Club Reveals How Individuals May Buy Flowering Crabapple Trees

To Aid Residents Get Specimens For Private Planting

From now until the middle of April, members of the garden club will accept purchase orders for flowering crabapple trees to be planted on private property, it was announced today. Other articles have already been printed in The Eccentric describing efforts to secure trees for municipal and school property, while the State Highway Department will set out a number of trees in the Hunter Boulevard parkway.

Committee of 35

A special group of 35 women will take charge of these private orders, and each member of the garden club and other Birmingham citizens should contact that group, it was said. The group will comprise 16 members of the Board of the garden club under Mrs. L. C. Howe, president; seven members of the Roadside Improvement Committee, Mrs. R. L. Rickenbaugh, chairman; and 12 members of a special Tree-Planting Committee under Mrs. Paul Minsel. All members of the garden club will urge their friends and neighbors to let the Garden Club purchase for them 5-foot to 6-foot crabapple trees at $1.50 each for planting in their own yards and gardens. The Coryell Nursery will deliver these trees for private property early in April. A special announcement will be made in The Eccentric when frost is out of the ground and when Coryell will begin to make deliveries, it was said.

Only the Malus Floribunda variety of crabapple will be delivered to private individuals, and there is a limited supply of these trees in the particular 5-foot to 6-foot height. The garden club will take a limited number of orders depending on the supply. Citizens who wish to purchase these trees are urged to place orders early with the garden club, it was said. Anyone may fill out the form attached to this article and mail it, accompanied by check.

Further information regarding trees for private property may be obtained by calling Mrs. Harvey B. Greene at 2864; Mrs. Paul Minsel at 2221; Mrs. Harrison Thornton at 2796; Mrs. Robert Grindley at 149.

FOR ORDERING TREES

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Please purchase for me ..... Malus Floribunda trees 5 to 6 feet in height to be delivered in April to the address shown below:

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Check should be made payable to Mrs. H. Victor Spike, Arbor Day Treasurer, and mailed with this form to 991 Cloverhurst Drive, Birmingham, Mich. Cancelled check will serve as receipt.

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Uses Described

The garden club has offered suggestions to individuals who intend to plant this tree. The Floribunda flowering crabapple is excellent for isolated use on a lawn as much as it grows from 20-25 feet with a spread equal to its height. For this reason it should never be placed close to a building. It is not good for bordering a street or driveway because of its spreading tendencies. In large areas it is a splendid tree for planting in groups, such as on estates, in parks, parkways, etc. However, in planting in groups, its mature size and spread should be considered, and the group should not be too closely spaced. Even though for a while the young trees would look somewhat separated, it would mean not moving any of the group in the future. The trees will grow easily in average soil with usual care and maintenance. A spokesman quoted Phillip Troeger, state landscape architect, who wrote the garden club expressing his interest in the Arbor Day program: "The Malus Floribunda is an excellent tree to use in an isolated spot on a lawn, or for group planting in open spaces."

If individuals in Birmingham will plant the Malus Floribunda, the program will become city-wide, and in future years, when the crabapples bloom in May, Birming will have a noteworthy display, the club foresees.

Additional local concerns donating trees for City property are as follows:
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Detroit Creamery
Sunnyimac Club
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Modco Electric
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Birmingham Jewers
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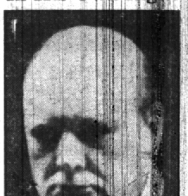

You've heard about the bulldog expression on Prime Minister Churchill's face. Here the likeness is best seen in comparison with the expression of "Berton's Jack Tar," champion bull in the Westminster Dog Show, owned by Wallace L. Benjamin of Arlington, Mass.

U-M May Festival Program Revealed

ANN ARBOR—Eleven stars of the opera and concert stage, the Philadelphia Orchestra, the Youth Chorus, and University Choral Union will take part in the 48th annual May Festival in Hill Auditorium at the University of Michigan, May 7, 8, 9, and 10.

