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GARDENING

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THE DANDELION

O Dandelion, rich and haughty,
King of village flowers!

Each day is coronation time.
You have no humble neighbor.

I like to see you bring a troop
To beat the blue-grass spears,
To scum the lawn mower that
would be
Like fate's triumphant shears.

Your yellow heads are cut away.
It seems your reign is over.

By noon you raise a sea of stars
More golden than before.

W. VACILL LANDSAY
from "General William Booth En-
ters into Heaven, and other
poems."

ROCK GARDEN SHOULD BE CAREFULLY DRAINED

In a rock garden little or nothing can be done in the way of fertilization of the soil after it is constructed except in an occasional pocket. Fortunately, the plants that thrive best in a rock garden need little special manuring for their successful growth. In fact, they are usually best adapted to poor, well-drained soil. It is necessary that this sort of a garden be watched as carefully as a border, that weeds may not become established and encroach upon the desirable plants. Rock gardens are usually best adapted to plants requiring dry or well-drained situations, though occasionally they prove moist almost everywhere, in which case the plants may be especially selected for the place. The dry, gravelly soil discourages the growth of the many plants that might become troublesome weeds on better soil.

Little can be done in the way of mulching as practised in borders, but even where possible it would not be desirable, as most of the plants adapted to rock-garden mulching or winter best with a mulch or gravel about them to prevent winter rot at the crown.

All hardy vegetables may be planted now, including carrots, peas, spinach, radishes, onions, turnips and beets.

TREES WORTH SAVING

Tree lovers often have to face the question of deciding whether or not a particular tree is worth the expense of treatment. Tree specialists of the United States Department of Agriculture say that most shade and ornamental trees with only a few dead limbs are unquestionably worth attention. Others that have many dead limbs or decayed areas may not be worth the expense involved, particularly if they are rapid-growing short-lived trees. In many cases the owner will be better satisfied in the end to replace a badly diseased or mutilated tree with a healthy perfect one.

Weeds may be removed from the lawn with a sharp knife or small trowel. This work is easiest in the spring while the earth is damp and before it becomes dry and hard. Fill the holes with good soil and reseed.

SOME BUGS ARE

Plants have friends among the bugs and insects in the garden as well as enemies so an amateur should not be too hasty in destroying insect life. Investigate first friends. They feed upon harmful bugs, insects and their larvae.

Lady bug beetles feed on plant lice and scale insects, both in larvae and adult stages.

Tornets feed almost entirely on insects.

Frogs and toads feed largely on insect and slugs.

Lizard lives on small beetles and other insects.

Garden spiders feed on large flies, small moths, etc.

Wasps are generally beneficial because predatory on other in-

sects, which they use as food for their larvae.

Ground beetles, in both larvae and adult stages, feed on such insects as go under ground to pupate.

Bees are useful pollinators and almost indispensable to plant life.

Tree crickets feed on plant lice.

Dragon flies feed on a great variety of injurious insects.

Remove the branches of all shrubs which have been winter-killed. The cuts should be made back to a live bud.

Do not be deceived by the early spring thaws into regarding the mulch from your borders. Take it off gradually and leave it close by so it may be thrown back should a cold spell come. It is the alternate freezing and thawing in the spring that injures the plants.

Where the mulch is of such material that it will work into the soil and add humus, spread it in. It is almost impossible to have too much humus in the soil.

Do not remove any of the mulch from around the Rhododendrons, rather work it into the soil lightly, or simply leave it to rot down.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Birmingham, Michigan,
April 18, 1930.

The regular meeting of the Board of Education was held in the office at 8 a. m.

Present: R. J. Coryell, Ray A. Palmer, Fred V. Quarton, Leigh Lynch and Guy W. Jensen.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Mr. W. S. Toothaker filed a report of the Senior Washington Group trip and it was moved by Lynch, supported by Palmer that a vote of thanks be tendered him by the Board of Education. Carried.

Moved by Jensen, supported by Lynch that the request of the Memorial Day committee for the participation of the school band be granted. Carried.

Moved by Lynch, supported by Palmer that the following teachers be offered contracts for 1930 at the salaries named. Carried.

Gertrude Herrick, Barnum Grade 7A, English and Session Room. \$1500.

Mary E. Sharpe, Adams Grade 8, English and Penmanship, \$1,600.

Hattie E. Skinner, Adams, Grade 4, \$1300.

Dorothy Lundquist, Adams, Grade 1, \$1350.

Ruth Shields, Quarton, Grade 1, \$1350.

Miles W. Robinson, Baldwin, Manual Training, \$2500.

