# Business Women Secure Tree for Library Grounds

The Birmingham Business Women's Club has made arrangements for a large flowering crabapple tree to be given to the city in support of the Garden Club's Arbor Day program. The women of this club selected a specimen of Scheidecker crab tree (Malus Schiedeckeri) which they secured through the efforts of William L. Story in the shops of Edward Laird, landscape architect.

The tree was donated to the Birmingham Business Women's Club by Herman W. Reesman, landscape contractor, who also gave his services in the planting of this crabapple, wishing it to be of benefit to the community at large. All the landscape contractors in Birmingham are cooperating on the Arbor Day activities. An announcement will be made in The Eccentric later of other Arbor Day donations.

The Birmingham Business Women's Club chose the library grounds as a site for the tree. It is 12 feet high, with a spread of about 5 feet, and is a splendid specimen. It has already been planted on the east side of the library grounds.

Mrs. Rose Beck, president of the Business Women's Club, wished to convey to the public the enthusiastic support of her club for the city-wide planting of crabapple trees in Birmingham, and their thanks for the assistance of Mr. Reesman.

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# Happenings of Long Ago

**Fifty Years Ago**
**March 12, 1891**

Both N. Nixon & Co. and F. Blakeslee were quoting chewing tobacco at 25 cents a pound.

Miss Jennie Peck, teacher of piano, living on Maple avenue near the depot, advertised instructions at reasonable rates.

Watkins Stock Farm had a special sale of surplus stock.

The Ladies' Liberty, corner of Merrill and Bates street, was open 2 to 5 and from 7:30 to 8:30 p. m. daily.

Paul A. Park died of injuries received when he was crushed by a log he and his son, Frank, were loading.

Miss Carrie Rainey held a supper party at her home Wednesday.

The following members of the Citizens Ticket were the new village officials: president, Lyman B. Peabody; trustees, Thomas L. Quigley, John Hanna and George Painter; clerk, George H. Mitchell; treasurer, Almeron Whitehead; assessor, John Allen Bigelow; street commissioner, H. Jay Reynolds; constable, Samuel F. Mills; pound master, Samuel Masters.

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**Twenty-Five Years Ago**
**March 10, 1915**

George Purdy passed away last week. He was a faithful member of United Presbyterian Church.

Arthur Sullivan's comic opera, "Contrabandista" was a great success and packed the Temple theatre for two evenings. Miss Taliaferro was the leader.

C. F. Smith, of Detroit, started his 104th grocery store here.

Arthur King has bought the expensive semi-bungalow of Charlie Newman on East Maple avenue at $8,000.

The First State Savings Bank bought the Frank Ford Block at Woodward and Maple for $60,000. Thomas H. Cobb, cashier, said that a modern banking office would probably occupy that part of the block now occupied by M. Levinson.

Paige Motor Car Co. chose Boughner Brothers as its agent here.

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**Five Years Ago**
**March 12, 1936**

Birmingham is not interested in a municipal electric plant unless a profit is assured, Mayor Harry Allen said Thursday night.

Tax collection last year amounted to 60 per cent of the total levied.

Richard Herbert Fleming took as his bride Carol Colton Keenan.

Baldwin High won the Class B district basketball title by defeating Dearborn in the finals. Birmingham players were McBride, Eotracre, Peabody, Frye and Porteous.

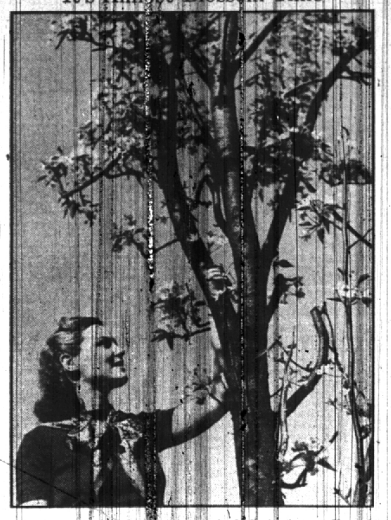
## Musical Interlude Planned for Play

A beautiful musical interlude will take place between acts one and two of "Tish," the all-school play to be given March 20-21, in the Baldwin High School auditorium.