Favorites of previous Festivals on the program this year are: Dorothy Maynor, soprano, who will appear on the traditionally brilliant Friday night program; Enid Szantho, Irish-Hungarian contralto; Norman Cordon, bass; and Lawrence Tibbett, of Metropolitan, radio, and recital fame, who will be the star of the first night.

Four vocal stars to be heard for the first time at the Festival include Jarmila Novotna, Czechoslavakian operatic soprano, Suzanne Stein, Hungarian-Viennese mezzo-soprano, and Charles Kullman, tenor, and Mack Harrell, baritone, both American stars of the Metropolitan.

Thor Johnson will lead the University Choral Union in "Alleluia" by Thompson and Brahms' "Requiem" during the first half of the Thursday evening program, with Jarmila Novotna and Mr. Cordon as soloists. On Saturday night, Choral Union will give Tschaikowsky's opera, "Eugene Onegin," by Gregory Ivanoff, with Russian violoncellist will appear. Thursday night is Strauss's monumental "Don Quixote" violoncello concerto. Jascha Heifetz will play Sibelius' violin concerto in an all-Sibelius program Saturday afternoon, while Jose Iturbi, as piano soloist Friday afternoon, will also conduct the orchestra from the piano forte.

Juva Higbee will lead the Youth Chorus in Cindy's "St. Mary Magdalene" Friday afternoon, with Samuel Dickerson, the soprano soloist. The Philadelphia Orchestra, with Eugene Ormandy conducting, will participate in all six concerts.

Officers Are Sought For Marine Corps

DETROIT—The Marine recruiting officer for Michigan, First Lieut. Charles Poon announced today that the increased demands of the expanding Marine Corps during the limited national emergency proclaimed by the President has opened vacancies for reserve officers on active duty during the course of the necessary.

Under a program of training far superior to that given during the national emergency of 1917-18, officer personnel will be drawn from recent college graduates from 20 to 25 years of age. Accepted candidates for commission will be enlisted for a period of four years as Privates First Class in the Marine Corps Reserve. On making application and agreeing to serve for three months of active duty, the candidate will be transferred at Government expense to Marine Barracks, Quantico, Va., and assigned to a candidates class for approximately three months. During this period, the student will be trained in the fundamentals of military discipline. He will be under observation for demonstration of the qualities required of commissioned officers.

Candidates who serve creditably but fail to qualify for appointment as second lieutenants in the Marine Corps Reserve on completion of the candidate's class, will be honorably discharged.

Lecture on Antiques Will Aid British

Co-operation of foundries supplying iron, steel and non-ferrous castings is being enlisted for the national defense program since these materials are vital in many types of military equipment. As a means of aiding foundrymen in this work, the Detroit Chapter of the American Foundrymen's Association has scheduled a series of six educational lectures on the subject "production of Better Castings."

Problems and techniques will be surveyed by eight nationally known foundry engineers and metallurgists at the Chemistry Building Auditorium, University of Detroit, March 7, 14, 21, 28 and April 4.

A. H. Allen, of 252 Townsend, Birmingham, is secretary of the Detroit chapter, of the A. F. A.

Berkshire Hills Assoc. Completes First Year

The Berkshire Hills Protective Association of Southfield Township is celebrating the completion of its first year as an organization. This association was started a year ago in this rapidly growing section which is just south of Bloomfield Township. Under the leadership of its president, John N. Baillie, and a committee, the membership list is growing fast. Meetings are held regularly each month and many of the needs and problems of this Community have been adjusted. Some social activities are also being planned for the near future.

State Has Seedlings For Reforestation

LANSING—A million jack pine seedlings, a million Norway pine seedlings and transplants, and half a million white pine seedlings and transplants are on hand at Higgins Lake nursery to fill private and community orders in 1941, the conservation department's forestry division announced today.

The young pine trees are sold to private purchasers for reforestation only. Small lots of seedlings are supplied free for school and community forests planted on publicly owned land.

