

# LAWN CARE IS DESCRIBED

## Garden Contest Entrants Told Of Fertilizing, Watering, Mowing

(This article was written by Mrs. Emerson C. Brown, local horticultural and landscape gardener, for the benefit of entrants in the Village Yard and Garden Contest at which other home-owners who take pride in their lawns and gardens.)

**By EMERSON C. BROWN**  
The lawn, the most essential part of the landscape, is too often neglected. With few exceptions, you may be sure that a lawn full of weeds was improperly built or has not had proper care. The maintenance of lawns depends chiefly upon fertilizing, watering and mowing, in order to keep the turf in such condition that, few, if any, weeds will have an opportunity to flourish.

Fertilizing a lawn is one of the most important items in its main-

**WE HEARD IT SAID BY**  
Wesley Whittemberger, 644 Purdy street, "I want to emphasize the Birmingham Fire department for the speedy and efficient efforts they made in extinguishing the fire at my house Tuesday night. I never saw a better firemen leave a place in such nice shape. They mopped up and cleaned up every bit of refuse."

tenance for the reason that few lawns are so well prepared when made that they do not begin to need additional food, the first or second year in their construction. It is difficult to convince those who are developing lawns for the first time that money expended in the proper preparation and fertilization of a good depth of top soil is a small expense necessary to keep a lawn not correctly prepared when initially made, in the best condition.

**Turf Needs Food**  
A good turf requires food in the form of fertilizer, and this food supply must either be provided at the time the lawn is built or it must be constantly supplied from June 1 year afterward.

The amount of water required by a lawn depends entirely upon the amount of food present in the soil upon which the roots of the grass mat feed, and the season. If the soil is unusually dry, or the grass roots are being robbed by insects, watering is very important. In any event, a few thorough soakings are much more valuable than frequent sprinklings.

The effect of a good soaking is not only more lasting, but it also encourages deep rooting of the grass which, in turn, tends to resist the necessity of watering and also keeps up new stores of plant food in the grass roots. An effective soaking should moisten the soil to a depth of five or six inches.

**Careful Mowing Required**  
Clipping lawns should be governed by the use to which each individual lawn is to be put. Mowing should not be long neglected at seasons when the grass is growing rapidly, nor should it be too frequent in hot weather. Clipping should cease before the grass stops growing in the fall, so that a long growth may be left on the lawn over winter.

Mrs. John Wilson's group of the Methodist Ladies Society will meet Wednesday, June 15, at the home of Mrs. Ned Barnett, of Cranbrook. Tea will be served at 4 o'clock following.

Cranbrook School and Foundation Mrs. H. C. Murray will assist the hostess.

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## ROTARIANS HEAR CLARENCE VLIET

School Superintendent Speaks On Character Development in Youth

Taking as his subject, "Character Building," Clarence Vliet, local superintendent of public schools, told his fellow-Rotarians Monday noon session of the problems that beset the educator in moulding youthful lives, and also touched on the general theme of moral growth in human beings.

Mr. Vliet's talk included the statement that "we need to develop character in order to carry out a purposeful life; we need not only to develop our worldly intellects, but our moral and spiritual intelligence as well."

The best way to commence the habit of character formation is to start right after their birth, holds Mr. Vliet, so that correct habits, which tend to develop into a sort of practical instinct, may be made a part of growing human beings.

"Erectt never is so strong as example. Parents cannot lie in front of their children and expect them to grow up to love and practice the truth," declared the speaker. "Parents who fail to set a good example for their children to follow are only laying up difficulties for themselves in later life. You never can escape the stern necessity of paying for your mistakes in bringing up your children."

"Children today, perhaps more than ever before, need to develop a high character formation. Give youth something upon which it can depend for guiding its steps through the mazes of life. Make your children self-reliant, able to stand on their own feet and on their own convictions."

**MRS. ARENS WINS WOMEN'S GOLF TITLE**  
Mrs. John Arens of the Detroit Golf club won the golf championship of the Detroit Women's District in the annual spring tournament at the Birmingham Golf Club yesterday with a score of 260. Mrs. Stewart Hanley, of Bloomfield Hills, was runner-up, two strokes behind.

**VLIET HEADS Y. M. C. A. BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
Clarence Vliet, superintendent of schools, was elected president of the board of directors of the Birmingham Y.M.C.A. at the annual organization meeting Wednesday of last week. He succeeds G. A. Ziegler, who remains a member of the board.

