

# Gardeners' Corner

(This column is conducted for *The Economic* by Mrs. Margaret Patten, Box 146, Bloomfield Hills. Questions on gardening matters may be addressed to Mrs. Patten and they will be answered in the *Gardeners' Corner* or directly by mail.)

**HEAVING**  
As the snow melts and the ground is exposed, we do not always continue to have warm weather. Also, in certain places, the snow has been gone for many weeks. In spots like these it is necessary to look for signs of heaving. The alternate thawing and freezing actually throws the plants right out of the ground. It doesn't harm over your fields! It's a poor policy. For more on this subject, turn to an article on Page 3 of Part 1 which deals further with this practice.

cases where it is possible, push the plant back in and step on the earth to firm the earth around the plants. In some cases, the soil is wet or where the plan is completely exposed, heel in (temporarily cover the roots with a convenient place and plant later in the season).

**PRUNING EVERGREENS**  
We have been asked when the evergreens, like arbor vitae and junipers, may be pruned back or rather sheared. This should be done either before the new growth starts in June or July. This applies to hemlocks as well. If you are using the material in a hedge or the plants are very much of hand, you may prune or shear twice in the same year. Use the hedge cutters that all over. This makes for a more compact shape and a thicker growth.

**DORMANT SPRAYS**  
There is still time to use linseed oil as a spray for scale. Now in the time also to arrange to have your trees sprayed by a tree sprayer. It must be done before the buds open.

**SWEET PEAS**  
St. Patrick's Day is the proverbial time to sow Sweet Peas out in the garden. The weather, however, does not look very promising for quite so early a sowing. A good plan is to sow the seeds

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## Foreign Warplane Orders Boom Aircraft Industry

BUSINESS was slack that day 20 years ago when D. W. Douglas took desk space in a barber shop to launch his airplane manufacturing plant. The whir in the air came from clipper, all right, but they belonged to the barber, not to transoceanic flying.

There wasn't much plane building right then, for the youthful industry was still picking itself up from the sudden drop it took when armistice ended aircraft's natal boom. Today another European war has sent the business surging to an all time production high, and this man Douglas is leading the field.

A native of Brooklyn, he was 11 years old, and duly impressed, when the Wright brothers made their first flight in 1903. Six years later, when a midshipman at Annapolis, Douglas gave the sky a second look to watch the Wrights demonstrate their frail flying machine to the U. S. Army at Fort Meyer, Va.

Douglas still had his mind on ships in the sky rather than ships on the sea when he left naval training in 1912 for a two-year course in aeronautical engineering at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He soared rapidly through ascending channels of military, naval and civil aviation, then hit skyward on his own.

Big orders from abroad are coming to Douglas, who is making nearly one fourth of all combat type planes ordered by the allies in their attempt to gain superiority over the German air force. Lockheed holds second place for bombing plane orders, while Curtiss leads the fighter type field.

In all the rush to fill foreign demands, the industry has declared that first call on its services and facilities goes to the U. S. government and its armed forces. Boeing plants turn out a 22-ton bomber for this nation's army every four days.

Commercial craft also has a freeway in the construction plants, and the war is over, the biggest customer of this boomed industry will be private aviation. Douglas Aircraft recently signed to build 15 40-passenger planes in the largest commercial order ever placed by a U. S. airline.

In the face of present widespread use of the airplane as an instrument of destruction, the work of Douglas are encouragingly prophetic. "I have great faith in the future of aviation," says this air pioneer, "as a constructive servant of mankind."

**LOCKHEED**  
In the new Lockheed employees work on bomber for Britain.

## Sightless Woman's Adjustment Told In New Volume

BY LINDA MOORE  
To be blind—there could be nothing more tragic; for most of us it would mean the end of our world. Alice Hennessey was forced to find the experience tragic; to her blindness opened up a new world. Alice Hennessey was forced to adjust herself but she found it of supreme interest.

Her book, *Begin Again*, is the story of her efforts to adjust herself to a world of darkness. Painful, but it is a story of adjusting, eating, drinking, smoking, how to walk through her own house, how to dress. There is no pathos in the story, which is an absorbing and delightful account of a courageous woman's rebuilding of her life.

