

Down to Earth

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Maybe in this garden column I should include 50 ways how to cook hamburger because the family food budget surely has many trials before Decoration Day to pay for "just a few more flowers" to be placed in the garden.

After a garden is bit by the "plant bug," he is always on the prowl looking for unusual plants and also trying to combine plants in their location so that they come into flower at the right time to complement each other.

A Russian Olive tree is excellent plant material to place near a telephone pole. Place it at least eight feet from the base of the pole due to its potential growth. This tree will grow to be 30 feet plus, and you will like it for its black trunk and grey green leaves. This tree lends itself for pruning to give a Japanese silhouette and tracery effect with the leaves.

NOT VERY FAR from this tree place a purple leaf plum. Leave 10 feet between trees for growth. The purple leaf plum has purple-red-brown colored leaves in the spring and the combination of the two trees is "top."

The Hugo Rose is a fine example of plant material in bloom around the middle of May. There you have a shrub rose, with a fine textured leaf with sulfur yellow roses massed on all of the branches. Place this shrub next to a Persian lilac which blooms at the same time and there will be a "dessert" for your garden. . . . this Hugo Rose can be used for border plantings and will grow eight feet plus. Give the rose full sun and good drainage.

WE MIGHT AS well face it. At least 90 percent of the people who very little about gardening and often walk around the flower beds out of loyalty to you. So let us fool the general public and have a fine primary border (next to the lawn) so if we become behind in our garden work, in the borders our shortcoming won't stand out too much. Consider where you are dealing with areas of sun or shade. For the sunny borders consider: Forsythia set out a trowel apart with perhaps crystal palace lonicera (has an electric blue flower) in the pattern for every third hole made.

DWARF YELLOW marigolds are lovely or you may wish verbenas with its mixture of variety of colors like an oriental rug. Remember to place your primary border by definite measure and the length of the trowel is fine for this purpose. Petunias are fine as a primary border and you achieve a maximum effect by keeping to one color, placed in the sun.

In the shade you will like to plant the Italian Squill, a lovely blue flower which you plant as a bulb in the fall. English daisies are nice this time of year and they can be combined with forget-me-nots.

If you have been to Jasper Park Lodge in Alberta, you will remember the Nemesis, which is used as a primary border and looks like a deluxe dwarf snapdragon. You can secure seeds and try them for fun. A garden gives you a fine chance to be adventuresome and an explorer.

PHLOX DRUMMONDI are found in flats this time of year and are conversational pieces used in your primary border.

It always is fun to visit gardeners in this area and this week we tour the garden of Mr. and Mrs. Heret Carr, 2416 Windemere. They have only gardened for one year and have some fine observations which might be helpful to new gardeners.

The north side of their home they have ferns against the foundation and enjoy the texture the leaves give them. Their compost pile has been their life-saver this year as they cope again with their clay.

They gathered grass cuttings, leaves, and general plant scraps and placed them in a wire mesh some shrubs. Then, placed on the heap, "Active to break up the mass by bacteria action, placed some dirt on top, then often turned the "collection" over with a fork.

NOW THIS spring the result has been humus to incorporate with their clay.

Trellises against their clothes poles cover up their purpose and nice climbing roses will adorn them. The prize on the property is their Passion Vine which is a collector's item. It is placed on the south side and last year 36 of these orchid colored flowers were drawing cars for visiting.

They are nearly as big as a garden and have hairy fine petals among the whole effect. Herbs are located near the kitchen door and there you will see mint, chives, sage, and parsley. By the way parsley makes a fine ground cover along a flagstone path.

AMONG THE PLANTS the Carr's especially enjoyed were their butterfly bushes which gave them such a fine show of long panicles of flowers from July to frost.

Parrot Tulips are prominent in the front of the house on the south perennial verbenas give a fine color with their purple flowers, sweet peas gave a fine effect over their white wagon wheels.

Mrs. Carr has a sun behind the iron curtain who has sent her some seeds, among them "Gretchen in the Bush" which she is anxious to see in flower. . . . so you see that every year gardening should be a grand adventure for new and established gardeners.



DURING THE past year more than 250 books have been given to the Baldwin public library through the Friends of the Library group and other interested persons. The entire collection, shown at the library last week, are being checked here by Mrs. Dain Millman and Mrs. John E. Gilray, Jr., members of the Friends of the Library. (Eccentric Staff Photo)

BITS OF BIRMINGHAM

(Continued from Page 1, Part 2) one leader for each eight girls, and if a sufficient number of leaders is enrolled, every interested girl will have a week of fun in the evening, learning trailing, hiking, fishing, nature lore, dramatics, craft work, and growing together at camp.

