Will Manage World's Largest Mausoleum

MR. WENDORPH

J. Howard Wendorph, a graduate of Birmingham public schools, now a citizen of nearby Pleasant Ridge, will leave this area shortly after January 1 to become general manager of the world's largest cemetery mausoleum, a $35,000,000 project, in Hollywood, Cal.

Wendorph, whose entire life has been associated with cemeteries, years ago followed his father, John A. Wendorph, as superintendent of Roseland Park Cemetery in Berkley.

From that position he occupied a similar post in White Chapel Memorial Park, recognized as one of the most beautiful cemeteries in the middle west. Its magnificent marble mausoleum, known as the Temple of Memories, contains places for 3,000 crypts.

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WENDORPH was away from White Chapel for three years when he managed a large Indianapolis, Ind., cemetery. He returned to White Chapel from which he had just resigned as executive vice-president to assume the Los Angeles position.

"My association with the Hollywood Memorial Park Cemetery project includes supervision of its massive construction, also the development and operation of the sales organization to interest the public in its services," explained Wendorph this week.

"I realize that the project is a real challenge to anyone who heads it. It will contain space for more than 50,000 entombments.

"An internationally known sculptor, Nison Tregor, has been commissioned to complete various marble features of the mausoleum, including a frieze setting forth heroic-size figures in Carrara marble. Included will be a mammoth marble frieze depicting the Twenty-third Psalm."

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DURING HIS residence here, Wendorph has found time to devote himself to numerous civic activities. He is past president of the Birmingham and Berkley Exchange Clubs, and a member of Detroit Rotary Club.

He is a past president of the Michigan State Cemetery Association, also a past president of the Cremation Association of America and its present treasurer.

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DOWN TO EARTH

Shares Her Knowledge On Poinsettia Culture

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Lucky is the homemaker who is given a lovely poinsettia for the holidays because this plant, native to Mexico, has for generations been a typical Christmas decoration.

In Birmingham we have a talented gardener who is known for the poinsettias she carries through from year to year. Local folks watch for them in the windows of her home at 872 Southfield road. This talented indoor gardener is Mrs. Agnes Crane, who shares the home of the A. C. Utters.

From this point forward the story will be Mrs. Crane's as I surely bow to her knowledge of plants.

Mrs. Burlingame

The deadline on her growing schedule for her poinsettia culture is to have a show of blossoms for Thanksgiving Day and the traditional family reunion. Therefore her flowers on her plants will be in prime condition for about two more weeks.

After the plants lose their "sitting room appeal" they are taken to the basement and "I forget about them." The latter part of April they are cut off so they are between four and six inches high. Then they are given a little water every five days.

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THE FIRST WEEK in June the most promising are repotted and placed outdoors. The leaves will be "whitish" due to the lack of good light in the basement. After they have regained a rich green leaf they are planted in pots and given the full sun.

They will need lots of water during the driest weather. (Note: I would give them a summer mulch of peat moss, buckwheat hulls, or sawdust with nitrogen added so that I wouldn't have to have the watering task on my mind too often).

Before frost sets in, bring the flourishing poinsettias "toward the house," to a sheltered spot. If you brought them in from the direct sun without conditioning in the shade, they would drop their leaves from shock when they "settled" in the house. (Geranium fanciers please take note).

These plants are brought inside and placed in a second floor south bedroom window. The room is not used at night. The plants are fertilized once a month.

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NOW, CAN YOU accept the challenge of this plant culture as relayed to you by this fine grower, Mrs. Agnes Crane? Research carried on by our agricultural schools in the country have pointed out a very important step in order to guarantee a full-formed poinsettia flower. Did you catch the "key" to Mrs. Crane's success? The plants were placed in a room where they did not have electricity from early fall until Thanksgiving, when their flowers were completely formed.

Our largest grower in this area told me the other day that during that calendar time he cuts off the lights in the poinsettia house so that no one can absentmindedly turn them on during the night and ruin an important crop. They are an eight hour daylight plant and will substitute electricity for the sun. Have you a room in your home to dedicate to poinsettia culture?

