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 or directly by mail.)

FLOWER SHOW

The Flower Show is better than ever this year. The gardens are more interesting, there are more flower arrangement classes than ever and besides there is so much now out of doors that the sight of a bush of forsythia is so exhilarating that I for one couldn't bear to miss it. Pontiac Nurseries' winning well garden is an especially "Springy" one. There are always tulips, but Lohrman's massed tulip garden is simple but effective. Needless to say Mrs. Newberry's herb garden held my attention for some time, and have you seen the orchids? Orchids everywhere, hanging from the branches, growing from the ground. I'm afraid the plant hunters of the tropics would find it difficult to search out a spot in any jungle so well supplied. Of course, the Chrysler gardens are outstanding and the Eddie Guest gardens are the most practical to the small home plot owner yet seen. Don't forget to get your free plan of the two finest gardens! They offer suggestions galore. The Garden Center has a model garden workroom and potting bench. No one need have every tool or be quite so orderly but if you are planning to budget your acquisition of good usable tools, see what the Center suggests. Cranbrook has real Indians in its Michigan wood setting and a turkey in an Indian version of a chicken coop. The Detroit News has one of Lord and Burnham's much-publicised "Orlyt" greenhouses. It's the least expensive and most compact greenhouse put out as yet. All this and more. There are three days left so don't miss the 1940 Flower Show!

BIRD HOUSES

This is the moment to take down and clean out the bird houses in your garden. If you have none it is a good time, too, to think of making or buying some. The Cranbrook Institute of Science has a booklet telling which house is suited to which bird. There is a table, also, to tell the proper height to hang each type of house; what size the house should be and how large the opening. There is a tremendous exhibit of bird houses at the Flower Show, made by Detroit school children. Well worth a visit, and Mr. Nickell of Cranbrook is giving his talk with bird calls at specified times at the show.

GARDEN BOOK WEEK

The week of April 1-6 has been chosen to be Garden Book Week. Our time for reading books has been prolonged for us by the continued snow. "Good gardens grow from books" is the slogan of the week. The libraries of the Cranbrook Institute of Science and the Detroit Garden Center are open to the public. Baldwin Library has a splendid collection of garden books. Stop by and read. But if you are going to garden and garden you will sooner or later, start a garden library of your own. The first step may be the collection of catalogues. Next come the pamphlets and booklets available for the asking or little more. Soon you will feel the need of one ready-reference book to answer questions that come up practically every day, books like the **Garden Encyclopedia, Gardening,** the very new **America's Garden Book, 1001 Garden Questions** by Hottes. Books with illustrations are a great help. Louise Beebe Wilder, **The Garden in Color** is certainly outstanding. Once you start there is no stopping. Each hobby has its own books and there are dozens of chronicles of gardens and gardeners. Celebrate Book Week by buying one good garden book and by starting your own collection of pamphlets and a garden scrapbook.

MEETINGS

Our own Birmingham Garden Center will have a garden lecture with colored slides at the Baldwin Library, Monday, April 15 at 8 p. m. by Mrs. Barber of Dearborn.

The Detroit Garden Center offers the following:

Tuesday, April 2, 2:45 p. m. Detroit Institute of Arts. Dr. Hugh Findlay, Department of Landscape Design, Columbia. **Bread and Roses,** an outstanding lecture. Double starred!

Monday, April 1, 8:00 p. m.—John D. Pierce High School, 15430 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe. Mr. Al G. Brown, **Protection of Trees and Shrubs from Insects and Disease** also Lowell Thomas, **How Does Your Garden Grow?** A colored movie.

Monday, April 1, Bloomfield Hills National Farm and Garden, at home of Mrs. Wilfred Kennedy, Lone Pine road. Emerson Mitchell of Windsor, will give a talk on roses.

Bryan to Repeat Warsaw Pictures

Julien Bryon's sensational "Siege of Warsaw" lecture with his own eye—witness account and the only motion pictures of the destruction of Poland's capital in existence anywhere, will complete this season's week-end World Adventure Series public lectures at the Detroit Institute of Arts. Bryan will give his Warsaw lecture at 8:30 next Saturday evening, March 30 and again at 3:30 Sunday afternoon. Sunday evening at 8:30 he will speak on Modern Finland," with his own motion pictures supplemented by late newsreel shots showing the magnificent defense.

SLAYER ACQUITTED

Christobal, N. C. — Mrs. Eileen Watson, who testified that she had been persuaded to leave her husband on a promise of marriage, was acquitted by a jury of the slaying of Madison C. Love, when he refused to marry her.

