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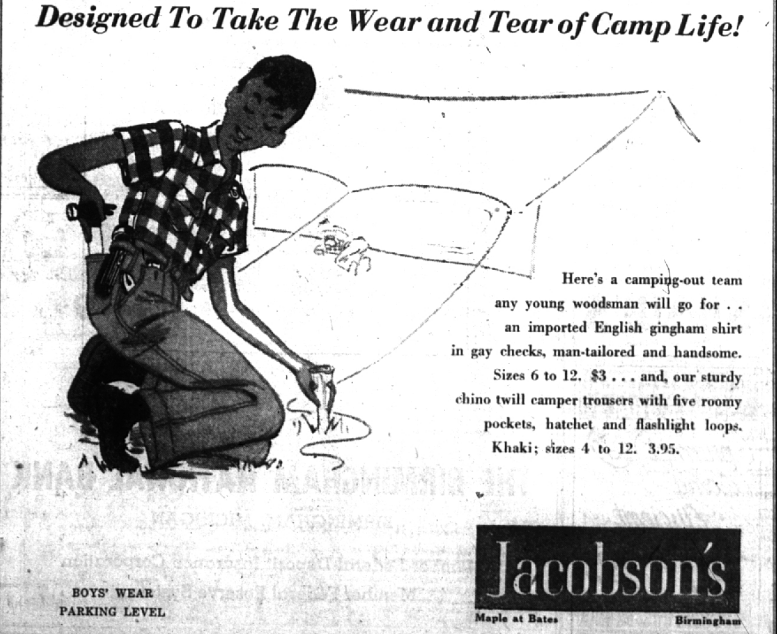
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Down to Earth

By Alice Wessels Burlingame

(Editor's Note: With this issue, The Birmingham Eccentric begins publication of "Down to Earth", a column for the urban resident who is making, or would like to make, gardening a hobby. "Down to Earth" is written by Alice Wessels Burlingame, a well-known Birmingham resident and prominent lecturer on the various aspects of gardening, a growing and increasingly popular avocation.)

This is the time of year when gardening takes on a very serious aspect for most gardeners. Gardening as a hobby provides a fine pattern of living for many of us, as most of us are going to live a great deal longer than our parents due to modern aspects of medicine. Gardening as a WAY OF LIFE to build up a bank account of goodness by sharing with others, developing contentment, and ending up by improving our property.

The last few weeks those with established lawns have been busy raking up an accumulation of

STUFF. We often wonder where all the dog bones and similar oddities come from . . . It is important that this material be picked up and collected for the compost pile.

MANY OF US are hemmed in by houses on three sides and it is always a problem to figure out how to move soil to the back of the house for garden use. A compost pile is the perfect answer to the puzzle.

Behind your shrub row dump a bushel basket of "stuff" as an example. Then add on the left, being agents on the market to break down the scrap material, it looks like the soot from the Edison chimney and is odorless, the measure is one quarter cup.

Next . . . sprinkle a shovel full of any soil over the mixture as the bacteria held in the soil will stimulate the deterioration. The final step is to either dump a galvanized bucket of water over the heap or lay the hose on the mass for a brief interval. The cake is now!

NOW DON'T FORGET at two-week intervals to stir the contents with the oxygen in and tumble the pile around to insure more rapid results. A pile set up at this time will provide you with rich humus to incorporate into your garden by September.

The section of lawn seed is important. The first print on the package will tell you a great deal of aid you in making a good purchase.

One package put on the market by a prominent firm sells two packages, one costs twenty-five cents more than the other. An examination of the fine print will disclose that for a quarter more the gardener is securing a pound of grass seed which will cover nearly twice as much space, and the analysis discloses a better selection of grasses in the mixture.

BUT IT SHOULD be pointed out that for the new lawn the least expensive grass will germinate quicker and the second type of grass will be the best filler for the sowings which always follow.

When you water your lawn remember to use an sprinkler and discard the manual "technique". The water should be on one location for at least 20 minutes to insure adequate saturation to the roots.

When you have roses or phlox they will appreciate being watered by a canvas hose in order to avoid mildew on the leaves and by watering from the ground level you will aid the control of fungus diseases. If you do not have a canvas hose, try removing the nozzle and tying old rags around the end to keep the water from splashing.

CHILLY DAYS are bound to come before May 20th so do not plant in your yard annuals until that date due to the possibility of frost. If you have already placed out some colorful geraniums remember to cover them in case of a threatening night. It will take three layers of newspapers to assure a warm enough blanket.

We have some fine gardeners in our local area and the Halvorsons who live at 627 Waddington have taken a vacant lot next to their home and have made it into a wonderland of wild flowers, carefully selected to grow in the dense grove of trees and plants which will appreciate the woody humus.

