

Down to Earth

By ALICE WESSELS BURLINGAME

This is the time of the garden-
ing season to sit back in a com-
fortable chair and weigh the re-
sults of the season. You might
like to record some of your per-
sonal reactions on paper so that
when you are "steamed up" next
spring with the will to plan a
"heaven on earth" in your own
backyard you won't commit the
same errors a second year. Maybe
you are a member of "my club,"
I have been known to plant one
plant on top of another.

The chrysanthemums were a
real disappointment in this area,
many plants never did form buds.
It could be due to the very hot
weather. I guess they would be
worth a trial another year but in
my estimation they will have to
prove their worth for the space
they took in the garden row.

Here is another observation I
made while visiting the town gar-
dens for this column. If you want
a garden flower bed with a line
style do not string plants out but
cluster like plants in the same
area. You may want to develop
the same color scheme across the
yard so be sure the ground tex-
ture and building shadows are the
same to get a balanced result.

CHECK YOUR EVERGREENS. If
they are being curtailed in growth
due to a shrub spoiling the shape
of the evergreen, remember the
evergreen is always worth more in
the landscape plan. Find a more
suitable location for the shrub.

When you move a shrub wind a
piece of clothes line around it to
make the digging and removal
easier. This is the time of the year
to move your deciduous shrubs,
those which lose their leaves
everyfall, to a new spot. Be sure
and dig the new hole before the
shrub to be transplanted is ex-
posed to the air so the process
can be eased.

Baltic ivy is the variety of this
species which gives the most at-
tractive ground cover. The most
prominent veined leaves, lovely
after a rain. You may recall that
the Johns had used this climber
to give an interest-point at the
base of an evergreen which had
lost its lower limbs.

Now jump into the ear 8th me
and visit the L. A. Southern gar-
den at 6200 Red Maple Lane,
south west of Lahar road. The
and colony of ranch homes you
have always admired.

The hosts explain that the gar-

den was planned in 1947 and what
a masterpiece it is today.

THE VISIT BEGAN on the
terrace which is 22 by 30 feet. To
attain the present size it has been
enlarged three times. I guess the
old rule still holds . . . plan a
evergreen, then double the original
size.

Last year they planted a win-
terize by the ornamental trellis
which gives privacy to the terrace.
This bloomed in the spring and
fall. *Eunymia* was planted
around the edge of the terrace
with white violas giving an ac-
cent just behind the eunymia.

The final border around the
terrace was made up of blue grey
mosses. The gardeners had
frequently sprayed the ever-
greens to assure them of good
health. This particular variety
was selected because of the vivid
coloring this evergreen gives dur-
ing the winter.

There is a north side of the gar-
den formed by a house projec-
tion and there lush healthy pines,
holly and mountain laurel abound.
They require an acid bed of soil.
American arbutus forms the
12-foot hedge which provides
privacy for this family whose
home adjoins busy Maple road.
The evergreens were placed three
feet apart.

THE CENTER of the rear-
yard is an unbroken expanse of
green healthy lawn. Attractive
islands curved like a tree drop
follow down the boundary be-
tween the garden and the house
and invite the guest to saunter
around the property.

As our hosts loved pink ger-
aniums the islands around with
them, supplemented with salmon
petunias, variegated dogwoods to
give a vertical line to these beds.

Pale pink peonies have been so-
lert to match the accents in Mrs.
Southern's living room.

The soil throughout the yard
was a heavy clay in 1947. As we
examine its lumpy texture today
it is difficult to realize the chal-
lenge which has been met with the
use of black soil, chemicals and
peat moss.

The pines, their selection and
arrangement in the focal point of
the garden would be worthy of an
article itself.

Four dozen of well selected
specimens make this rose bed
superb. The gardener only uses a
long soaker on these choice roses
to avoid hose water on the foliage
which could lead to black spot.



NEIGHBORS OF MR. AND MRS. ROBERT HAEFNER.
1679 Villa, fell into the spirit and excitement last week as
the birth of the couple's first child neared. They printed
the huge banner Thursday when they learned that a seven-
pound plus baby boy was born to the former Lois Moyn-
ahan at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Pontiac. The baby has
been named James Robert. (Eccentric Staff Photo)

Waterford Faces Maples Friday

By CHARLES WEIR

The Maple football team plays
host to a determined Waterford
high school eleven at Pierce field
Friday night.

Coach Waldo Ashley has an ex-
perienced and scrappy outfit that
refuses to give up until the final
ring.

The Skippers have a well bal-
anced offense and use the single wing
mixed with some T formation
plays.

They have a good left half, one
of the essential features for a
successful single wing offense. He
is 150 pound Kerry Keating who
Monday's reserve game was no ex-
ception, the Maples were swamped
this year. Among his many touchdowns,
32-0.

The powerful big red aggrega-
tion ran over, around, and through
the locals, scoring all their touch-
downs on the ground.

Bill Robinson racked up three
tallies for the winners. The re-
maining pair was scored by Doug
Hanton.

The Maples threatened twice
during the game, but on both oc-
casions the Huron defense tight-
ened to halt the locals.

Except for a projected game
with BHS fresh, the reserves closed
their 1952 schedule with the game
against Port Huron.

Reserves Blanked By Port Huron

When a Birmingham football
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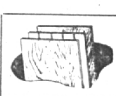
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