70 PER CENT NOT ARABLE

Less than 15 per cent of the total land surface of the United States is rated good crop land by the U. S. Department of Agriculture. Michigan, with 11,312,353 acres or 30 per cent of its area good crop land, ranks twelfth in the nation in this factor significant to wildlife as well as to agriculture.

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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 24th day of February, A. D. 1941.
Present: Hon. Arthur E. Moore, Judge of Probate.
In the Matter of the Estate of H. Kenneth Bingham, Deceased.
Carson C. Bingham, Executor of said estate, having filed in said court a petition praying that the time for presentation of claims against said estate be limited, and that a time and place be appointed to receive, examine and adjust all claims and demands against said deceased by and before said court.
It is Ordered, that two months from this date be allowed for creditors to present claims against said estate.
It is Further Ordered, that the 5th day of May, 1941, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, at said probate office, be and is hereby appointed for the examination and adjustment of all claims against said deceased.
ARTHUR E. MOORE,
Judge of Probate.
(A true Copy.)
ETHELYN SMITH LUTHER,
Deputy Probate Register.
CLARENCE W. BLEKMAN,
Attorney at Law,
Birmingham, Michigan.
6-54-61.

With the Collegians

Albion College

Two Birmingham youths were among the four Albion college men students who were formally initiated into active membership in the local chapter of the Delta Tau Delta fraternity this week. They are IRWIN SHUTER, son of Mr. and Mrs. Irwin Shuter, Cr., 646 Woodland, and DAVID TAYLOR, son of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Taylor, Box 167. Shuter is a sophomore at Albion and Taylor is a freshman.

Case School

It has recently been announced that CLOUD LANOR CRAY, son of C. L. Cray, who resides in Birmingham, has been initiated into Sigma Alpha Epsilon, national social fraternity, at Case School of Applied Science, Cleveland, Ohio.

He is not a freshman at Case School of Applied Science and intends to study chemical engineering. He is a member of the freshman debate squad.

Michigan State College

Short course graduates numbering 215 are completing special winter studies at Michigan State College, with commencement exercises scheduled for Friday of this week.

Fifty-seven counties and seven other states are represented in the list announced by R. W. Tenny, director of the short courses at East Lansing. These include Jon Feist, Birmingham, general agriculture; Edward E. Wilson, Bloomfield Hills, agricultural engineering; and Tom Stocker, Berkley, poultry.

INFANT DEATH RATE

Michigan's infant death rate for 1940 was the lowest in the state's history. Provisional figures of the State Health Department for the year show that deaths of babies in their first year of life were at the rate of 40.4 per 1,000 live births.

Movie of Tahiti, Fiji Next on Adventure Series

Natural color motion pictures of Tahiti and Fiji will be shown in two different shows at the Detroit Institute of Arts, Woodward at Kirby, next Sunday, March 9, by Earl Schenck, former museum lecture star who because of Kleig light eyes went to the South Seas, lived with the natives and eventually made the two motion picture records of native life that brought him back to the lecture platform of this country.

At 3:30 p. m., Mr. Schenck will show his film, "Fiji, Cannibal Land of Yesterday," and at 8:30 p. m., "Polynesia, a Tale of Tahiti."

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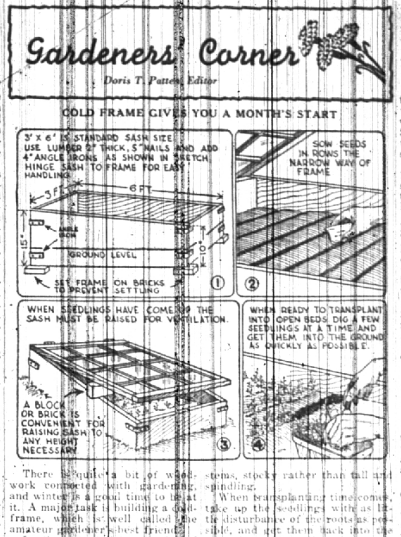
Gardeners' Corner

Doris T. Patten, Editor

COLD FRAME GIVES YOU A MONTH'S START



There is quite a bit of woodwork connected with gardening, and winter is a great time to do it. A major task is building a cold frame, which is well called the amateur gardener's best friend.