A visit this week disclosed a colorful display of trillium, Virginia bluebells, primroses, wild phlox, two colors of geranium, forget-me-nots, ferns, and lilies of the valleys.

MRS. HALVORSON says: "This garden has been a fine challenge to make a woody garden as colorful as the colorful sun exposed areas. The maintenance is at a minimum due to nature's mulch from the leaves which enriches the soil and keeps weeds to a minimum. I heartily recommend a woody garden."

The Halvorsens were in London a year ago and attended the famous Chelsea Flower Show. The in-

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FIRE AND FLOOD

While Michigan residents along the Great Lakes shoreline battle the ever-increasing threat of flood, natives of our vast jack pine sections in the north have had the driest spring in years with extremely high fire hazards.

More land has been burned over so far this year than during the entire twelve months of 1931! Yet the loss per acre is amazingly low thanks to the efficiency of our Conservation Department in forest fire control.

Huge Network Alerted

During conditions of "high hazard"—after a prolonged dry spell, with low humidity, high temperatures and a fresh breeze—the entire field organization of the department is on its toes, with crack teams trained in fire detection. Once fire breaks out other squads schooled in controlling the spread of flames get there fast. Well-disciplined manpower combined with modern forest fire-fighting machinery keep the loss per fire "way-down." Up thru the first week in May 298 fires burned a total of 1230 acres. That's less than 3 acres per fire! With tinder-dry conditions and any kind of a wind blowing fire can destroy 5 acres in a hurry. Every second counts, and the first wisp of smoke throws the entire organization into gear.

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Cards and Movies

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Brishois of Sunset were hosts on Saturday evening to the canasta group including Mr. and Mrs. Carl Bush, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Blake, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Howard, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Butts, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Shaver, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Steger, Mr. and Mrs. Veld E. Bliss. The Brishois' showed films of their recent trip to Florida, Nassau and Kingston, Jamaica, and Ocala and Richon. Refreshments were served.

Happy Birthday!

Miss Kathie Ofenstein, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ofenstein of Cambridge celebrated her ninth birthday last Saturday with a party. Attending were Margaret Ann and Mary Beth Cole, Mary Ann Cameron, Ellen Fleming of Lathrup Village, Cathrine Zatsick and Beverly Howard of Birmingham. Jewel Ofenstein from Detroit and Theresa and Mary Purcette of Royal Oak.

Church Groups Meet

Circles 4 and 5 of the Townsite Community church will meet on Tuesday, May 20, at the church 8 p.m. to plan the rummage sale being held June 7. Chairmen of the sale will be Mrs. Lyle Robinson and Mrs. James McCormick. Hostesses for the meeting will be Mrs. E. W. Roehner and Mrs. Al Miller.

New officers for Circle 4 are chairman, Mrs. Billie Thomas, Jr.; secretary, Mrs. James Herbig and treasurer, Mrs. Fred Shirey.

New officers for Circle 5 are chairman, Mrs. Fred Ray; secretary, Mrs. Alvin Plumtree and treasurer, Mrs. Walter Bielski. Mrs. Lyle Brown and Mrs. S. MacArthur will be hostesses for the group at the evening meeting.

Mrs. L. Brishois was hostess to Circle 1 on Tuesday, May 13, when the group met at her home to make final arrangements for the Men's club dinner to be held May 20 in Fellowship Hall.

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Girl Scout Festival

Girl Scout troop leaders and co-leaders met at the home of Mrs. Elmer Craig, neighborhood chairman of Sunnysloot last Thursday to make arrangements for the annual Girl Scout festival to be held at the Townsite Community church on Thursday evening, May 22. Refreshments will be served and each troop will present a "skit".

Present for the meeting were Mrs. Richard Cogger, Mrs. D. E. Kressler, Mrs. Carl Wolcott, Mrs. Frank Fiescher, Mrs. Webster Owen, Mrs. James Cameron, Mrs. William Ruth, Mrs. Daniel Hines and Mrs. Allan Miller.

Supper Club Play

The Lathrup Supper club met last Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Webster Owen, chairman. A play "Over the Teacup" was presented under the direction of Mrs. Clarence Wormuth. The cast included Mrs. Richard Cogger, Mrs. George Rostow, Mrs. Eugene MacCracken and Mrs. Elmer Craig.

Home Again

Home from Florida are Mr. and Mrs. Lance Mackey, San Jose, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Bush, Backham, and Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Brishois, Sunset. While in Fort Lauderdale the Mackey's and Brishois' attended a cocktail party and dinner at the Carl Bush apartment.

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