Ruth E. Ash, Quarton, Music, \$1575.

Mr. Randall was authorized to proceed with the work at the Adams playground by increasing the height of the fence and building a retaining wall along the south side of property.

Mr. Randall was authorized to enter into contract with the Central Boiler Works to replace the entire two side sections of the fire box in a boiler at the Quarton school.

It was moved and supported that Eames and Brown be allowed extra for running 1" cold water service from softener in machinery room through steam boilers and also one boiler for the sum of \$162.00 and for running 1 1/2" cold water service from machinery room in building boiler room in order to eliminate the present meter and service pipe in old building for the sum of \$212.00. Carried.

Eames and Brown were authorized to connect fifty temporary radiators at \$4.50 a radiator, this

being the price stated in the original bid.

Chisus Brothers were authorized to proceed with change of floor in Band Room from linoleum to maple flooring at a credit of \$65.00 and to change the woodwork in the Domestic Science room from Oak to Birch for the extra sum of \$25.00.

Moved and seconded that the bills be allowed. Carried.

A. W. Berndt, Band Instruments, \$15.75; W. A. Johnson, Coal, \$47.05; Clarence V. Petty, Cash, \$41.16; Hallock Grocery, Domestic Science, \$33.88; The Sabin-Robbins Paper Co., Printing Dept., \$3.43; Chisus Brothers, Building, \$39.74; Tets Electric Co., Building, \$28.50; First National Bank, Coupons, \$212.50; First National Bank, Coupons, \$10.21; David Fleming, Grounds, \$60.60; First National Bank, Coupons, \$21.25; Garden City Education Co., Supplies, \$23.29; Lyndon Company, Supplies, \$3.92; Lawson-Erb Lumber Co., Physical Training, \$9.88; Athletic Trainers Supply Co., Physical Training, \$10.35; The Ronald Press Co., Library Supplies, \$10.25; Hallock Grocery, Domestic Science, \$6.25; World Book Company, Text Books, \$12.16; Houghton, Mifflin Company, Text Books, \$11.40; Eugene Dietzgen Co., Manual Training, \$3.51; The Sabin-Robbins Paper Co., Printing Dept., \$4.28; Butler Paper Company, Printing Dept., \$10.47; Bacon & Vincent Co., Text Books, \$5.15; Swerger's School Supplies, \$12.62; Grinnell Brothers, Supplies, \$13.10; Silver-Burdett & Co., Text Books, \$15.00; Coal Corporation of America, Coal, \$52.35; Consumers Power Co., Gas, \$23.75; Detroit Edison Co., Electricity, \$16.54; LaBelle's Book Shop, Library Supplies, \$18.80; E. W. Osborne, Automobiles, \$4.80; Palace Model Laundry Co., Building, \$12.38; George L. Williams Co., Junior Supplies, \$22.77; Leonard Electrical Co., Building Repair, \$2.05; Michigan Bell Tele-

phone Co., \$56.69; L. E. Aldrich Service Station, Automobiles, \$14.59; Firestone Service, Automobiles, \$14.06; Birmingham Hardware Co., Physical Training, \$66.95; Birmingham Wallpaper Co., Supplies, \$11.75; Royal Oak Birmingham Express, Printing Dept., \$1.50; Birmingham Eccentric, printing, \$36.85; South-Western Publishing Co., Supplies, \$6.76; The Educational Buyer, Library, \$2.44; Mentzer, Bush & Co., Text Books, \$7.51; J. W. Dykstra & Co., Bldg. & Grounds, \$53.30; Warren Webster & Co., Bldg. Repair, \$42.02; First State Bank, Pay Roll, \$1,508.68; McBride Hardware Co., Bldg. and Grounds, \$1,280.00; First National Bank, Coupons, \$1,763.15; Katherine F. Shaw, Supply Teacher, \$14.00; First National Bank, Coupons, \$65.75.

Moved and seconded to adjourn. Carried.

R. J. CORYELL,
President.

RAY A. PALMER,
Secretary.

Birmingham, Michigan,
April 19, 1930.

A special meeting of the Board of Education was held in the office at 8 p. m.

Present: R. J. Coryell, Ray A. Palmer, Fred V. Quarton, Leigh

Lynch and Guy W. Jensen.

Moved by Jensen, supported by Quarton that the application of Miss Evangeline Pursell for employment in the Birmingham schools be received and accepted and that she be authorized to provide employment for her.

Year: Jensen, Palmer, Quarton, Lynch, Coryell.

Nay: None.

Carried.

Moved and seconded to adjourn. Carried.

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No. 2 can...

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