

MAN WITH A BAG He's stealing chips from our yard. I see him coming along in the dusk over there. He's bent way over. His head is bare. He's stopping. I wonder what he's found. He almost looks like part of the ground. A dirty old man with a dirty old sack. Full of our kindling, flung over his back. Why! His back stays bent when he stands up straight. An old man—shouldn't be out so late. He's going. No use to go out and scold. And oh, he's so wretchedly thin and old. —Beatrice McDonald.

Southfield Zoning Ordinance Upheld Southfield Township's zoning ordinance has been upheld by Judge Frank L. Doty of the Oakland County Circuit Court. Suit has been brought by Clark F. Most and others in the township, challenging the validity of the ordinance. "The ordinance may not be as complete in detail as one might desire, but the ordinance must be considered as a whole when its constitutionality as an entirety is questioned. The court, therefore, holds the ordinance is a valid exercise of the police power and is constitutional," Judge Doty wrote in his opinion.

Gardeners' Corner (This column is conducted for The Eccentric's readers by Mrs. Marc T. Patten, Box 146, Bloomfield Hills. Questions on gardening matters may be addressed to Mrs. Patten and they will be answered in the Gardeners' Corner as directly by mail.) WINTER PERSPECTIVE Besides planning an individual bed, the gardener should look over the possibilities in one's garden. There are so many kinds of plants available that the most suitable and interesting to the owner should be planned. Beverly Nichols in Green Groves the City tells the exciting story of planning a city lot, triangular at that. The secret is to keep everything in scale, leave enough lawn to direct, what Mr. Nichols calls "the eye" where you want it to be directed. This can be done by paths, the line of the beds, the addition of a wall. Place for rock plants can be found in a tiny rock garden or in a large one. Exotic species has its miniature members. If you haven't room for a whole vegetable garden, "kitchen" plants might be as much fun and less trouble! Here you could plant the usual vegetable garden, but in a savory, thyme and sazes; radishes, two or three tomato plants. In December, the gardener is facing your limitations than having unlimited space, that matters.

Exchangites See Electric Display An interesting display and talk showing the future trend of illumination was given to the Exchange Club Tuesday noon by the staff members of the Westinghouse company. Armstrong showed the trend toward smaller bulbs in the home type of lamp, and demonstrated several lamps which serve as spot lights with their reflecting surfaces on the inside of the bulb. He demonstrated also the new tube lights, which gain their illumination through passing current through a gas rather than through a wire. The climax of the program came when a transformer showed the novel effects of ultraviolet light shown upon cloths and cards which had been impregnated with special new inks. In the ultraviolet light, the special inks took on hues entirely different from those in natural light. Ralph W. Bricker arranged the program.

SCOUT NEWS BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA A New Scout Troop A new Scout Troop was begun last Monday at the Community House with Paul Savage as Scoutmaster. The troop is sponsored by Holy Name Parish—Teacher Association and the first Catholic troop in the Birmingham district. The formation of the troop was delayed for some time by technical entanglements that troops frequently encounter while under construction, but is now under way and will meet regularly. Between 15 and 20 boys, both Scouts and non-Scouts, turned up at the first meeting, and more are expected in the future, so the troop seems well supplied with members. The number of this new troop will be 12, although for some time it was undecided whether or not to name it after the old-defunct B-2. Mr. Savage has been a Scout leader for two years. The Birmingham Troop Committee includes several experienced Scouters, and in addition two older Scouts, Clarence Shapughnessy and Jack Dunn have joined the troop as junior leaders.

Library Has List Of Books For Use Of Student Essayists Numerous books are available at Baldwin Public Library for the use of students who are entering the essay contest on "The Benefits of Democracy" sponsored by the local, state and national Ladies' Auxiliaries of the N.W. The list, compiled by Miss Adeleine Cooke, librarian, includes the following: "Democracy"—Harold J. Laski—1921. "Changing Governments and Changing Culture"—Harold H. Jones—1937. "Calling America"—The Challenge to Democracy Reaches over Here, by Raymond Gram Swing, ed., in Survey Graphic—February 1939. "Which Way America?" by Lyman Bryson—1939. "America in Mid Passage"—by Chas. A. and Mary Beard—1939. "The Rise of American Civilization"—Chas. and Mary Beard—1933. "The Epic of America"—James Truslow Adams—1936. "Bulwark of the Republic"—Burton S. Hendrick—1936.

Knickerbocker and Burton Holmes Next H. R. Knickerbocker, famous American foreign correspondent, and Burton Holmes, world's greatest travel lecturer, will be the next speakers for the World Adventure Series at the Detroit Institute of Arts. Knickerbocker will speak on "The Changing Map of Europe," at 3:30 next Sunday afternoon, Feb. 18, and Holmes will show new motion pictures and present his new travelogue, "Around the World," at 8:30 next Tuesday evening, Feb. 20.

CASH AND CARRY Men's 3 Pcs. Suits Ladies' Plain Dresses 88c CLEANED AND PRESSED PECK'S Woodward—near Maple

Aha! Employer: "Why hasn't this job been done? It's nearly a month since I told you about it." Office Boy: "I forgot, sir." Employer: "Forgot? Suppose I forgot to pay you. What would you say?" Office Boy: "I should come and tell you immediately, not wait a month before I kicked up a fuss."