DIGGERS FIND SKELETONS

Alburquerque, N. M. —Diggers, excavating prior to the construction of an $80,000 museum which is being constructed on the site of the old Indian Village of Tiguex, near here, where Coronado and his soldiers spent their first winter, are uncovering numbers of skeletons, believed to be those of Tiguex Indians.

Mrs. Bolton Chins With the Senator

Representative Frances P. Bolton, recently elected as Ohio's first congresswoman, lunches in Washington with a fellow Republican, Senator Robert A. Taft, presidential aspirant who is apparently wearing his glasses chin style these days.

These Recipes Give Variety in Menu For Approaching Strawberry Season

Strawberry season will soon be at its height and between frozen dishes, shortcakes, whips and other combinations we need never be at a loss for a different way to serve them.

Desirable strawberries should be clean, firm, but not hard, free from decay and a good red color.

Filled Sponge Cake

1 cup flour, plus 3 tablespoons cake flour.
1 teaspoon baking powder.
¼ teaspoon salt.
3 eggs.
1 cup sugar.
½ cup hot water.
2 teaspoons lemon extract.

Sift together flour, baking powder and salt. Beat egg yolks until creamy, add half the sugar slowly and continue beating. Add hot water and remaining sugar and beat for 5 minutes. Fold in carefully the sifted flour mixture and flavoring. Beat egg whites until stiff, fold into mixture and put in a tube pan measuring 9 inches in diameter or 8 inches square at the top. Bake 45 to 55 minutes in a slow oven, 325 degrees. Invert for one hour, then remove from pan. Before serving cut inside of cake, making a larger opening. Cover with whipped cream, sweetened and flavored, and fill center with strawberry macaroon mousse. Decorate with strawberries.

Strawberry Macaroon Mousse

1 pint strawberries.
½ cup sugar.
Few grains salt.
4 tablespoon corn syrup.
2 tablespoon gelatin.
4 tablespoons cold water.
½ pint cream.
½ cup macaroons.

Wash and hull strawberries; sprinkle with sugar, let stand 1 hour. Mash and rub through a sieve. Add corn syrup, salt and gelatin soaked in cold water and dissolved over hot water. Chill and fold into cream beaten stiff, fold in macaroons rolled fine. Freeze in refrigerator.

Minted Strawberries

Use large, perfect, whole straw-berries. Remove hulls and pour over them orange juice, to which a little chopped mint has been added. Sprinkle with powdered sugar and chill thoroughly. Serve in cocktail glasses.

Spring Salad

On salad plates arrange crisp lettuce in groups of three. Fill one group with sliced strawberries. Fill another group with thinly-sliced, unpeeled radishes and cucumbers. The last, fill with cottage cheese, moistened with cream, seasoned and sprinkled with paprika. Top the center with a large ripe olive. Serve salad dressing in individual containers.

Strawberry Coupe

Half fill sherbet glasses with cut up, sweetened strawberries. Fill with ice cream and garnish with nuts.

Strawberry and Grapefruit Cocktail

Use 3 small grapefruit to 2 cups of strawberries. Cut the grapefruit in halves and remove pulp. Place the skins in cold water to keep them firm. Mix the grapefruit pulp with the washed and hulled strawberries. Sprinkle with sugar. Chill. When ready to serve wipe out the grapefruit shells and line them with mint leaves. Fill with the fruit mixture and garnish the top with a large strawberry.

Strawberry Salad

Select large perfect berries, half them and sprinkle with sugar. Chill and arrange in lettuce nests. Top with fruit dressing.

Fruit Dressing

Beat the yolks of 2 eggs with 1-3 cup of pineapple juice and 1 ½ tablespoons of lemon juice. Cook over hot water till thick, adding ¼ cup of sugar gradually. Stir well. Chill, then fold into this 1 cup of whipped cream. Top the salad portion with shredded almonds.

Strawberry Roll

3 tablespoons shortening.
1½ cups flour.
½ cup milk.
1 egg well beaten.
½ teaspoon cinnamon.
2 tablespoons butter.
½ teaspoon salt.
3 teaspoons baking powder.
1 pint strawberries.
2-3 cup sugar.

Sift together flour, salt and baking powder and 2 tablespoons of the sugar. Cut in the shortening as for pastry. Add the well-beaten egg, mixed with a little milk. Mix lightly. Turn out on a floured board and pat. Roll to ¼ inch thickness. Brush over with a little melted butter. Spread generously with the berries, mixed with the remaining sugar and cinnamon. Dot with butter. Roll up like a jelly roll. Press the edges well together. Place in a well-greased baking pan. Bake in a moderate oven for ½ hour. Serve with whipped cream or a lemon sauce.

Strawberry Meringues

Prepare large individual meringues and remove the center while still soft. Fill the cavity and heap it well with fresh strawberries, which have been previously cut in halves and sugared slightly. Top with whipped cream and garnish with a perfect berry. Serve cold on lace paper doilies.

