

Award-Winning Flowers of 1960 Listed

Harrisburg, Pa. — (Science Service) — You can have a rocket in your own backyard this summer — it could even be a Vanguard.

The rocket, which comes in six varieties, is an All-America award-winning snapdragon and the first bred for summer blooming and heat tolerance.

Two and three crops per season can be obtained from the same plants which bear 10 to 12 tall spike-like spikes filled with blossoms. The plants grow to three feet and come in the following colors: bronze, gold, orchid, red, rose and white.

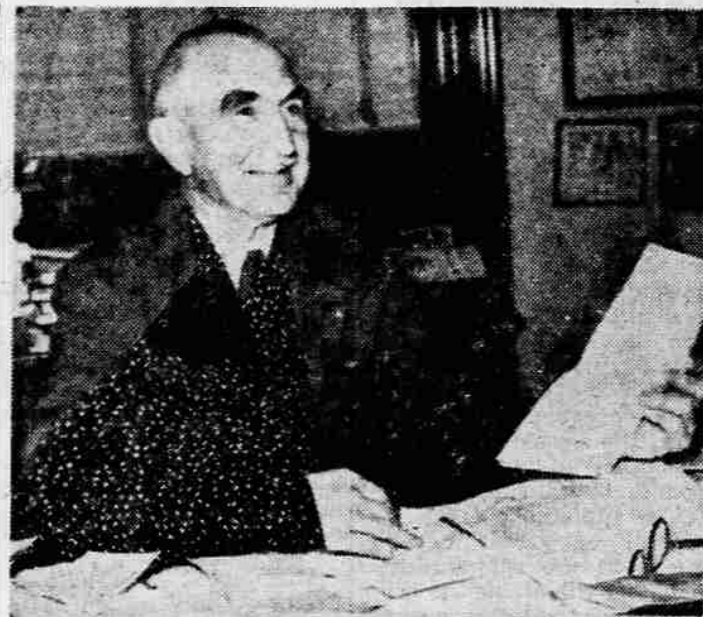
Vanguard, rose pink with a "golden throat," is the first double snapdragon to merit an All-America award, said W. Ray Hastings, executive secretary, of the All-America Selections which sponsors annual open trial-grounds competition for the world's leading introductions in vegetable and flower seeds.

Other Awards
Other All-America award winners include an extra large flowering annual salmon-colored phlox named Glamour.

A big orange marigold called Toreador is also an award winner. It is a carnation-flowered type, with four-inch blooms on a bush that may be as tall as three feet. A second marigold — Spun Gold — bears its three-inch blooms on low bushes that are said to be effective as borders or pot plants.

The only vegetable award winner for 1960 is the Just Right turnip. It is described as having pure white, slightly flattened globe-shaped roots with "vigorous erect leaves."

ISLAND CHAIN
Nine volcanic islands make up the Azores chain.



MORSE IN TUMBLE — Sen. Wayne Morse (D-Ore.) in his Washington office, began his "favorite son" candidacy for the Democratic presidential nomination with his right arm in a sling. He fell out of a hay mow of a barn he rents in Poolesville, Md. No bones were broken, he said, but he suffered a bad bone bruise and some torn ligaments. (UPI Telephone)

New Approach to Hospital Care Proves Impressive

Chicago — (Science Service) — A new approach to hospital care has proved to be more efficient, less expensive, and more beneficial to patients.

The new approach is called the "progressive patient care" plan. One of the first hospitals to adopt such a plan was the 300-bed Manchester Memorial hospital in Connecticut. The change-over to the new plan began in April, 1957. Drs. Howard J. Lockward and Lane Giddings, and Edward J. Thoms, of the hospital, reported in the Journal of the American Medical Association.

Although hospitals have mushroomed into this nation's third largest industry, care of patients need not be impersonal, they stressed.

Individual Treatment
"One of the main charges leveled at modern medicine is that we treat the disease instead of the patient," Dr. Lockward said. However, this

new plan has made it possible for each patient to be treated individually according to his medical needs, he explained.

The basis for this program rests on the degree of the individual's illness rather than economic status or type of disease.

There are four units under the plan. They are: special care unit for the seriously ill; intermediate care unit for those ill, but not seriously so; self-service unit for those able to take care of their own bodily needs, and continuation care unit for those chronically ill.

Benefits Result
This type of separation resulted in a number of benefits, Dr. Lockward said. For example, the alert recuperating patient no longer had his rest disturbed by an acutely ill roommate.

Through the special care unit, it was possible to admit all emergency patients with-

Tiny Radios Grow In Popularity

New York — (UPI) — Tiny transistor radios with earpieces are apparently growing in popularity among those who want to "get away from it all."

