

Protect Plant Roots With Layer of Mulch

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As the days become hotter, the growth of plants will slow up. Your garden work will be cut off if you begin to plan now for your summer mulch to be placed on all flower beds.

Regard each area as an individual project. First, cultivate well, feed the plants with a moderate amount of fertilizer, edge your flower beds, then apply your summer mulch.

The mulch should be about two or three inches deep, neat moss is best. This summer mulch is not disturbed until the middle of next April when it is incorporated into the soil. From that date forward the flower beds are left open to encourage good root growth.

The annual garden pilgrimages always rewards the visitors. The W. L. Slooms had a few treasured plants on to you. Their flower beds were made with real, not "busy" cut.

Spruce trees are placed at intervals to insure a feeling of texture and winter interest.

They are now 30 feet high and have a spread of 12 feet. This is being related to warn gardeners of the potential of a spruce tree which may have small dimensions for years in 1953.

THEY HAD an unusual plant, plumbeous muscaris. It is a hushy which flowers in June, has a purple color and hair-like petals.

At a list of June their heavenly morning glories were six to seven feet high due to being started in flower pots. To make a note of the idea for early next spring so that you will have a longer season of flowering for this ever-expanding vine. Remember how I start them in January so that they will flower in a bright window during the winter.

If I had an acre, I surely wouldn't be satisfied until I had planted a tulip tree. It has a potential of over 100 feet. The bark is like ash with yellow leaves in the fall. Flowers are like tulips. They are two inches across, are greenish white, with an orange band at the base.

The flower looks just like a wood rose and it is used for exotic flower arrangements.

Enrollments Still Open
For Kingswood Weaving

There are still openings in the weaving course for adults at the Kingswood-Cranbrook summer day camp, beginning this week in the studios at Kingswood school Cranbrook.

The six-week course, which meets mornings Monday through Friday, includes instruction in weaving techniques, including making silk materials, upholstery, drapery, linens and rugs, in addition to a composite study of the loom and its functions.

Clois Fidler, currently in charge of weaving instruction for the Kingswood-Cranbrook summer day camp, is supervising the course. Inquiries should be made to Dorothy C. Inglis, Kingswood.

Will Attend Insurance Conference in New York

R. M. Halsted, 1098 Fairfax, representative of the Aetna life insurance company in Detroit, will attend the silver jubilee meeting of the Aetna Life Corps of Representatives at the Whiteface Inn, Whiteface, N. Y., June 28-July 1.

Besides marking the 25th anniversary of the Regionnaires, the conference will coincide with the observance of the company's 100th anniversary.

Halsted will participate in a series of panel discussions on new opportunities for using company programs for providing life insurance protection.

Mr. Halsted left Sunday to join her husband in the east. They will spend the week prior to the conference visiting in Vermont and New Hampshire.

Are you thinking of buying a new home? Then read the "For Sale-Houses" column on the Classified Ad page of this week's Eccentric.

ROAD'S SCHOLAR—Seventy-two-year-old George F. Miller, retired Temple University professor, traveled through Hanover, N. H., near the finish line of his solitary 1800-mile hike from Oxbow, Cal., to Mount Katahdin, Me. He carries powdered milk, raisins, tinned meat, cheese, and an umbrella.



RALPH HIMMELHOCH

Cranbrook Grad Taps French Exams

Top honors as Michigan's best student of French have been awarded Ralph Himmelhoch, son of Dr. and Mrs. A. J. Himmelhoch,

Detroit, by the American Association of Teachers of French. Himmelhoch, recently graduated from Cranbrook School, also placed second in the East Central Region of the United States. He won his rank in examinations given by the AATF, and was given a cash award as the best fourth year French student in the Detroit area. An honor student at Cranbrook, Himmelhoch has won the Trinity College Award for scholarship, the Morris Tilley Award for literary excellence, and is a member of Cum Laude, national honor society recognizing superior scholarship. He was a member of the school band, drama society, a letterman in soccer, editor of the school literary magazine, and winner of the Cranbrook School French medal.

\$50,000 Sidewalk Plan Wins Commission Okay

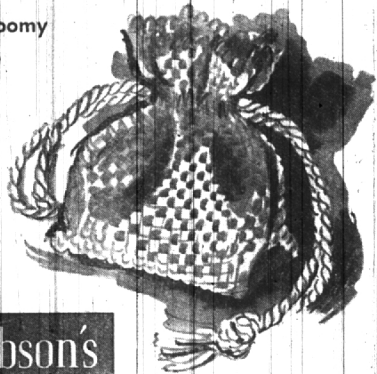
The city of Birmingham is planning to advertise immediately for bidders to construct sidewalks within the city limits at an estimated cost of \$50,000 for the 1953 program.

In approving this action, city commissioners said walks on Pleasant street had been deleted until further details on street development had been worked out. The Ravine-Brookside area also was deleted because of a special engineering problem.

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Birmingham Rated Richer Market

(Special to The Birmingham Eccentric)

NEW YORK, June 19—Birmingham stands out as a rich market with families earning more and spending more than those in most cities in the United States. This is revealed in a new, copyrighted survey of buying power, covering the entire nation, prepared by Sales Management.

Larger incomes made it possible for families in Birmingham to buy more and live better than those in most other places. This is indicated by the volume of business done by the local retail stores during the past year.

The figures show that this retail activity reached the high mark of \$31,454,000, an increase over the 1951 record of \$30,712,000. It was much more than the total to be expected for a city of its size.

In the basis of population, local retail business should have been only 0.10 percent of the national. Actually, however, it was .012 percent.

THE LARGE-SCALE buying, which meant more luxurious living, was made possible by better savings. The data shows that the 5,200 families in Birmingham attained a net income, after deduction of personal income taxes, of \$45,688,000, which was a gain over the \$44,401,000 accounted for in

THE FIGURES, it is noted, are straight arithmetical averages. They may be expected to run high or, states Sales Management, than the median income figures from the 1950 census, now being released, since the census was restricted to incomes under \$10,000.

Despite the good business in Birmingham retail stores in the year much of the money available for spending went into reserves and investments and remained untapped.

How each community stands with relation to others in purchasing ability and economic well-being is shown in the survey by a "quality of market" index.

Exhibit Request Granted

Birmingham city commissioners have granted a request from the Navy club, USA, to bring its mounted trailer unit of Robert (Believe It or Not) Ripley's personal collection of curiosities here within the next 60 days. The street display will be subject to supervision by the Birmingham police department.

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