Consider the EGG

suggests Dorothy Greig

CAN you imagine what a terrible place an eggless world would be? Half the things we would try to cook would fall flat and the other half would fall apart. And think what a gap in our daily menus the absence of eggs would create.

That neat, compact little item known as the egg is just about the most useful, nourishing and altogether valuable food we have.

Eggs baked in tomato sauce and served with crisp bacon and corn sticks.

There's no waste to it. It can be eaten by everyone, young, old and middling. And the ways of using it and serving it are infinite in their variety.

Eggs should be cooked slowly and at low temperature. That keeps them tender. Even a hard cooked egg intended for salad or garnish should be brought to its firm state by slow gentle means.

The traditional "four minute egg" is a better tasting egg if it reaches that particular stage of doneness by resting peacefully in water just under boiling temperature for eight minutes instead of boiling vigorously for four.

For Sunday breakfast, or for luncheon, eggs cooked this way are a tasty bite:

Eggs baked in Tomato Sauce

Butter individual ramekins or shirred egg dishes. Then into each one spoon two or three tablespoons of condensed tomato soup, thick, just as it comes from the can. Now drop an egg into each dish on top of the soup. Bake in a slow oven—325 degrees— until the eggs are set which will be in 14-17 minutes. Serve with strips of crisp bacon and fresh hot corn sticks.

Peddie School Headmaster Coming to Detroit April 2

HIGHTSTOWN, N. J., —Frederick H. Robinson, Peddie 1916, of 1134 Buckingham, Detroit Mich., has announced a Peddie School luncheon to be held Tuesday, April 2, at 12:30 p. m., at the Hotel Statler, Detroit. This is one of 20 gathering being held throughout the country to help celebrate the 75th Anniversary of The Peddie School, Hightstown, N. J. Peddie School alumni, boys now in school and their parents, and other friends of the school from Detroit and vicinity will attend the luncheon. Informal movies of the scholo will be shown. Speaker for the occasion will be Dr. Wilbur E. Saunders, headmaster.

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Patterson, N. J. —Insisting that he had been overpaid for his work as snowshoveler during the February blizzard, Richard Van Harken, an unemployed man with a wife and child, insisted that his $11 payment be reduced to $7. Impressed by the man's honesty and sincerity, Mayor Furrey found additional work for him.

Low Cost Poison Protects Lawns

Lowest cost lawn insurance in history is possible in 1940. Lead arsenate, a useful gardening and lawn poisoning substance, is the cheapest it has ever been.

Which leads Professor E. L. McDaniel of the entomology department of Michigan State College to recommend treatment of old or new lawns. Six potential pests can be eliminated, any one of which usually is a swear word agitator to the average home owner.

Treatments vary for old or new lawns.

For an old lawn, Professor McDaniel suggests three treatments at times when the lawn is being rolled. Each time the treatment should consist of 2½ pounds of lead arsenate to 1,000 square feet of lawn. For better spreading, the treatment is mixed with a bushel of dry dirt or sand and then watered in well. Application times on an old lawn are spring, August and a subsequent treatment the following spring.

On new lawns a different attack is used. Before seeding, an application of 10 pounds of the lead arsenate to 1,000 square feet is distributed and worked into the topsoil. This is sufficient for four or five years of protection from white grubs which eat bluegrass roots, from the grubs of rose beetles or rose chaffers, earth worms, ants, some of the cutworms and sod webworms.

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Orchard Lake Club Committees Named For 1940 Season

It was announced today by Godfrey Strelinger, president of Orchard Lake Country Club, that the chairmen for the operating and and marine sports committees for 1940 had been appointed.

The operating committee chairmen are, entertainment, A. H. Webster; finance, James H. Luther; greens, Charles C. Hood; grounds, Frederick G. Weed; house and building, R. H. Dalley; insurance, Wallace Dodds; publicity, Elmer L. Sylvester. The land sports committee chairmen are, men's golf, Harris S. Currier; women's golf, Mrs. Franklin Robbins; tennis, J. J. Frey. The marine sports committee chairmen are, water sports, Waldemar P. Adams; men's sailing, Paul L. Penfield; boys' sailing, Frank J. Mott, Jr.; women's sailing, Mrs. Atwood B. Oatman; girls' sailing, Mrs. Theron Van Dusen; swimming, Edward S. Reid, Jr.

The improvements at the Club and the activities arranged by the entertainment, golf, tennis and water sports committees this year all point to a bigger and better balanced program for the family of every member.

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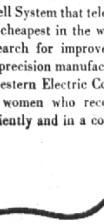

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