

**Ends Basic Training**  
 Joseph A. O'Connor, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. O'Connor, 551 Oakland, recently completed basic training at Camp Atterbury, Ind. Mr. O'Connor attended Central Michigan College prior to entering service.



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# MICHIGAN OUTDOORS

## GOVERNOR'S CONFERENCE INAUGURATED

The first annual Governor's Tourist and Resort Conference in Lansing proved itself a springboard for a lot of new thinking on outdoor problems. Our natural resources were put under a kind of microscope for study, carefully appraised, then considered in the light of long range planning.

Dr. Justin W. Leonard, Research Chief of our Conservation Department, explained the "new look" at wildlife management—an approach that has been widely discussed and discussed by sportsmen everywhere in Michigan.

By most of our old standards when a species of fish or game began to disappear there was only one logical move: The State must restock in a hurry. This called for game farms and hatcheries operating full blast at a cost that put a terrific price tag on every planted fish or game bird brought home as a trophy of the chase. Pheasants were worth about \$350 each, legal sized trout in the creel about \$120 per. It was costing the sportsmen and taxpayer a lot of money—some of it still on the books.

**Science Steps In**

But gradually more and more straight thinking is taking place among the sportsmen of Michigan who are finally beginning to believe the research biologists. They've been telling us for the last ten years that money used for stocking

ing and planting would be far better spent in habitat improvement. They've been preaching that a given amount of land of water endowed with definite food and cover limitations can harbor just a certain number of fish or game and no more. And more often than not the encroachments of civilization are being more harmful than good to stream and fish living quarters. So the combination of more fishermen and hunters plus the degeneration of habitat has resulted in a steady reduction of the "take" per customer.

Will planting or restocking help in such a case? Definitely not, say the experts, except on a "trot and lake" basis. By that they mean plant today and kill tomorrow by rot or gun before natural limitations step in and kill the fish or game by starvation.

## Trouble Planting Permits

About a million legal-sized trout are planted each year for "trot and lake" purposes. Most of them are caught in a hurry. It costs plenty and our research experts say this money, too, would be far better spent in stream improvement including more wild trout to live and to reproduce naturally. There are hundreds of miles of trout streams in Michigan in dire need of improvement. Here's hoping the day will come—and soon—when the cost of planting trout will be offset to the cost of opening up long miles of new trout fishing spread over a lot more area in Michigan Outdoors!

## Sewer, Water Request Held Up by Commission

The request of William J. Letzing, Jr., for water and sewer installation for his property on Southfield, between Northlawn and Southlawn, has been held over awaiting additional signatures.

Letzing, now a resident of Ferndale, told Birmingham city commissioners he hoped to be able

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## DOWN TO EARTH

# Gardens Need Spring Cleaning Plans, Too

By ALICE WESSELS BURLINGAME  
 Special Writer for The Birmingham Eccentric

Clean up week is being celebrated and there are many suggestions that the gardener can take to heart.

Good, neat habits prompt us to comb out hair in the morning instead of following a new day with matted up locks; and so with our lawns we make them to make them appear neat, the soil is scratched so that it will be receiving top dress, and after the job is completed you will agree that the texture of the green well groomed is a real asset to your property.

Before sowing your grass seed don't forget your obligation to your lawn for a real meal of fertilizer. This selected food should be high in nitrogen to assure a lush green growth.

Cut over 3 1/2 inches of good grass once a week for a year and owe a return of the extra to the "savings account."

After the grass growing is completed and a quick-cutting machine you need to remove a large fresh crop of weeds, "go modern!"

Use a spray of 2-4-D to remove them in one branding over and removing weeds with a jack knife. It is possible to buy a gadget to fit on an old garden jug to apply a solution of 2-4-D mixed in water. The task can be done in half an hour.

**MANY OF OUR** homes look as though they were set in spinach (apologies to Milton Barmore who recently lectured here).

Around the foundation of the house is one place where evergreen and shrubs can stand some disciplined shearing, to avoid the spinach look.

I have admitted before that I generally trim my evergreens around the holidays to assure myself a supply of fresh Christmas greens.

The tall evergreens have their acorns to bewitch their growth in tier on tier of branches. Therefore, if a branch needs to be shortened it should be in the early spring.

Informal jumpers should have pruning but avoid having the branches all the same length.

**PINES, FIRS** and spruces can be made denser by removing the terminal tips of the large branches. This should be done before the fresh growth has begun.

The new, arborescent and junipers can be pruned to suit the location and your goals for its performance.

At this point you may ask "What is the use of telling this to us unless it can be done with this advice?"

I will admit I am tardy but the average gardener will be busy due to the late season this year.

Now for the flowering shrubs, both annual and foundation and boundary plantings.

Early spring flowering shrubs Use Classified Ads—They Sell!

**To Attend Magazines' 53 Sales Conference**  
 John M. Holden, 928 Covington, among the Business Week Magazine executives and district managers who met last weekend at Pinehurst, N. C., for their annual sales conference. Holden is one of the district managers working out of the Detroit office.

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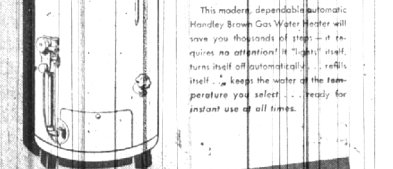
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# PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held by the Birmingham City Commission on Monday, June 1, 1953 at 8:00 o'clock p.m. in the Municipal Building for the purpose of considering a proposed amendment to Section 601 and 901 of the Zoning Ordinance which pertain to professional offices, customary home occupations, boarding and the renting of rooms and accessory uses. The proposed amendments provide the following:

- A. In the single family, income bungalow and terrace residence zones of the city, there will be a limit of two roomers or boarders per dwelling unit and accessory uses to a residence building will not include any use involving a business, professional, trade or occupation after the effective date of the revision. It further provides that the storing or parking of a commercial vehicle of not to exceed 3 1/2 ton capacity is permitted in the residence zone provided that the same is stored or parked within a fully enclosed garage.
- B. In the multiple family residence zones, there will be a limit of five roomers or boarders per dwelling unit. Accessory uses may include professional offices, customary home occupations and the use of 25 per cent of the floor area of the first floor or basement of a building by the occupant for conducting his or her trade, profession or occupation; Provided that:
  1. There is no display or advertising;
  2. The accessory use is located in a dwelling unit which meets its zone district requirements;
  3. That no stock in trade is kept or commodities sold; and
  4. That no retail trade is conducted.

IRENE E. HANLEY  
 City Clerk

May 14, 1953