Don't sow seed indoors too early. If plants grow too big before it is safe to set them in the garden, growth will be checked.

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Annual City Bills Go Into Mail Today

Beginning today, and continuing through the next few days, Birmingham postal carriers will be delivering to property owners brand new city tax bills.

City Treasurer Russell T. Berger said that the first bunch of 1948-49 city tax notices will go into the mail today. They are payable on or before August 31, at which time they begin to carry an interest charge. If still unpaid by next March 1, delinquent tax bills will be returned to the county treasurer.

Rev. W. Glen Harris to Attend Church Conferences Abroad

The Rev. W. Glen Harris of the First Presbyterian Church will leave Birmingham July 6 to board the Queen Elizabeth for a trip abroad. He will visit in London for a few days and then go on to Edinburgh, Scotland, where he will catch a plane for Paris and surrounding territory.

Dr. Harris expects to visit Rome, Florence, Milan and Venice for about 10 days and then go to Geneva, Switzerland, for the World Alliance of Presbyterian Churches Conference. Representatives from Presbyterian churches all over the world will be present.

At the close of this meeting, Dr. Harris plans to spend a week touring Switzerland and Belgium after which he will attend the World Council of Churches in Amsterdam. There will be a representation of about 150 Protestant denominations at this meeting, Dr. Harris said. He added that the purpose of the conference is to strengthen and plan the world program of the Protestant church.

After leaving Amsterdam, Dr. Harris is going to tour Norway, Sweden and Denmark for several weeks and then sail from Southhampton on Sept. 16. He will arrive back here in Birmingham on Sept. 26.

Van Dusen Suggests Rezoning of Block at Hunter, Maple

City Commissioner Theron Van Dusen believes the block at the southeast corner of Maple and Hunter should be rezoned from business B to business A.

He suggested this action to fellow commissioners Monday evening, stating, "I see no reason why the Hunter - Maple - Elm - Forest block should not be rezoned to correspond with the rest of the area fronting on East Maple between Hunter and Adams. And I think we should proceed as soon as possible so we can be absolutely sure of the character of that future business area."

Van Dusen's suggestion was incorporated in a commission resolution and sent to the city plan commission for study and recommendation.

This & That

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vention was hot enough to cause most people in attendance a loss of avoirdupois; it was good for the laundries and the cleaning and pressing establishments, for many had to change wearing apparel at least twice daily.

Perhaps those other than the delegates had more fun, because they didn't have to remain seated on the Convention floor during the sessions, but could go and come at their pleasure.

Tickets Were Scarce

As usual, tickets for others than delegates were hard to get; Michigan had only 195 extra tickets to try and satisfy over 500 of its citizens who came to the Convention; I heard rumors that scalpers were selling some tickets for up into the hundreds of dollars.

The Philadelphia auditorium is a huge affair and was made hotter than usual by the presence of many big electric searchlights, brought their for television purposes. There were more than 300 reporters present from all over the nation, plus several foreign countries; photographers were all over the place.

Personally, I was glad when the Convention adjourned; it'll be nice to spend quieter days right here in Michigan . . . in a few days the Democrats will hold their Convention for the same purpose . . . then both parties will swing into action for the Big Election Day, November 8.

Local Auto Dealers Participating in Golf Tournament

Birmingham was well represented in yesterday's Detroit District Automobile Dealer's pro-amateur golf tournament, held as a preliminary event to the Motor City Open at Meadowbrook Country Club. Three local automobile dealers participated as well as several of the district's pros.

Roy Carkner was the first Birmingham dealer to leave the tee. He played with professional Al Smith, tournament veteran from Winston Salem, N. C. Volney Bayley was the next of the Birmingham trio to start and he drew Ed Furgol as a partner, nearly making a local team out of it. Ed is registering from Pontiac Country Club. Last of the three was Tom Hart who had the privilege of playing with one of the greatest pros of all time, Gene Sarazen.

The local pros playing in quest of the Lincoln Continental, first prize for the auxiliary event, were Ray Maguire, Walter Burkemo, Tommy Shannon, Jimmy Johnson, Al Watrous who played with Michigan's former, All American quarterback Harry Newman, and Max Evans.

Vet's Counseling Office Suspends Service Yesterday

The veteran's counseling office in the Municipal Building closed yesterday after three years of service, Blanche Breakey, office supervisor reports.

An information and guidance center for veterans' claims, insurance and educational benefits, the office was organized in 1945. Plans for setting aside two sections in the city for veterans housing were developed in this office.

Miss Breakey, 756 Henrietta, who joined the office in 1946, will return to work in the city health department where she was city nurse from 1932 to 1943. A nurse during the war, Miss Breakey worked in Mississippi and in Dearborn. She was an army nurse in World War I.

Stuart Capron of the Oakland County Veteran's Counsel will be in the health department in City Hall every Tuesday morning to advise veterans.

