

Gardeners' Corner

(This column is conducted for the Eccentric's readers by Mrs. Marc T. Patton, Box 146, Birmingham, Ala. Questions or suggestions must be addressed to Mrs. Patton and they will be answered in the Gardeners' Corner of directly to mail.)

WOOD ASHES
Yule logs burn into wood ashes, and wood ashes are the first fertilizer that is not food. It is the third element in that mysterious triumvirate—N-P-K—or "10-0-4," otherwise percentages of nitrogen, phosphoric acid and potassium. To save wood ashes for future use, store them in a tin or

Chemical Garden Secrets Are Told In New Volume

The East Indian magician who plants a date pit in a bowl of sand, and the scientific studies over it, and presents the audience with dates from a magically grown plant in about 15 minutes, would hardly raise eyebrows nowadays. Fortuitously, some of the feats of the most energetic of Americans, with a bent for potting with plants, would make the Eastern magicians hold up his hands and retire from business. A jar of water, into which is mixed a bit of lime, looking powder, and a few seeds, are the only necessities for producing fruit and flowers in a short time. Chemical gardening, or hydroponics, to give it its properly impressive name, has come out of the experimental stage and become a reality. A guide for anyone ambitious to start a chemical garden, Dr. R. Mattin has published his book, *Growing Plants Without Soil*. Written clearly and simply with no more scientific verbiage than is absolutely necessary, the book supplies information on chemical solutions and methods of growing a variety of plants and bulbs.

Other books recently added to the most complete collection of *Indian Legends of American Scenes*, by Marion Gridley. A collection of American Indian legends about famous landmarks, Niagara Falls, the Great Stone Face, the Garden of the Gods, Bryce Canyon, all have ancient legends explaining their origin. Of peculiar interest to natives of Michigan are legends about Belle Isle, Sleeping Bear Point and Mackinac Island. *The Law and Mr. Smith*, by Max Hadin. A short, concise explanation of law written for the layman. Professor Radin outlines something of its history and discusses the legal points so often bewildering to those unaccustomed to courts and lawyers. *Richard Wright*. A strange and fascinating excursion into the mind of the author, with emphasis on three great centers of American waywardness, the tavern, the barbershop and the general store. *Anyone Can Draw*, by Arthur Zaidenberg. A well illustrated manual on the art of drawing, with diagrams of great clarity that the reader is convinced of the truth of the title. *Careers for Men*, ed. by Edward Bernays. Leaders in thirty-eight fields discuss their work with the object of helping boys and young men to choose a career. *Medical Mysteries*, by S. H. Adams. The life and times of President Harding. On the whole, it is a most interesting and vivid picture of a truly "incredible year."

Time-Tested Tricks Help the Hostess Serve Buffet Meals
A with a few time-tested tricks to smooth the way, buffet meals can add to the zest of a party, permit the hostess to entertain more guests than usual and still make the job an easier one for the hostess. Painters suggested by the home economics extension service of Michigan State College include serving foods easy to serve and easy to eat, easy to keep hot. Just the one job of buttering rolls before setting them out to the customers saves guests the trouble and increases the number of dishes and trifles during serving. For "stand up" buffets the experience of the hostess is to find it's a big help to have small trays on which each guest can assemble a hot dish. One way to facilitate this is to have hot dish compartments off the stove in two installments, one for the initial serving and another for second helpings. Casserole dishes and creamed meats prove popular. Curried chicken is one favorite. Another is macaroni and cheese, macaroni and tomato sauce with meat balls, goulash or piping hot frankfurters. Good vegetable dishes are scalloped potatoes, sweet potatoes or corn pudding. Scalloped apples may be the solar scheme, if the meal is planned with a definite color scheme in mind. One item that can wait until the guests have served themselves and are seated is the coffee or other hot beverages.

Auto Workers Safer on Job Than at Home
The average automobile worker today is twice as safe on the job in the factory as he is in his home, according to H. J. Klingler, general manager of Pontiac Motor Division. Using as an example the Pontiac Motor Division—each one of the best plant safety records in the industry—Klingler revealed that during the entire year of 1938 the division had only 21 lost time accidents and set an all time record.