Housewives, college girls, golf widows—any woman interested is urged to call Mrs. Charles D. Hawley, 1277 Lyonnburg, and sign up for two weeks of fun with the Girls in Green.

This Wanderer overheard a soldier, just back from Korea, say he was looking forward to Memorial Day at home. "I'm anxious to see all the flags," he said. "There weren't very many flags where I've been."

Graders are working on Poppleton Park on the north side of Hunter, shaping up basaltic diamonds for summer use. City Manager Donald C. Egbert assures interested nearby residents that adequate off-street parking will be provided along the east side of the park.

Baldwin Library Board Names Slate for Year

Mrs. John Lambie, re-elected president of the Baldwin Library board, announced the election of Mrs. Graham Shinnick to fill the board vacancy caused by the resignation of Mrs. Herbert G. Wood.

Other officers who will serve this year are Harry Allen, vice president; Merrill Adams, treasurer; and Mrs. Louis Hascall, secretary.

LATHRUP VILLAGE NEWS

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Bridal Notes
Mr. and Mrs. W. Keith Kellogg of Glencoe, Ill. were hosts of a rehearsal dinner for about 30 guests at Devon Gables on Thursday, May 29 in honor of brilliant Jacqueline Evers daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Evers of Lathrup Blvd. Miss Evers will be married to William Keith Kellogg at Christ Church Cranbrook on May 30.

Mrs. Harry Dale of Sunnybrook was hostess when she entertained with a bridal shower for Miss Peggy Sale daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Sale of Detroit. Miss Sale will become the bride of Bruce Anderson Kresge on June 14.

The article to be plated is immersed in a molten salt mixture floating on top of molten aluminum, then into the aluminum itself.

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Church Items
Mrs. Roy Mattern of E. California drive was hostess last Thursday to the ladies of her group from the North West Congregational church of Detroit. She

entertained the group with a desert luncheon and the afternoon was spent visiting and playing bridge.

Executive Board of the Women's Association Townwide Community Congregational church will meet in the lounge at 12:30 on Wednesday, June 4.

New Aluminum Coating Process Is Perfected

D. K. Hanik, 2409 Windemere, working with H. L. Grange of Darlington, Wis., has patented a new method of putting an aluminum coating on steel or iron of any shape.

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City to Vote On Change In Charter

The city commission Monday night adopted a charter amendment to be placed before a vote of the people at the August 5 primary to enable the city to join the Southeastern Oakland County Sewage Disposal District.

The amendment would permit the city to enter into contract with any other community for the purpose of sewage disposal if the city wishes. The amendment is permissive and would not require the city to join the SOC district.

Sewage disposal problems in the city will force the city to either enlarge present facilities or connect with the Clinton drainage area by contract with the other SOC cities in the district.

CITY MANAGER Donald C. Egbert pointed out to commissioners that he felt membership in the SOC district would be the more economical.

"We have requested cost figures on joining the district from the county drain office. Cost of SOC drainage facilities would be financed on a revenue basis. I believe we can meet these expenses currently without selling bonds," Egbert added.

Commissioner Ralph A. Main explained that it would take the county drain office at least three weeks to prepare the figures for the city.

Commissioner Lane C. Minor suggested that the city hold public meetings at the Community House to outline the needs for greater sewage disposal facilities. Commissioner V. B. Watkins added that the city hold a public hearing in the commission chambers prior to the election.

WE HEARD IT SAID BY—
AL VOSS, retiring commander, Charles Edwards Post, American Legion: "Birmingham people certainly supported our poppy drive this year in a way we'll never forget. Over a thousand dollars was taken in during the one day and every penny of it will go to worthy causes for the benefit of veterans and their families. Every member of the Legion is deeply appreciative of the support our community gave us."

Association Secretary
The women's group of the Detroit Life Underwriters association recently elected Mrs. Lois W. Nelson, 770 Colonial court, as secretary for the ensuing year. Mrs. Nelson is connected with the Detroit office of the Lincoln National Life.

Second Office Is Opened By Keating
A complete real estate brokerage office was opened by Howard T. Keating, Southfield township rector, this week at the corner of Maple and N. Lahser, Southfield township. Paul F. Buggs and Jack D. Andrews, formerly with Snyder, Knesey and Bennett, Inc., Birmingham, will operate the new office.

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