers and spillovers are just a few that can be used. Also you can use hanging baskets for very small balconies. Well I must go, so until next time happy gardening



Choose shapely pots
Types like this can be
planted with Camellia, campanula



When using planter boxes
vary the leaf shapes and
flowering annuals for a bright
effect