When the Japanese electronics firm of Toshiba, world's largest manufacturer of transistors, asked its American retailers to query some of their customers on how they use their tiny radios, the answers included:

For "tuning out" the boss at dull sales meetings and the wife during one of her monologues; for passing the time while hunting and fishing; for relieving the monotony of long truck rides; and for listening to jazz while attending the opera.

out delay, by-passing the admitting office. As patients improve, or their needs change, they are moved from unit to unit. These improvements in patient care had been achieved "at no greater cost to the patient," Dr. Lockward said.

The total patient cost per day is 20 per cent less than the average for 17 other hospitals of comparable size, he reported.

Japanese Inventor Gets First 1960 Patent for Photographer's Jacket

Washington — (Science Service) — The first U. S. patent granted in the new year was awarded to a Japanese for a photographer's jacket incorporating a built-in light-proof bag.

The jacket is intended to enable its wearer to change film, or perform other operations requiring light-free surroundings, without having to enter a darkroom.

The dark bag is located within the lining of the zipper-front jacket and is reached through two bag sleeves, which are also light-proof.

Among the 880 other inventions issued patents by the U. S. Patent Office here during the first week of 1960 are a portable escalator, an improved method of treating patients with vitamin B-12, and an automobile window ventilator.

Portable Escalator
The portable escalator made by Chris Kakoska of Maricopa county, Ariz., is for moving invalids from one seated position to another, such as from a car seat to a wheelchair. The escalator comprises a tough metal base on which a flat seat may be moved back and forth with the aid of rollers.

A difficulty in vitamin B-12

therapy is keeping the vitamin in the blood for extended periods of time. When injected into the blood stream, the vitamin rapidly reaches such a high blood concentration that it is eliminated in the urine within about 24 hours.

Robert E. Thompson of Mokena, Ill., has discovered a vitamin B-12 preparation that can be retained in the blood for up to two weeks without reaching the degree of concentration that would cause it to be excreted in a patient's urine.

Includes Vitamin B-12
His preparation comprises a vitamin B-12 active substance in combination with zinc and tannic acid. Patent rights were assigned to Armour and Company, Chicago.

A resilient ventilator strip that may be placed between the top of a car's side window and the window frame was patented by John P. Matthews of Youngstown, Ohio. The strip is provided with small holes so that, when the car window is tightly closed up against it, fresh air may still enter the car's interior.

Two golf clubs were also patented this week. Both feature built-in bubble levels. In one, a putter, the level is in

the shaft right below the handle grip. Intended to aid the golfer in determining accurately the pitch of the putting green, it was invented by George H. Darrell of Dedham and Charles E. Channing of Dover, Mass.

The other club, also a putter, has a level situated in its head for indicating to the golfer whether the club is being held in a level position. Its head is also marked with a directional arrow pointing towards the center of the ball. The club was invented by Harry L. Skelly of Reno, Nev.

Tie-On Ice Bag
A tie-on ice bag or hot water bag, big enough to hold about three ice cubes, was invented by Leona E. Prietsch of Venetia, Pa. Made of a non-sweating material to prevent moisture from forming around the point of contact, the bag has strings or straps that may be used to tie it in place wherever it is applied.

Patents of particular appeal to do-it-yourselfers are a nail-staple combination, a combination step and extension ladder and a hollow masonry drill.

The chief object of the nail-staple combination is to hold the staple in driving position and to guide it while being

Two Accidents Are Reported to Police

icy highway conditions were blamed indirectly for a one-vehicle accident at the Birdseye creek bridge near Rogue River Tuesday, state police said.

A pickup truck driven by Verge Irwin Dow, 51, of box 624, Rogue River was traveling south on Highway 99 when it made the turn approaching the bridge, slid across the highway and hit a bridge corner, police reported.

The driver suffered minor injuries, state police said. A truck and double trailer and car collided near Neil creek south of Ashland Tuesday afternoon, state police said. The truck driven by Clifford Cusack Hord, 42, of Redding, Calif., was attempting to pass a car driven by Beryl Leola Wayman, 60, of Portland, when the car swung over the yellow line.

Wayman was notified a complaint would be filed against him charging failure to operate on the right side of the highway, state police said.

CENSUS RATIO
Washington — Census figures show there are 106 males born in the United States each year for every 100 females.

New Masonry Drill
The masonry drill has a hollow tubular body with a thread on its outer surface and cutting teeth on its drilling end. It can cut rapidly by causing the cuttings to be raised from the hole away from the cutting teeth.

Other interesting patents included a phonograph record jacket with four sealed edges for protection against dust and moisture, an illuminated driveway curbing, and a method for stabilizing submersible drilling barges on sandy ocean bottoms.

driven. The combination ladder may be folded as a self-supporting step ladder or stretched out to become a straight extension ladder.

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