

**Need More Pruning In State Orchards**

East Lansing, May 7.—Additional pruning of fruit trees and shrubs to decrease their water requirements, and the use of mulches to conserve all available moisture are two practices recommended by the department of horticulture at Michigan State College for use in Michigan orchards and ornamental plantings this year.

Woody plants which have received light or moderate pruning should be given an extra pruning immediately. The amount of wood removed should total that taken in heavy pruning. While the yield of fruit will probably be slightly reduced by the amount of wood removed, this loss will be compensated by an extra quality of fruit and by the added ability of the trees to resist drought conditions.

Heavy pruning is contrary to the usual advice given to Michigan fruit growers by the college department of horticulture and is given this year only as an emergency measure which will in some degree assist to carry the trees through a critical period.

**Village Ranks High In New Building Work**

Birmingham stood third among the cities and villages surrounding Detroit in the amount of building activity during the month of March, according to the monthly report issued yesterday by Joseph P. Wolf, commissioner for the city of Detroit. Unincorporated areas are not included in the report.

The total spent in Birmingham for construction purposes during the month was \$37,400, which was increased during April to \$122,495, according to the report of Building Inspector Donald C. Egbert, released last week.

Besides ranking third in the Detroit area during March, Birmingham stood ninth among all villages and cities in the state amount of building activity, according to a report prepared by S. W. Strauss and Company.

First place in the Detroit area for March went to Wyandotte, with a total of \$210,812 spent for construction work. Dearborn was second with \$170,730 and Ferndale fourth with \$19,700.



**Proudest Moment In His Life**  
This is undoubtedly the proudest moment in the life of 13-year-old Hoover on the White House grounds in Washington. A house guest of the president and first lady, Bryan has been embraced by every youth in the land.

**Jesuit to Speak At Mission For Men**

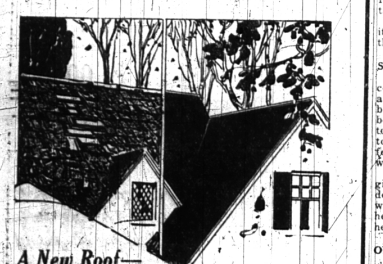
The mission for men conducted at the Holy Name Church on Harmon avenue will close Saturday with a service at 8 P. M. The mission, which opened Sunday, was conducted by the Rev. E.

Hamilton, S. J., with services at 6 and 8 A. M. and at 8 P. M. A mission for men will open Sunday, May 10, under the direction of the Rev. J. M. Cunningham, S. J., with services also at 6 and 8 A. M. and at 8 P. M. The public is invited.

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**Bo-Broadway**  
OF JOSEPH VAN RAALTE

NEW YORK, May 7.—Uncle Henry Ford says that a repeal of the Dry Law would cut wages.

And a lot of people think that it's better to have the wages cut than the liquor.

**STRANGE INTERLUDE**  
A man from Pennsylvania recently departed for home from a midtown hotel, leaving on the bureau the picture of a very beautiful young woman in a tooled blue-leather frame. A maid took the picture to the lost and found department and the man was communicated with.

"Sinah that picture—burn it—give it to the Salvation Army—do anything you want with it," he wired to the hotel, "but for heaven's sake don't send it back here."

**ONE LITTLE WORD**  
Says Jed Harris, the theatrical producer:

"There is hardly any theatrical public left for clean and offensive dramatic fare. The 'movies' and the sound films have absorbed all the available trash of that sort and probably will continue to do so, so that what little dirt finds its way to the legitimate stage is easy to recognize."

And he continues: "The stage is like a goddamned teeddy. She may smile on a man one minute and be off the next. She may make his fortune and then leave him flat. She's an amiable slych so amiable that she survives in the public affection despite all the attacks of puritans and reformers and is LIABLE to continue to be held in favor for a long time yet, at least, an fond of her."

Mr. Harris' use of the word "liable" when he meant "likely" is significant.

**INTERNAL TROUBLE**  
Mr. Harris is right. The theater survives despite puritans and reformers because of a menace more deadly than either puritan or reformer, namely, the present breed that has taken to the stage.

The stage, like the church, has suffered more from within than from without, from its friends rather than from its enemies.

**FRIXAMPLE**  
Take Jed Harris for example: Just a lucky kid—that's the best you can say for him. Touted out of all proportion to his merit. A nice lad taken by and large, but a man whose reputation and whose Ability wouldn't recognize each other if they met head on outside his office in the glare of the mid-day sun.

He runs around Broadway in old slippers, needing a shave and a haircut. These things have been noted by the army of peepers who scribble off the press and the unthinking have come to invest Jed Harris with the attributes of genius—not because of any outstanding accomplishment in his chosen profession, but because of these little eccentricities of personality.

An ironic Fate completed the ludicrous picture by showing Jed Harris with wealth in his youth; and what is it the jester says in "As You Like It": "I'll heaven hath lent me fortune."

**A STIMULANT**  
Some time when you have nothing better to do, set down on paper ten things or conditions that you think would make life most worth living, and then see how your hectic complex with that of Stuart Child, as described in his new book, "The Nemesis of American Business."

Mr. Chase wants to live in a community that fosters health, beauty, economic security for all.

**MORE FIGURES**  
Approximately 6,000 miles of gas and water pipe lie under the streets of the city. The sewers stretch a total of 3,000 miles.

The New York Steam Corporation has 60 miles of large pipes under Manhattan. Pneumatic postal tubes 150 miles long carry more than 5,000,000 letters daily from one post office branch to another.

And when anything goes wrong with this intricate underground network it requires a corps of engineers with an army of workers to straighten it out.

**Michigan Honors Birmingham Youth**  
Frederick L. Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick W. Johnson of Adams road, a student in the college of engineering at the University of Michigan, has been selected to membership in Phi Eta Sigma, national scholastic honor society, freshmen, according to an announcement made by his parents.

He also won the championship for the freshman class for securing the greatest number of points in the penmanship held recently. He was graduated from Edgewood High School here a year ago, and is 19 years old.

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