Harold Jones will be featured on the program in his trumpet solo "Napoli," by Herman Bellstead. Musical compositions which will be sung by the chorus are "Serenade," Sigmund Romberg; "By the Bend of the Road," Edwards-Dies; "Mighty Lak' a Rose," Ethelbert Nevin; and "Loves Own Sweet Song," by Kalman.

Members of the chorus are Pat Williams, Joan Birthrong, Nancy Spouse, Marvel McGirr, Jeanne Stoffregan, Memorie Upper, Ralph Appell, Randall Johnson, Ed Hassall, Bill Mutch and Calvin Estes.

## It's Almost Blossom Time



Did you look at the calendar this morning? Spring is near. No matter what the weatherman has forecast for this week, blossom-time is coming. Here's a preview of spring beauty when pretty girls and lovely trees shed drab winter garb, and blossom out in fresh, bright colors.

# Gardeners' Corner

*Doris T. Pierson, Editor*

### EARLY FEEDING HELPS GRASS

If you were asked to name your major lawn problem, what would you reply? Right the first time! . . . weeds . . . those pesky critters that seem to spring from nowhere.

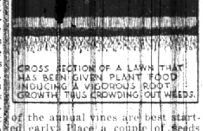
Gardeners used to think that nothing but laborious digging would eradicate weeds from the lawn. But we know now that **early feeding** of the lawn with a complete balanced plant food is a great aid in eradicating weeds.

Of course this early feeding doesn't directly kill the weeds. But it does do this: Through supplying completely balanced, readily available nourishment to the grass roots, it enables the grass to make such a dense, early, vigorous growth that weeds are choked out.

Grass makes its best growth in early spring, when the weather is cool and there is plenty of moisture in the soil. Weeds do not start into growth until later, when the soil has become thoroughly warm, and higher temperatures prevail.

Therefore to combat weeds, give your lawn an early feeding this year, making application in late February or early March, before the grass shows any signs of active top growth. Apply four pounds of plant food per 100 square feet of lawn area. Application may be made either with a plant food spreader, or by hand.

Not only is this early application beneficial from the standpoint of combating weeds, but it is less laborious for the gardener, because when plant food is applied to lawns before any top growth is made, it is unnecessary to water the plant food in. Later snows and early spring rains take care of this part of the job, and carry the plant food down to the roots where it is ready to be utilized just as promptly as the grass starts growth.



WEEDS FLOURISH IN A LAWN WHERE GRASS HAS NOT BEEN FERTILIZED

CROSS SECTION OF A LAWN THAT HAS BEEN GIVEN PLANT FOOD PRODUCING A VIGOROUS ROOT GROWTH THUS CROWDING OUT WEEDS.

### HEAVING

More dangerous than zero weather or deep snow, is the alternate thawing and freezing of the early spring. It is possible for this process to uproot and throw out of the ground quite large plants. This is especially true in the case of newly-planted ones. Look over all the beds and press back into the ground plants whose roots are exposed. If you see plants that are too badly uprooted and the ground is too wet, plant them temporarily in another place.

### ANNUAL VINES

Backgrounds are important in planning a garden, and the lack of a proper one often spoils an otherwise successful garden picture. Fences or trellises may be covered with vines which give an attractive green background. Most of the annual vines are best started early. Place a couple of seeds in each pot, and you will have separate plants to set out later. The new "Kerti" pots are good for this purpose. Thick covering can be had with gourds, and also with Morning Glorys such as the Heavenly Blue, Scarlet O'Hara, or the nearly related Moonflower, which has fragrant night blooming white flowers. The Scarlet Runner Bean and the Balloon Vine are other suggestions.

### MEETINGS

Garden Center Lectures:

Monday, March 17, 8:00 p. m.—McGregor Library, Highland Park, "Roses for Every Garden," Prof. William Ayres.

Monday, March 24, 8:00 p. m.—Baldwin Library, "Worthwhile Perennials and Annuals," Mrs. Lee E. Joslyn; Mrs. Marc T. Fatten; George Leslie.

## Women to Attend Archdiocesan Meet

Members of the 18 parish councils of the Royal Oak deanery will attend the third annual meeting and day convention of the Detroit Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women Saturday, March 22, in the Hotel Statler, Detroit. Mrs. James Pemberton, of Pontiac, is president of the Royal Oak deanery and Mrs. Harold H. Corson of Birmingham is vice-president.

