

# BEAUFYOUR YARD AND GARDEN

## Here Is the First of a Series of Visits to Nearby Gardens

### Mrs. Thompson's 'Kenneway' Has Many Features

By KATHRYN DEMPSEY

Women's Editor

Gardening, in one shape or another, seems to take up a good share of most every Birmingham home life. Some of the garden is only a strip of ground where a row of tulips is planted; other times it is acres and acres of land—but no matter how big or little, gardens are a very distinctive part of Birmingham.

A man who rears but one book is a sorry individual, and so it is with a gardener who knows only the garden. Consequently the Electric has arranged through its Garden Editor, Mrs. Marc T. Patton, to bring you the series of gardens, picked at random throughout Birmingham and Bluefield Hills within the next few months.

Last Friday Mrs. Patton and I set out on our own private garden pilgrimage, making our first stop at "Kenneway" the estate of the 10-Mile road, which is owned by Mrs. William D. Thompson.

The garden is a very old-fashioned rail fence garden. It is divided into all kinds of flowering shrubs and plants, which are planted in the natural appearance. It is much as one is surprised to find that the amount of time and effort that necessarily must have gone into planting it. In addition to the better known flowering fruit trees—there are other such as the clematis tree, very common in this area; which has small white blossoms and a very delicate odor, and Judas tree with their knarled, interesting bark and beautiful purple blossoms. Adding more color and beauty to this hedge are small bushes, trees and plants—namely, flowering star, sycamore, magnolia, weel hawl and Russian olive trees and the like. Through a small opening in the hedge we were able to catch a glimpse of the fence which divides the kitchen garden and the orchard. Within a few months Mrs. Thompson told us, this fence will be covered with roses—mostly red ones with some yellow and white mixed in.

But the drive which is identical has been planned so that it will be colorful from early spring to late fall, proved to be only a portion of what we were soon to see. Coming closer to the house we noticed that the front driveway was flanked on either side with flowering crab-apple trees—among them the well known Malus floribunda. Around to the right great clusters of Winterling trees were climbing all over one side of a screened porch and to the top of the chimney. From this porch one steps out to the edge of a steeply rising bank which is covered with a mass of wild flowers. This, without doubt, is one of the most outstanding parts of Mrs. Thompson's garden. For here flowers grow ideally as they should in a natural woodland. There are pink and white trilliums, yellow and white forget-me-nots, bleeding hearts, jack-in-the-box, Johnny jump ups, and lachrymose bittons. The floor of the garden is covered with a mass of flowering plants, many of which are very interesting. The flowers are very numerous, and in addition to the better known flowering fruit trees—there are other such as the clematis tree, very common in this area; which has small white blossoms and a very delicate odor, and Judas tree with their knarled, interesting bark and beautiful purple blossoms. Adding more color and beauty to this hedge are small bushes, trees and plants—namely, flowering star, sycamore, magnolia, weel hawl and Russian olive trees and the like. Through a small opening in the hedge we were able to catch a glimpse of the fence which divides the kitchen garden and the orchard. Within a few months Mrs. Thompson told us, this fence will be covered with roses—mostly red ones with some yellow and white mixed in.

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### Gardeners' Corner

By Mrs. T. Patton, Editor

Trees in Spring

A closer observation of the spring buds and new leaves shows that far from being green as in the past, they vary from gray to almost red. Some of these colorings are through out of the same tree, others are just bright patches of trees that later, become green. It is not hard to find these varieties in your garden you may want to look forward now and choose one or two for planting the fall or next winter.

Notice particularly the maples, the deep red ones, the shades of grafted Scotch Spruce. Seedling or rather maple, named from the seed of the colored maples, are much lighter shade, so fast, they are a rather material color of most all colors. The most striking and the Japanese or double maple called Red or Orange maple. The seedling flowers in the very early fall, but the leaves, not red, come in their leaves, but the leaves are green until the fall.

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