CATALOGUES Baldwin Library has an interesting collection of 1940 garden catalogs. Drop in and look at them. Are you still trying to learn your weekly quota of plant names for the "Forists" Publishing Company, Chicago has a new "Propagating Dictionary of Plant Names for 1935, covering more than 4,000 names of plants in botanical terms with key to pronunciation and brief definition that might help. In fact, you can't afford to be ignorant.

Dr. Howland Offers 8 Scholarships to Vocal Aspirants Dr. William Howland, head of the voice department of the Baldwin Institute, has offered to talented high school students eight scholarships of \$25 each. The only conditions are that the young singers are not studying with any other vocal instructor, they have good voices, a good ear and have some knowledge of music. Each scholarship consists of 10 lessons.

City Well Represented Between 25 and 30 Birmingham citizens will be present at the window-decorating event by a slight margin over several close competitors. There wasn't a contest of course, but comparisons, though odious, are inevitable. The winning window in the contest, that over-extended was in charge of Elmer Giles, patrol leader of B-7 Wolf Patrol.

Youth Pleads Guilty As Reckless Driver John S. Bell, 19 years old, driver of a local drug store, pleaded guilty to a charge of reckless driving when he was arraigned before Justice Forbes S. Haswell on Tuesday. The youth was arrested last Friday after he had failed to stop his car at Maple avenue and drove on the wrong side of Linden road. He was placed on a year's probation.

BIRMINGHAM THEATRE TODAY - FRI. - SAT. PRESTON FOSTER AND ANDY DEVINE "GERONIMO" JOSEPH ALLEN, JR. AND JEAN CAGNEY "ALL WOMEN HAVE SECRETS" Special 3 Hour Fun-Feat SAT MAT at 2 P.M. ON THE STAGE Marko & Jerome Mystifying Magic and Tom-Foolery ONE HOUR OF Comics & Novelties "THE GREEN HORNET" Chapter 8 and "GERONIMO" The Greatest of all Indian Warriors SEE OUR OTHER AD FOR BIG NOVEL PROGRAM STARTING SUNDAY

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PLANT NAMES Baldwin Library has a new "Propagating Dictionary of Plant Names for 1935, covering more than 4,000 names of plants in botanical terms with key to pronunciation and brief definition that might help. In fact, you can't afford to be ignorant. MEETINGS The secret meeting of the Birmingham Garden Center is set for Tuesday evening, Feb. 20 at 8 p. m. at the Baldwin Library. The subject: Color in the Garden the Year Round, with colored slides from the Massachusetts Horticultural Society, Mrs. Boston, secretary of the Detroit Garden Center, will give the lecture. Remember that what is hardy in Massachusetts is hardy here and year round color is something to know about. Mrs. Boston will also look over the Center to lend. These meetings are open to the public; there is no charge. Don't miss it.

Word of Advice To the courageous Scouts who are cooperating in the winter window-decorating event by a slight margin over several close competitors. There wasn't a contest of course, but comparisons, though odious, are inevitable. The winning window in the contest, that over-extended was in charge of Elmer Giles, patrol leader of B-7 Wolf Patrol.

Sea Scouts Returned Camp George last Sunday, strained in every limb, drenched by snow-balls, hungry, tired, and with the strongest onion breath ever exhaled in Oakland County. Head it said that the Sea Scouts were really asleep, and that their heads had picked them up and carried them home. Incidentally, two of them hiked out there on skis, and brother, if they weren't, they'd never try it.

RAISING CASH FOR FINE William M. Pipe, of Pontiac, arrested by police after they found him slumbering in his automobile, was charged with being disorderly in Justice Forbes S. Haswell court, Tuesday. A fine of \$25 or 10 days in jail was the sentence. Pipe elected to pay and is now raising the \$25.

Here It Is! BIRMINGHAM THEATRE NOVEL PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT NOT A DOUBLE BUT A COMPLETE NOVEL PROGRAM 4 DAYS SUNDAY, FEB. 18th MICKEY ROONEY in 'JUDGE HARDY & SON' 'THE MONROE DOCTRINE' 'FERDINAND THE BULL' EXTRA ADDED -6- EXTRA ADDED 'FINLAND FIGHTS FOR FREEDOM' 'THE MARCH OF TIME' We believe this to be ideal diversified entertainment. SEE IT! This program will be shown in its entirety in 2 hours and 40 minutes.

Figure it out—how much PER POUND? The model illustrated is the Buick Special model of four-door touring sedan \$900 delivered at Flint, Mich. White (overall cost, additional). AUTOMOBILE engineers talk a lot about car weight — and with good reason. They know that riding qualities begin with enough road weight to hold you steady on your course — they know that weight is often another measure of size — above all, they know that weight means substance, strength, durability. So it's interesting to note that this trim Buick SPECIAL gives you more weight per dollar than almost any other car you can buy. With all its husky straight-eight power — power that's like velvet because engines are balanced after assembly — with all its room, and style, and comfort — this Buick still has one of the lowest costs-per-pound of any car on the market. And nowhere else will you find valve-in-head power, all-coil springing, torque-tube steadiness and Buick's plussage in accessories at the figures that apply to the SPECIAL. So if a little extra money is keeping you out of a Buick, take another look at those dollars. They buy more car to begin with. More size and more substance. They buy some six dozen new 1940 features, including many an "extra." And you'll get most of them back in longer life and higher trade-in value — not to mention your fun and solid satisfaction! This new electric teakettle is the fastest teakettle available today — its special high-speed element heats nearly a GALLON of water in a less than minute. Simply plug into the nearest electric outlet, \$1.95 at any Detroit Edison office.

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