Warren Gibson was re-elected secretary and T. M. Faddis was re-elected treasurer.

**Births**  
Mr. and Mrs. Hugh E. Erb of 704 Hanna street announce the birth of a daughter, Betty Lou, May 28, at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital.  
Mr. and Mrs. J. W. McCann, 1212 Webster street, announce the birth of a son, Laurence Harvey, on May 20.  
Not Particularly Pleasant  
First Cop: "I got a dog tag." Second Cop: "Was he mad?" First Cop: "Well, it didn't exactly please him."  
**WE HEARD IT SAID BY—**  
Miss Irene E. Hanley, village clerk, will be my office in the Municipal Building every Monday evening for several minutes before the Commission meetings at 8 P. M. to enable residents of the village to register in accordance with the permanent registration law.



## URGES FEDERAL BANK GUARANTY

Millington Tells Exchangers Of Plan For Bolstering Financial Structure

Theodore H. Millington, of Bloomfield Hills, exponent of a plan to create a federal guaranty bank structure for the United States, talked to Birmingham exchangers Tuesday noon at the Community House. He was introduced by H. T. Ellery, in charge of the program for the day.

Mr. Millington explained some of the details of his plan which, he claims, will strengthen the financial structure of the country by bringing about a better supervision of all banks, and eliminating any chance of the depositors losing their funds.

My plan, which has been approved by many financial minds, makes the federal government a third owner of the institution, which is owned by banks and bank stockholders, said Mr. Millington. "The depositors will have no voice in the board of directors. It will eliminate predatory competition between banks create a greater mobility of cash reserves, and thus prevent some of the bad effects of industrial panics."

Mr. Millington is seeking to create a Depositors' League of the United States, an organization which he hopes will eventually induce Congress to enact federal guaranty bank legislation.

**LOOKS AT LIFE**  
By EDWIN M. CLARK IV  
The near world-wide industrial paralysis has been upon us for two years and more. I doubt that a knowledge of its various causes would be any aid in finding a palliative, but it would, of course, be an aid in preventing a recurrence. Without doubt there have been some easily avoidable causes, but any attempt to graduate them is futile. We may as well group them as they are, and say it was the World War.

Much of the millions upon millions of money which Europe had come to us from Europe in payment for war supplies have been reaped in merchandise, and, during the last two years, and more at prices from 20 to 40 percent lower than when the debts were incurred.

Consider how these payments impose an added burden upon Europe's industry. All of this redemption incurred no similar liability on our part—we simply returned the evidence of indebtedness. Observe that to the extent this merchandise came from Europe there was a simultaneous industrial activity on our part.

Our concurrent activity was during the war and was effected by the credit. And our activity at that time, with its high wages, was not a mere "prosperity." Observe that Europe is now paying us 20 to 40 percent more than when her debt was incurred—this from the increased value of the dollar. All of this means the same number of dollars, but the toil to obtain each dollar is far more.

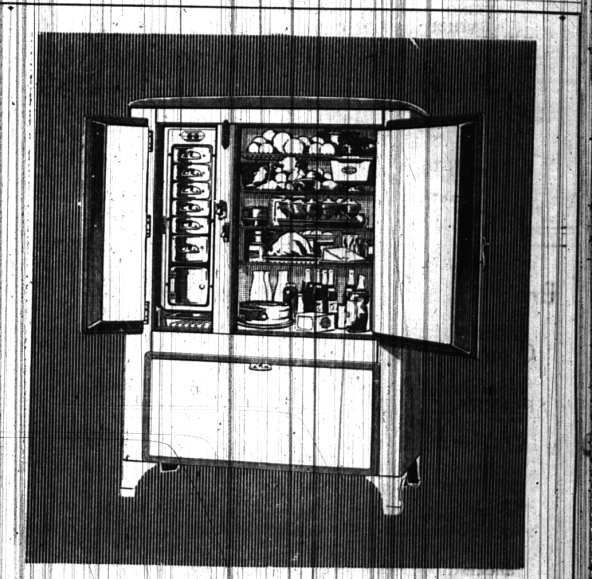


## FIRE BURNS HOLE IN ROOF OF HOME

Damage of between \$25 and \$50 was caused to the home of Wesley Whittemberger, 644 Purdy street, Tuesday night when fire smoldered in a damp roof for several hours before it was discovered. A hole was burned in the roof and embers dropped down between the walls, hencymbombing partitions.

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