In those tantalizing weeks of early spring, when a warm sun one day sets the garden fever burning, and freezing weather that night chills the courage, a cold frame is priceless.

To make a cold frame, the accompanying illustration shows all detailed instructions. The soil which is used in it should be fine, friable topsoil, well pulverized. Now the plan is, you would fill a flat, or lidded, wooden box, and firm the soil over the seed, pressing smooth with a brick or piece of board.

Watering now becomes of great importance. At no time should the soil be allowed to become hard and dry. Yet excessive watering may cause the seeds to rot, sour the soil, or cause "damping off." When the plants appear, thin them out, allowing each to grow sturdy without crowding.

After the seedlings appear, watering is still important. Good drinks, taken which the soil dries somewhat without becoming crusty and hard, should be the rule. And fresh air is the next great need. On sunny days, the sash should be lifted early in the morning, otherwise the temperature may quickly run to a dangerous height. Inspect the cold frame at least every morning and afternoon, and remember it when ever the weather changes abruptly. You will soon learn the program needed to keep the young plants growing vigorously, which means sturdy, stocky rather than tall and spindly.

When transplanting time comes, take up the seedlings with as little disturbance of the roots as possible, and get them back into the ground as soon as you can.

PRUNING

Dormant pruning has one advantage at least, you can see all the branches and so know what you are doing. Or do you? You can't by any chance cutting off the buds that would bloom this spring, or cutting below buds that will produce branches growing in a wild instead of out. Assume that you have tools sharp, smooth clean cuts. Stubs are apt to become infected and spread diseases to the trunk, so cut flush with the trunk and paint large wounds. Shrubs to be pruned now are Snowberry, Snowhill and Peegee Hydrangea, Butterfly bush and Rose of Sharon. Note that these are later blooming shrubs. In other cases confine your cutting to removing suckers, weak shoots and injured branches.

MEETINGS

Monday, March 10, 8 p. m., Birmingham Branch National Farm and Garden, Bloomfield Hills Branch also invited. Dennis Glen Cooper, "Summer Adventures with A Color Camera."

Garden Center Lectures

Thursday, March 13, 2:45 p. m., Detroit Institute of Arts, "Gardening on a Clay Loam," Mrs. D. D. Dunlop, colored slides.

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

Boy, 17, Girl, 18, Injured In Crash

The need for street lighting at the southern intersection of Woodward avenue and Hunter boulevard was demonstrated again early Sunday morning when another automobile crash occurred there, resulting in injuries to two people.

Those hurt were Phyllis Hockey, 18 years old, of 643 Kenneth street, Pontiac, and Gerald Bieter, 17 years old, of 55 Ruth street, Pontiac. They were riding in a car driven by Thomas Egbert Hockey, 19 years old, of 63 Ruth. The driver had left the Levy gasoline station and was headed east on the cut-over toward Hunter when a south-bound car, driven by Harry Lee Cooley, 13234 Houston, Detroit, crashed into his.

The injured pair was taken to St. Joseph's Mercy Hospital suffering with head injuries and first aid was administered there.

'Fantasia' In 3d Week At Wilson

Walt Disney's revolutionary new film "Fantasia" is entering into its third week at the Wilson Theatre, where it is being shown twice daily at 2:30 and 8:30 p. m. to capacity audiences.

"Fantasia" which has confounded critics and the public alike, has found no exception in Detroit, where the press is divided as to its merits, and it can be safely said that this film is truly the most controversial film of all time.

The Disney officials stress the fact that to enjoy this production to its fullest, one should be seated before curtain time, since "Fantasia" does not start in the conventional manner. The opening is a delightful surprise.

It is said that "Fantasia" cannot be shown in any other theatre within 100 miles of Detroit, due to the new Fantasound, which tremendous equipment limits its showing both for physical, and financial reasons to but 76 theatres in the entire country.

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