

# Start Now to Make Plans for 1948 'Freedom Gardens'

Mostly of prominent citizens who also like to putter around in their back yards. The City Commission has endorsed the plan and John Gaffin, 591 Hamilton, has been appointed coordinator of the project in this area.

**Better Table Quality**

"Food—no matter how thin you slice them—is going to take an even bigger part of the family income than it has during the record-breaking encroachments of the past year, Mrs. Loomis points out. Prices may go higher under the circumstances, the individual who has a plot of ground where he can produce part of his own food supply is in a fortunate position. Besides effecting a very consider-

able saving, he will obtain decidedly better table quality.

A recent survey indicated that one-third of the city garden plots last year were less than 500 square feet in size. The National Garden Institute is shooting for a minimum of a thousand square feet per garden—a 25 by 40-foot plant area. Garden growers also are being asked to increase yields down to the last radish. By efficient timing, it is possible to quadruple production in some cases, experts believe. This can be done by working plots from the earliest onions and lettuce of late fall to the last turnips and kale of late fall.

**Help Cut Inflation**

"If you want to ease the strain on your food budget, improve your health, help cut inflation, and free more food for hungry people, join the back yard farmers," Mrs. Loomis asked. "The first step, if you lack space, is to pick out the nearest vacant lot and get the owner's permission to use it. If you don't know who owns the land, the city assessor's office will tell you. Call Mr. Gaffin for a list of plots. The National Garden Institute has rakes, spades, seeds, and perhaps a supply of liniment, to begin an early start on the garden plots."

"If the national goal of 20 million backyard gardens can be reached this year," she concluded, "the nation is expected to get a 6-million-ton boost in its vegetable supply."

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**Have You Met . . .**

Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Townsend of 628 Chester street, former Toledoans. Mr. Townsend is with the Moynihan Bronze Co. There is one daughter, Tam, 10 years old.

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# This & That

**Boston Attorney to Address Family Service Center**

Brooks Potter, well known Boston attorney, and president of the Family Service Association of America, will address the second annual meeting of the Family Service Center next Thursday evening. The meeting will be held in the Royal Knave Room, Stevens Hall, All Saints Church in Pontiac.

**Multitude of Boards**

Another example of inefficiency is the multitude of boards, bureaus and commissions. At the latest count, there were more than 100 of these agencies. Many of them perform overlapping functions or duties which are not necessary for the welfare of the people. Others duplicate the everyday life of many citizens. The whole thing is a sprawling maze of organization which perhaps no organization would be a better term.

**Keynote for This Month**

A great many very sincere men have described boards and commissions as the perfect way of taking government out of politics. That just cannot be done. In the first place, many commissioners were appointed to their jobs by political deals. In the second place, what is politics, except the science of government? The existence of a semi-autonomous bureaucracy doesn't make sense in our country, where government is supposed to express the will of the people, through their elected representatives to whom they have delegated responsibility.

**Encourage Good Servants**

Too many people seem to think that delegation simply means to "let someone do it" without bothering to find out whether he does it. Instead, I would like to see rebirth of keen, personal interest in government.

**Meeting**

It is interesting to note that hardly an intersection in the city was accident-free, with South Woodward and Maple, South Woodward and 14 Mile road and Hunter and Maple as the three danger spots.

# YMCA Secretary Discusses Three Basic Questions

Three basic decisions confronting every person when they ponder the question of "How to Get Along in Marriage," were discussed by Wilfred Nevell, executive secretary of the Wyandotte YMCA, in his address before the young people's group in the Birmingham School of Religion. These were: (1) What to do with my life? (2) Who will go through life with me? and (3) Whom am I going to serve—God or Man?

**Appointed to Vacancy**

Russell Grinnel, manager of the city sewage disposal plant. Monday night was named by the city commission to serve on the City Employees' Retirement Board. He was appointed to the vacancy created by the resignation of Mark Dance, DPW superintendent.

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**Report**

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hours of the day at headquarters.

**Juvenile Arrests**

Juvenile arrests involved 43 persons, 14 of whom were non-resident. Reckless driving led with 17 arrests; larceny, with nine, placed second. In 29 cases the juvenile was released to the custody of parents. The majority of these arrests were made during the afternoon hours, while the ages of these youngsters ranged from 7 to 16 years.

The Bureau of Identification, which is in constant communication with other departments and authorities, had 3,000 fingerprint cards and 1,108 pictures on file at the close of the year. Local officers were assisted 43 times during the year by outside authorities in identifying, or trying to identify, known criminals.

**Traffic Department**

Street signs of all types come under the jurisdiction of the police, and were constantly checked. Where necessary they were replaced, especially those which deal with moving traffic. Others were reported where needed, and an effort was made to keep all in the best condition possible. There are nearly 1,000 signs of various types which come under this classification, along with the parking meters and the several sorts of street markings which are used.

The traffic department shows a total of 297 accidents, with one fatality, in the city. The "dinner hour" traffic (from 4 to 9 p.m.) was most dangerous, resulting in a total of 58 accidents. It was during this two-hour period that the one fatal accident occurred when a pedestrian was killed. Saturday leads with the total of 59, while December took the lead as the month with 34. The 28-34 year age bracket drivers were responsible for 38 accidents, with the next group, 25-44, recorded with 23.

**Better Than Average**

It is interesting to note that among the department's activities it is also recorded that loggings were given to 71 transients. The police provided an escort and street guard for 20 funerals. Through their department, and the efforts of the dog warden, 261 dogs were impounded with 171 either returned to their owners or given into other homes.

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**Meeting**

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tax transactions. She added that it was expected that auto plate sales would exceed 5,000 by March 1.

Vigorous debate arose over the permit lot question, which was presented by Foster Thoekacker. A motion to submit a questionnaire on parking lots was tabled until the next meeting, which will be Wednesday, March 10. The proposed bond issue represented \$100,000 for sewers, \$50,000 for the West Maple bridge and \$50,000 for recreation.