

tolerate depends upon its variety. Those that will tolerate only a small amount of fill are oaks, maples, evergreens and especially pines. Those that will tolerate at least two feet of fill are elms, and poplars.

If fill is necessary it is important before moving the soil to a new elevation to have crushed stones at the base of the tree to insure good drainage and a chance for a circulation of air. Then, the soil which is moved in the proximity of the tree must not be clay but a texture which will assure drainage.

THE MORAINÉ LOCUST is one of the fashionable shade trees of the moment. It is without spines, is a fairly rapid grower and will accept quite a range of soils. You will like it because it does not give a heavy shade therefore you can grow good lawn beneath it. It gives only a very little leaf problem in the fall as the leaves curl and dry up. Michigan State college thinks it is one of the best trees for the city home owner. The profile of the tree is like a vase shaped elm.

THE TULIP TREE is always a novelty with its prominent flowers like a tulip. It grows to a gigantic height and needs acreage for its best location, surely not near a "low growing" ranch house.

Liebold feels that the hardest of all shade trees we may use in Birmingham is the Norway maple. A gingko tree is one of the finest street trees that could be selected. The leaves are fan shaped, it is very hardy, disease and insect free. It is imperative that the purchaser buy a male tree as the fruit of the female has an objectionable odor. Therefore to be sure of the gender the tree should be propagated from a known male specimen.

In recent years Miss Mabel Tuomey, a teacher beloved by many former students from Northern high school, gave her choice specimen of a gingko tree to the city that it may be enjoyed by all in our Shain Park and it is off Morrill street in location.

LIEBOLD SAYS, "It does more

harm than good to fertilize when planting a new tree, the best time to give the new tree fertilizer is the second season. In our city gardens most of our garden beds are devoid of good organic material, a combination of peat moss and manure gives the best boost to poor soil."

"A basic program is important in the care of plant material. Therefore when you run into trouble you should know whether you are dealing with a chewing or sucking insect, also whether your trouble is a plant scale. A scale is best controlled by using a dormant oil in the spring, trying to be sure that the temperature will not fall below 40 degrees in any 48 hour period."

"This is the time of the year when gardeners are transplanting plant material to more favorable locations. If you want to have good luck be sure to condition your soil in the new location."

Drainage plus good plant food as found in humus, plus the right plant in the right exposure spells success for you as a gardener.



MORE THAN 250 VOLUNTEER WORKERS attending the Torch Drive kickoff luncheon at the Community House last week heard Local Campaign Chairman William F. Breech urge them to work diligently on raising the \$146,000 Birmingham-area goal. Others at the speakers' table were (from left) Walter C. Laidlaw, UF vice president and general manager; Breech; Merritt D. Hill, the campaign's suburban chairman; and Msgr. Carroll F. Deady, pastor of Holy Name parish. (See story on Page 1, Part One.)



Down to Earth

By ALICE WESSELS BURLINGAME

Hear ye, this is bulb planting time. You will be interested in what crocuses can do for your home around March 15 when you are looking for that first sign of spring.

Plant crocuses near a doorway so that you will be aware of their first welcome appearance.

Grape hyacinths will appear the last of March and are showy when grown in the ground covers you may have under trees. Scillas enjoy sharing the same location giving their show of blue bells the first of May.

Tulips should be chosen with a great deal of care, the selection of a given variety being dependent upon the date of bloom and the potential height of the mature plant. When tulips are to be placed against the foundation of the house, the color of the flower is very important. Many of the bricks should have a pink tinge rather than a red specimen in order to dramatize the warm tones in the brick itself. When your background is white you can go all out for a mixture of bright colors.

The small rock garden tulips

come into bloom around April first while the early tulips come into bloom after April 15.

Cottage variety tulips are tall, 28 inches and bloom about the first week in May, while the Darwin tulips are a little taller but enjoy the same period of flowering. Plant all tulips about six inches apart and at a minimum of six inches deep.

THERE ARE OTHER small bulbs available. Remember they always look best in planted clumps and not strung out in a line.

The interview made this week by your garden reporter was with W. R. Liebold, forester for the City of Birmingham.

We wanted to know what he thought about trees suitable for the home property and something about the culture of them.

Often when the grounds are being graded it is necessary to raise the elevations around a tree. The amount of fill a given tree will

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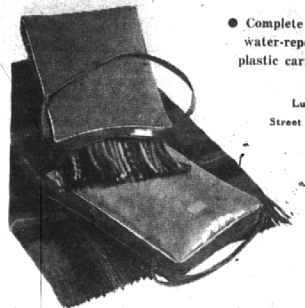
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