Mrs. Crane has other fine plants, too. Her African violets are lovely. Her advice is "Don't fuss".

Only water them when they feel "sorta dry to the touch". An east window is best for violet culture in her opinion and the plants are fed a plant tab once a month.

She propagates her plants by placing the leaves in water and "gingerly" eases them into dirt when well rooted, before the wee leaves form as the second step.

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CHRISTMAS CACTI are among her favorite plants. Once a week she waters them. "When it nears Christmas and I feel that they should be budding I water them oftener. I never fertilize them They are only repotted when they are crowded. Their bloom period is for one month."

Out doors Mrs. Crane takes a great deal of pride in an old wheel barrow she uses as a decorative note in her yard. She fills it with dirt and places in it seven kinds of coléus and incorporates red geraniums for height. No fertilizer is used but lots of water due to the demands of coleus.

So now as you drive south on Southfield, look on the right side of the street for the Utter home just before you come to Lincoln and share Mrs. Crane's contribution to your cheer as you view her "poinsettia show" in the living room windows.

Law Officials Again Seeking New Measures

Renewed effort to obtain passage of penal code laws which failed of enactment at the last session of the legislature was decided upon at a meeting of the legislative committee representing the various law enforcement agencies of the state.

Some of the proposals were lost because of lack of time for full consideration in the rush of the final days of the session. Others met with opposition or, in the opinion of committee members, had not been sufficiently explained and supported.

The committee represents the state associations of chiefs of police, sheriffs, prosecuting attorneys and circuit judges, and the state police, recorder's court, and attorney general.

Measures which will again be recommended for approval follow:

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AUTHORIZING the attorney general and prosecuting attorneys of the state to administer oaths in the taking of voluntary statements.

Giving police officers the same authority to make arrests without warrants for circuit court misdemeanors that they now have for felonies.

Except where there are justifiable circumstances, deny bail, pending appeal, in cases of conviction for certain crimes of violence, such as rape, armed robbery and offenses of similar character.

Provide for the legal disposition of seized punch board prizes.

Authorize the issuance of an order by any justice of the supreme court or by any judge of a court of record to permit wire tapping in felony cases. Safeguards would be provided to prevent abuses.

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IT ALSO was decided to propose regulations requiring that a record be made of dynamite sales if an examination of present law shows that this is not covered.

The committee will ask the state bar association to study legislation to provide for the proper disposition of cases of juvenile licensed driver offenders under 17 years of age, as this now presents a problem.

A recommendation of the safety and traffic committee of the Michigan association of chiefs of police that a re-study be made to provide a more effective means of handling cases in which drivers fail to respond to traffic summonses also was endorsed.

Becomes Director Of Harness Racers

COLUMBUS, Ohio—Perry Williams, 4740 Adams road, Birmingham, was among 33 U. S. Trotting association directors who met in annual session here recently. The directors, representing 11 geographical districts in this country and Canada, changed 42 rules, each change designed to improve the conduct of harness racing.

New Police, Firemen Get Additional Uniform Aid

Birmingham city commissioners have approved an allowance of $75 to probationary firemen and policemen to be used toward the purchase of uniforms. This is in addition to the annual $50 allowance used to defray costs of maintaining uniforms.

Commissioner Lance Minor, voting against the allowance, said he felt such a practice could get out of hand. He said he would vote for similar salary increase for these men but not an allowance.

Section Chief Serves In Southern Germany

Cpl. Dale G. Roberts, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Roberts, 773 Big Beaver road, Troy township, is serving in Southern Germany with the 28th Infantry Division.

Roberts, a section chief in the division, arrived in Europe in December, 1951. He entered the Army in February, 1951.

SECOND LIEUTENANT BRADLEY W. CORREGAN, son of Mr. and Mrs. William F. Corregan, 23400 West Fourteen Mile, is serving as a student officer at Camp Upshur, Marine Corps Station, Quantico, Va. A graduate of Bloomfield Hills High school and Dartmouth College, Lt. Corregan entered the Marine Corps July 19, 1952 and was commissioned in September of this year.

PROGRESS

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