Other books added to the library include:

**Other Gods**, by Pearl Buck. A novel concerned with Kit Tallant, daughter of an old and honored family who married a famous mountain climber, Bert Holm. Her husband became the darling of the public almost overnight. Kit found herself in an unenviable position as wife of public hero under one of his doubts and fears she had some difficulty in fulfilling the picture of herself as a wife of a hero. In the background there is much amusing information about the inner life of "public relations counsels" told with gentle irony and understanding.

**Dildo Cay**, by Nelson Hayes. The Amosworths married not for love, but to carry on their line. Consciously they chose for their wives women of strength of character and a ability to stand life on Dildo Cay, a small island far to the southeast of the Bahamas. The plot is brought to a climax by the appearance of the ship, the *Card* on the island and by the tension between her father and the several hundred Negroes on the island.

**The Lion Feather**, by Lola Fullerton. The story is set in the Pacific of Tecumseh. The scene is Mackinaw Island in the fur trading days when the island was known to the Indians as the Turtle, and was a lively trading post where the Long Knives, the voyageurs, fishermen and Indians lived in settling crowds during the summer months. The Indian girl who is brought into close contact with the white, and was virtually adopted by a French family. The story told in her own words and paints a moving poignant picture of the struggle between Indian and white.

**There's a Crew**, by Katherine Puckerton. The story is set on a 38 foot motorboat for a cruise from Seattle that was to last a summer. The crew consisted of their nine year old daughter, none of them had any previous experience with boats. Their range was the coast of British Columbia and Alaska. The story of the adventures makes an even more extraordinary story than the author's previous "Wilderness Wife."

**It Takes All Kinds**, by Louis Bromfield. A collection of articles and short stories. Of particular interest are the titles "The Long Knives" and "The Girl Who Knew Everyone." Bromfield also presents as a literary experiment two characters from "The Rains Came" allowing them to work out their destinies in different settings and with different circumstances.

A noted designer says women's hats will not be so "fanny" next season. Just when the world needs something to laugh at more than ever—Red Wing, Minn., Republican.

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## Another Fireman Asked by Chief

The services of another fireman were recommended in the annual report of Fire Chief Vernon W. Griffith recently compiled and submitted to the City Manager.

Besides the Chief there are nine full time firemen, one master mechanic and one clerk now on the force.

"From my experience over the years in watching the department grow, it does not appear logic to respond to first alarm fires with anything less than five men on the job," Griffith wrote.

One unit, headed by Capt. W. Benecoster has five men; the other, headed by Capt. S. Pepprell has

but four, making it necessary for Clark George Scott, Jr., or Master Mechanic Park Smith to alternate in attending fires. This allows for other fire prevention and maintenance work, Griffith opined. There are 18 reserve firemen on the staff also.

Fire loss in 1939, as reported some weeks ago in *The Economic*, was \$14,909.95, or \$1.20 per capita. That was higher than in 1938 because of the Shain blaze and an apartment house fire.

Greatest causes of fire were grass and rubbish blazes, they being responsible for 102 of the 241 runs. Sparks from chimneys caused 28 runs; auto fires, 18; overheated and defective heating plants, 17 runs; careless smoking and carelessness with fire, 17 runs; defective electrical appliances, 11 runs; explosions, spontaneous combustion, lightning, 7 runs; incendiary, 5; false alarms, 3; miscellaneous, 19; inhalator and first aid runs, 3; floods, riots and epidemics, 4.

The fire department also operates the bureau of water production, and this year, for the first time, data was included which shows the efficiency of the wells.

**DOESN'T LIKE 'BHAM**  
William E. Berg, of Birmingham, Mich., doesn't like Birmingham any more. He felt aggrieved Feb. 20 when he left his car parked stand on Merrill street. After arguing at headquarters, Berg finally went outside, jumped into his car and drove away. He admitted he ignored a notice to appear in court. Finally officers came after him. He paid a \$7.50 fine.

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