

Commission Approves Payment to Auditors For Special Services

With the completion of the audit of city books for the fiscal year 1951-52, Birmingham city commissioners have authorized the payment of \$8,512.80 to Hogan, Juengel and Harding, the auditing firm.

In addition to the regular audit, costing \$6,285.00, the firm received payment of \$2,227.80 for special services.

The installation of machine accounting for the city and the establishment of procedures, etc., were handled by the company in revising the city's accounting system.

City Manager Donald C. Egbert said that through the revised system and machine accounting, substantial audit cost reductions could be expected in future years.

Aviation Cadet Processing Set During Holidays

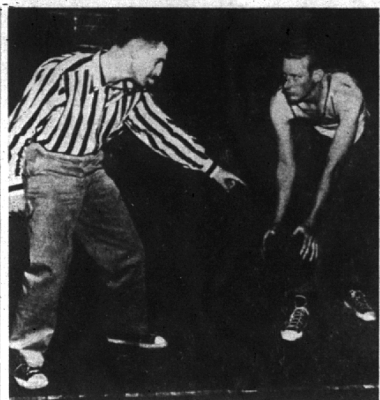
Special holiday processing for the Naval Aviation Cadet program will be held by the Naval Air Station, Grasse, La.

In order to accommodate college students home on Christmas vacation, processing will be available on Dec. 18, 19, 20 and 21, the Naval Cadet Procurement office announced.

Students who have been considering Naval Aviation are urged to make application before their deferments expire at the end of the present semester.

The procurement office will be closed for processing Dec. 21 to Jan. 8, 1953.

Basic requirements for the program are: be between 18 and 21 years of age; have completed two semesters of college; be unmarried and have not received a Selective Service notice for actual induction.



Pfc. James Kothe (right), son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kothe, of 1142 Maryland ave., a former center on the Baldwin high school basketball team, is told, "You can't do that" by Cpl. Joe McCoff of Seranton, Pa., a referee instructor in Japan. Kothe was attending the Second Annual Referee's Clinic at Fryar Gym in Yokohama to learn techniques for officiating at 1st Cavalry Division games this winter in North Japan where he is a cavalry clerk. (U.S. Army Photo)

DOWN TO EARTH Garden Books Ideal For Christmas Gifts

By ALICE WESSELS BURLINGAME
Special Writer for The Eccentric

This hobby of gardening, as it can be done around the calendar year, is very challenging and appeals to those who are active in business and community living.

Adult education and constant study toward completing your knowledge on the various phases of gardening makes you aware of the many books published for this purpose.

Maybe at this time of year, when you are making your "wish list" you may appreciate the names of the best books I know for this purpose. "10,000 Garden Questions," by Rockwell, is always a top because it answers your problem in a concise manner. "America's Garden Book," by Bush Brown, is excellent for the new gardener who needs basic information about all plant material. This book has splendid chapters about the habits, colors, etc., for planting plans.

If you have a new home, and lots of earth piled up, you feel helpless and want ideas as to your next step for intelligent planting, you will like "Your Book of Garden Plants," by Norman Morris.

The best book about houseplants is "All About House Plants," by Montague Free.

"The Picture Primer of Indoor Gardening," by Margaret Goldsmith appeals to the fancy for a new hobby enthusiast. It is filled with clever ideas and good practical advice.

Any book which is written by Alfred Hottes is tops. He has a pleasing style and really knows horticulture.



Mrs. Burlingame is a former plant collector and has written many books on gardening. She is the author of "The Picture Primer of Indoor Gardening" and "America's Garden Book."

If YOU TRAVEL you will enjoy "The Gardener's Travel Book," by Farrington. It will introduce you to gardens in every state in the union and furthermore will give you phone numbers to call and ask, "Is it convenient for me to visit your garden today?"

"African Violets," by Helen Van Pelt Wilson, is filled with good advice for that large class of African Violet growers. This same well-qualified author has written a book on geraniums. This book will convert many to the joys of owning bright leaf and colorful geraniums.

"The Complete Book of Dried Arrangements," by Underwood, will open up to many the joy of preserving flowers for the winter season.

"What Wildflower Is It?" by Hottes, will make all gardeners jackknife specialists and as you slip choice plants for others, for then only will you be a true gardener.

There are many flower arrangement books on the market and when selecting your gift volume ask yourself "Am I giving this book to a beginner or an advanced

arranger?" Your book store clerk will help you buy accordingly.

MANY of you will receive poinsettias for Christmas and will want to carry them over another season. As they are a flowering plant they should be watered daily. If the lower leaves turn yellow you are overwatering the water. After the flowering period you may wish to keep the plant as a foliage plant. The leaves are lovely.

Poinsettias like many of our other gift plants, remain within the realm of the florist for their culture.

It is an eight-hour plant, which means that in order to form the flower effect from its leaves, which turn red, it must only have eight hours of light; if you attempt to carry a poinsettia over a second year it is doubtful if you can time routine, as it will accept electric lights as the sun and will not form a flower.

Therefore "in my book" it isn't worth the space they take to carry them over a second year. Most of us do not have room in our compact homes today to use as a nursery for a poinsettia plant so that it can form a flower.

You may be receiving gift plants for Christmas. Be sure and know the name of your newcomers and from the beginning place them in the correct location in your home to insure best results.

The gift plant which will give you the longest period of maximum flowers is the cyclamen.

LAST WEEK we visited the Gregor Affleck's home on North Woodward, in Bloomfield Hills. The heating is in the floor and many of the exotic plants are in containers on the floor.

The combination of the heated floor and the containers setting directly on it calls for a special technique. Have each plant in its own clay pot, then in a large container which has at least two inches of peat moss in the bottom. When the peat moss will cut your number of watering times in half and prevent the bottom of the pots becoming too dry.

Due to the plant being on the floor it gathers more dust. Since plants breathe through their leaves the surface of the leaves should be washed at least every three weeks.

Troy Debate Team Gains Four Wins

During the last two weeks, Troy High's Debating Team has participated in 4 debates on the topic: Resolved, the Atlantic Pact countries should form a federal union.

The first debate, a practice one with Pershing High School, Detroit, proved successful to both schools. The second debate of the year was a Metropolitan League debate with Hazel Park, in which Troy's negative team won and the affirmative lost.

The third debate was with Mt. Clemens, in the State League, and both Troy's affirmative and negative teams won. The fourth debate was with Detroit Country High School. The affirmative won and the negative team lost.

For this series, the debaters were: Affirmative: Nell Mullins, Don MacLennan; Negative: Bill Haney, Jerry West; Coach: Darrel Hackett.

The remaining schedule is: Birmingham (there) December 16; Royal Oak (there) December 18; Hamtramck (there) January 10; Utica January 23.

Cranbrook Instructor Named To CBT Board

Josephine Waldo, instructor in English and a charter member of the faculty of Kingswood School Cranbrook, has accepted an invitation to be a member of the governing board of the Cooperative Bureau of Teachers, which has headquarters in New York City.

The bureau, directed by Mary Abell Watson, consists of educators and educational institutions and associations. It engages in non-commercial placement of teachers at all levels from elementary through college, and also conducts a subsidiary, the Laborer Trade Service, for members.

Miss Waldo will hold office for three years.

Lots of people use milk but I like a product on the market which cleans, polishes and repels insects. For the hanging baskets, sheets, too, should have peat moss to cut the number of watering times. Again, the clay pot with the plant sits within a second which has peat moss in the bottom.

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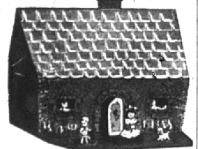
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