Signs of the Texas
A reader has spotted this sign in a Houston (Texas) shoe shining parlor: *Medical billings artistically lubricated and illuminated with fluorescent facility for the infinitesimal remuneration of 5 cents per operator.*

Small Elegy
By Frances Frost
Under what green leaves or brown hair the rabbit laid him down?
The summer hillsides gave him birth,
His happy paws were friends of earth,
Nor slope nor thicket was his foe
Which way his small heart chose to go.
He nibbled gently at the grass,
Nor heard the shadow as it passed,
Nor saw the shadow as it stood
Upon the dark verge of the wood.
It was not heat, it was not hawk,
That snatched him by his sunny neck,
The sky was shattered and the sun
Went out, but still his paws could run,
And still no thicket was his foe,
And still the easy wind could blow,
And nipping leaves bend low and dim,
And still the earth could cradle him,
His wild heart told him and his eyes
Looked at death without surprise,
Under what green leaves or brown hair
Has the rabbit laid him down?

Oakland Red Cross Chapter Ships Quota for European Relief

Mrs. H. H. Robinson, chairman of Volunteer Service of the Oakland County Chapter American Red Cross, announces that the quota of garments recently assigned the Chapter has been completed and was shipped last week from the Chapter office, 12 Seneca, Pontiac.

Thirty children's sweaters, 20 women's sweaters and 30 men's sweaters are included in the quota as well as 41 pairs of socks, 50 hospital bed-shirts, 20 women's dresses and 20 girls' dresses.

The garments were made in the following workrooms and knitting centers: Lower Oakland County, Pleasant Ridge City Hall; Birmingham workroom, Mrs. E. G.

Angle-Parked Cars Must Not Touch The Yellow Lines

Persons who park their cars at an angle on Woodward avenue must be sure they are within the yellow lines, according to the City's traffic ordinance.

The ordinance states: "On streets where angle parking is permitted and lines are painted on the surface of such street designating parking spaces, no vehicle shall be parked so that any portion thereof is on, or touching any such line or lines, and such vehicle shall be parked within the space so designated by such lines, and shall not touch the yellow lines. Where the curb on any street is painted by the department with yellow paint, there shall be no parking on the portion of such street between the portion of the

Pontiac Head Denies Discrimination of Employees Over 40

Drawing his figures from recent surveys in the automobile industry, Harry J. Klingler, general manager of Pontiac Motor Division, blasts the belief that the automobile worker is through at 40, abandoned to make room for youngsters.

"Workers between the ages of 45 and 60 draw the highest annual earnings and more than half the men over 40 working in automobile plants were found to have been past 40 when hired," Klingler said.

Using Pontiac Motor as an example Klingler said that 25 per cent of the entire wage earning force is over 40 years old. Nearly 300 admit to being more than 60

Hatch, chairman; Christ Church, Mrs. Sheldon Noble, chairman and Mrs. Brock, knitting chairman; Pontiac; Holly; Orion and Rochester.

Information has been received by Dr. Harold A. Furlong, Chapter chairman, stating that thousands of garments, knitted goods and surgical dressings have been shipped, are ready to ship or are en route, from chapters in the United States for Poland, Finland, France, England, Hungary, Romania, Lithuania and Latvia. These garments have been made by volunteer workers and have a money value in materials alone of \$250,000. Blankets, bandages, underwear, sheeting and drugs have also been purchased.

The need abroad is rapidly growing. Great numbers of civilians have left their homes and are now refugees.

What Makes You Look So Old?

"What makes you look so old?" "Trying to keep young." "Trying to keep young?" "Yes, six of them."

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One of the nicest things you can do for your family in 1940 is to provide them with plenty of good food—and still cut your food budget. And an A & P Market is just the place to come to trim your budget without sacrificing quality. Here are some of the important reasons why A & P's low prices represent more savings for you: We buy great quantities of foods direct from producers. We route them from grower to you by the

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