Chairman of deanery committees include Mrs. H. M. Holey, diocesan; Mrs. J. R. Quinn, library and literature, and Mrs. Corson, youth, all of Birmingham.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STATE OF MICHIGAN, The Probate Court for the County of Oakland.

At a session of said Court, held in the Probate Office in the City of Pontiac, in said County, on the ninth day of March, A. D. 1941.

Present, Honorable Arthur E. Moser, Judge of Probate.

In the Matter of the Estate of Ethel Blodgett Cook, Deceased.

Harrison L. Cook, now in Florida, deceased, having filed a petition praying that an instrument filed in said Court be admitted to Probate as the last and testament of said deceased, and that administration of said estate be granted to Harrison L. Cook, the executor named in said Will, or to some other suitable person.

It is Ordered, That the fourteenth day of April, A. D. 1941, at 9 o'clock, Eastern Standard Time, at said Probate Office, is hereby appointed for hearing said petition.

It is Further Ordered, That public notice thereof be given by publication of a copy hereof, for three successive weeks, previous to said day of hearing, in the Birmingham Eccentric, a newspaper printed and circulated in said County; and that a copy of this notice be mailed or be served personally or by registered mail, return receipt demanded, to each of the known heirs at law, legatees and devisees at their last known place of address at least ten days prior to the day of hearing.

ARTHUR E. MOSER, Judge of Probate.

(A true Copy.)
FLORENCE DOTY, Register of Probate.


# Mayor Endorses Auxiliary Register

The endorsement of the American Legion Auxiliary nation-wide plan of registration of auxiliary members for voluntary emergency service was given today by Mayor John E. Martz of Birmingham.

The local registration will take place at the Legion Home, 266 South Woodward Avenue, on Friday, March 14.

Following a conference with chairman of registration, Miss Agnes Barnes, of the local auxiliary, Mayor Martz issued the following statement:

"For almost 20 years the American Legion Auxiliary has been one of the foremost champions of patriotic endeavors, and has been rendering a high type of community service.

"It is inspiring to find the women of the American Legion Auxiliary, in this hour of national emergency mobilizing the capabilities of its members for service to their communities and the nation.

"Cataloging these qualities, so that they may be readily available to our government, local Red Cross Chapters and to city authorities, places the Auxiliary in prominence as a leading defense organization.

"It is my hope that all members of the American Legion Auxiliary in our community will register."

JOHN E. MARTZ,
Mayor

Don't forget the colored shoes and gloves with white frock, later on.

# Congressional Comment by Representative George A. Dondero (R., Royal Oak)

**Would Exempt All Trained Men**

When the Selective Service and Training Act of 1940 was passed by the Congress it contained a provision exempting persons having three years of service in the U. S. Army from the training requirements of the act. No similar exemption was included for persons having three years of service in the U. S. Navy, the U. S. Coast Guard or the U. S. Marine Corps. This unequal treatment prompted Congressman George A. Dondero to introduce H. R. 2081 to correct this situation.

H. R. 2081 has been referred to the Committee on Military Affairs and Congressman Dondero has asked Rep. Andrew J. May of Kentucky, the chairman, to consider the following points:

"I have introduced H. R. 2081, now pending before your committee, to exempt from the Selective Service Act men who have served three years in the Navy, Coast Guard or Marine Corps.

"The bill which I have introduced is in line with the exemption of men who have served the same length of time in the Army. As I understand the primary purpose and object of the Selective Service Act, and I believe the great majority of the American people understand it the same way, it is to provide training for the selectees for one year.

"It seems illogical to me to force men to take a year's training under the Selective Service Act who have already had three times as much training in the various branches of the armed forces of our country. It seems to me it would be consistent and logical to exempt men who have already served one year or more in the armed forces of our country from the Selective Service requirements.

"If it is the opinion of the committee that the three year limit which now exempts men who have served in the Army is to stand then my bill, proposed as an amendment to the Act, should be adopted as I have introduced it, namely, to exempt men who have served in the Navy, Coast Guard and Marine Corps for three years. It seems that the training in one branch of the service is equally as intensive and complete as in the others. If the length of the service is to be reduced, then I suggest that the exemption be made equal and uniform as to all, one, two or three years, and I shall be glad to cooperate with the committee whatever its final judgment might be."

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