Mom & Dad

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lap from the freezer full of ice cream. That morning you had chopped ice and turned the crank, and you felt pretty important when Aunt Mary dug a spoon into the golden contents and filled huge dishes. You weren't quite sure where you'd put it, but you took the dish and walked over to sit under the tree. Then, a few minutes later you pushed the empty dish over out of the way for the dog to lick while you tackled the huge slice of cold dewy watermelon Uncle Frank handed you.

The picnic lunch over, the men settled themselves comfortably around the yard with cigars or pipes while the women rocked and talked on the shady porch. You youngsters were pretty well through your supply of crackers and began scrounging around looking for squibs. They weren't quite so much fun, but they did make a nice swoosh! when you touched a match to their broken middles and lit the powder.

The rest of the gang around the neighborhood drifted over, one by one, bringing their supplies, and at last you had enough for another real go at it. The little white cones poured out their cream and tan "snakes" while the devil chasers made funny little paths in the dust.

Just Wont Get Dark

Now and then your schoolmates drifted away as slowly as they had come, in answer to calls. You noticed the sun was getting to slip shyly behind the big oak on the corner, and you knew darkness was not far away. Again the smell of coffee drifted through the open windows of your home and the family gathered around the reloaded tables as father lighted the smudge pots to keep the mosquitoes away.

With unreasonable callousness the adults sat around visiting after the meal as though they had not said a word all day. The sun seemed to be hung in the branches of the oak for the rest of the night. It just wouldn't get dark.

You wandered around looking for the few squibs you'd missed before. You and all the other little cousins dropped hints about how dark it was getting. Finally Aunt Mary did hand you each a sparkler. You lit them, waved them in wild circles and were secretly disappointed at the faint showing they made in the half-light.

Fun Begins

You took another look over your shoulder. It was gone! The sun had slipped out of the trees and fallen behind the shoulder of the low hills in the west. High in the sky the evening star hung in solitary splendor. From the woodshed you saw Cousin George approach. In his arms was a huge cardboard box!

He took off his coat and tie and rolled his shirt sleeves high on his muscular arms. He gazed over toward his girl and grinned broadly at her. He seemed to spend hours digging little holes in the lawn with his heel, nailed pinwheels to the gate posts, put flat stones under the colored light to protect the lawn, and set the rockets.

At last he reached into his pocket for a match. It's brief yellow flare ended in a sputter as the wind blew it out. Four times you suffered this agony. Finally, as the glare of a rocket shot across the sky from down the street, a loud sigh told you your first one was soaring heavenward.

You watched it burst into a spread of red stars and heard the words of admiration come from the women on the porch.

What You Had Waited For

This was the real Fourth, what you had waited for all day. You felt your eyes getting bigger and bigger as the glory of it all opened in flashing, flaming color before you.

You quickly stuffed your fingers in your ears as you heard the aerial rocket give its unmistakable snap as it sped aloft. The air cracked apart as the bomb exploded, and you heard the old dog bang his head on the underside of the porch.

At last the final rocket sped its earthly shackles and faded into darkness. The last pinwheel had gone its dizzy and sputtering circle and now hung like a tiny glowing spark against the post. The fiery Niagara Falls was only a thrilling memory.

Cousin George and his girl climbed into the Model T and chugged away. Aunt Mary and Uncle Frank bundled the children into the buggy and amid flurries of goodbyes and unseen handwaving, drove slowly back toward Detroit.

You needed little urging to drag your weary body up to bed, to bed and to dreams of a wonderful day, full of wonderful things. Yes sir, this was a really good Fourth. Just about the best you'd ever had in your whole eight years!

Speed

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Obey both legal and common sense speed limits.

Don't cut in and out of traffic.

Stay In Line

So that you can stop if you have to, have your car under control at all times.

Stay in line until it is safe to pass.

When coming to an intersection or traffic signal, slow down.

Don't drink if you drive.

Keep a safe, clear stopping distance from the car ahead.

"Drive as if your life depended on it—because it does," Moxley concluded.

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No Shortage of Strawberries or Peas for Fletchers

Competition for gardening honors seems to have started in Birmingham. Last week's Eccentric carried a story concerning Fred Mallender and his crop of peas.

It seems that Mr. Mallender's record was topped a little by R. L. Fletcher of 1737 Webster. Fletcher says he made his first planting on April 3, the second two weeks later. Due to the unusual weather this year, both plantings matured at the same time, and the Fletchers, to put it mildly, are nearly knee-deep in peas.

Mrs. Fletcher picked the first of the season on the same day that the Mallender's had their first meal, and since that time has picked over 90 quarts. She told The Eccentric she had shelled peas every day since the first picking, with a high of 21 quarts in one day.

To show their gardening skill is not confined solely to the green pea crop, they have also picked over 100 quarts of strawberries.

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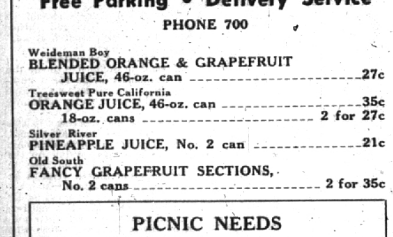

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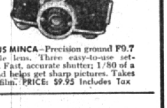

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