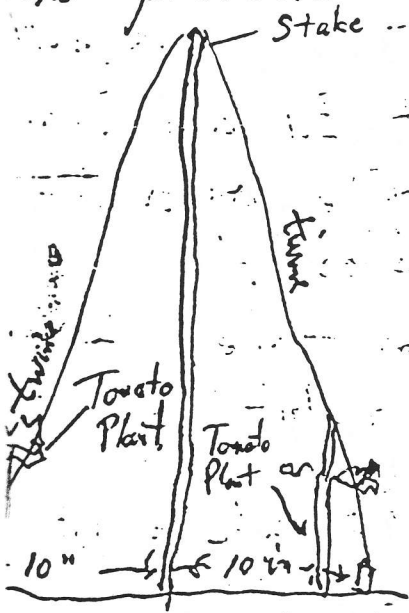


Yesterday we went to Janet Monafio's graduation and it was quite impressive. Cardinal Cushing spoke, and quite well and briefly. He was also not only serious but humorous at times.

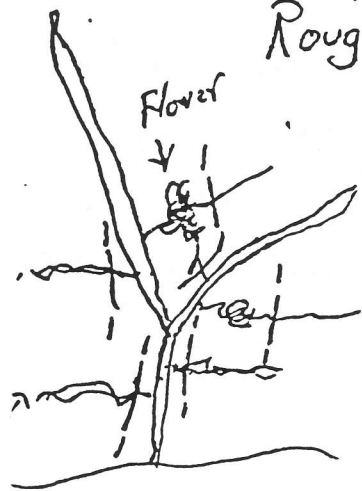
Growing tomatoes - Best to plant in double rows (about 20" apart) so that fruit is shaded by foliage. This prevents or helps prevent cracking. Diagrams below.



Stakes should be about 4' above ground and 18" below ground or  $5\frac{1}{2}$ ' to 6'. If you have plants already growing, drive a stake between 2 plants in row. You can let each plant grow 2 branches so you drive a stake between each 2 plants or between all plants. A tomato plant has a main stem which you will want to grow and suckers which you should pinch off, except the first main one (over)

as large as the main stem and as vigorous. It may not necessarily be the first branch but could be 2nd or 3rd but generally the first one. Pinch off others about 1" from main stem. Also the flowers continue to grow a branch so pinch it off about 1" beyond the flowers. Spray the first flowers (on same plants at least) with an hormone spray such as sold in most seed and garden supply stores. These are different trade names but most are good and produce earlier yields of larger more numerous fruits.

Rough sketch but might give you idea.



↑ means pinch  
ff here.

Billie and Bette were here Sat. and look well. Had an enjoyable cookout at Ed and Jean's Sun. They and children are fine after the children's bout with the measles.

Muriel and Ed and Brian fine. I worked with Fred for a few days but couldn't take it.

Well all my love to you All

Dad.

P.S. hope to visit you and help you with Tom's. They need heavy fertilizing