

# Front Plantings Home's Focal Point

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Well, let's face it. Let's look at your front door planting as though you are a visitor to your home for the first time. This is the time of year to evaluate the condition of the evergreens, shrubs, line of the shrub bed! Decide now whether or not you need supplementary stone work to give your threshold a generous appearance and not an entrance where the guests have to enter single file, like Indians.

Many folks go to the north woods and bring back an evergreen, hoping that it will be their answer to their planting. Chances are their soil does not represent the original soil enjoyed by the evergreen and consequently it drops its lower limbs and takes on a motly appearance.

**THE ONLY** evergreen which will well fit a foundation planting where shade is present is the family of yews. You have the choice of yews which are creeping, four foot spreaders, and columnar varieties. When selecting other kinds of yews agree on a variety which you remember that they have to have full sun for the best results and a normal symmetrical growth.

Many folks enjoy incorporating the floribunda roses for the front foundation planting where they have sun six hours of the day. Be very careful and remember if you have a red brick house to shy away from a floribunda rose which is red. Use coral tones to pick up the yellow tones in the natural brick color.

The floribunda roses will give flowers in fall and will collect fanfare.

If you DO NOT have to worry about the color of your home coloring, such as white, grey, or natural wood, then you have a wide open field. While the evergreens are good to introduce for a corner of the foundation. This time of year we are aware of the monotonous alatus which is fire red in the sun and a very healthy six foot shrub.

The white lilac is always good if your home is colonial lines. The Edith Cavell is a nice variety with the double white flowers. Be sure it is in full sun and planted now it will flower next Spring.

If you have a bare spot at the side of your door you might like to plant (conspicuous) which will keep its leaves all winter, be a find in greening habit and be an asset to give you a vertical effect.

**IN ORDER** to have your property have a "finished effect" you will want to own an evergreen. Most good gardeners claim that this

tool is their most important aid to good gardening. Use a cultivator with a shallow stroke then use the edger, and make those areas around your doorway look neat for the many days this winter when they will be exposed to scrutiny. Plant evergreens which evergreens are planted around the home entrance can be embellished with Baltic ivy (the best), myrtle, or some other ground cover.

One should have a generous step down area from the porch and it is possible to purchase cast cement blocks to supplement the needed wider sidewalk. You will probably find that three cast cement blocks on each side of the central walk will suffice.

This is the time of year to correct this situation so you won't have to move much winter mud inside your home.

**SOME OF YOU** are starting to build this fall. The placing of the home on the lot is very important. Allow for the driveway side as close to the other property as the law allows and give ground cover. If an evergreen is in the rock garden, and especially to give interest where you have ground cover. If an evergreen is in the rock garden, and especially to give interest where you have ground cover.

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After the first true frost, get the tuberosus rooted begonias in the house and have them drying on newspapers, also some lily bulbs. Your gladioli should come in to dry, too.

**THIS IS THE** time to select choice tulip bulbs, note height and time of flowering. More about bulbs another week.

Fine gardens are always a treat as they visit the Dr. Chauncey Burke home at 1123 Glenavon Circle.

There is a circular black top driveway. Over the doorway you will recognize a wisteria on each side with a pink and then a white climbing taking their positions a few feet from the center. As Mrs. Burke likes plants with big colorful blooms the tulips in the Spring near the doorway are pale orchid and pink. Yews have also been used.

As the driveway curves it has an arbutus hedge on the street side which restricted to two and a half feet high and I noticed each evergreen was placed two feet apart in the program.

The Burkes prize their Russian Olive to the right of their front boundary planting due to its heavy fragrance in the early Spring evenings.

**AGAINST THE** fireplace at the

It has always seemed to me that one's appreciation reaction to good music is directly related to the volume of work to another. Music stimulates one's best inner self to the contemplation of bridges earth and the human concept of Heaven.

## Committee Plans City Observance Of 'UN Week'

Mayor Ralph A. Main has appointed Mrs. Winston T. Kellogg, 1876 Northlawn, to serve as chairman of the Birmingham Committee for the observance of United Nations Week Oct. 18-24.

A proclamation issued by Pres. Eisenhower, Oct. 24 has been designated as UN Day.

Mrs. Kellogg has issued invitations to leaders of civic organizations to meet with her at the Community House the evening of Oct. 9 and assist her in formulating plans for the observance of UN Week in Birmingham.

"We are faced with a challenge," says Mrs. Kellogg. "Pres. Eisenhower has called on 'all citizens to cooperate in appropriate observance of this day throughout our country, and Birmingham is noted for its civic-mindedness. Birmingham has just put on a wonderful County Fair. Now we must get together and put on a bang up 8th birthday party for the UN'."

**THE COMMITTEE** will consist of Mrs. W. L. Isley, ALA. Club; Mrs. Chas. Blunt, AAUW; Hugh McLaughlin, American Legion; Miss Jeanne Boyd, American Library Assn.; Mrs. Gita Thompson, Bham Junior League; Edwin Kirbert, Bham Council of Churches; James Couzens II, Chamber of Commerce; Mrs. Frank Webb, National Farm & Garden Club; James Buchanan, Boy Scout.

Mrs. Paul Grant, Bham Women's Club; Mrs. Hugh McLessee, Council of Church Women; Mrs. John P. St. Clair, Girl Scout Council; Dr. Archie McNaughton, Lion's Club; Edson S. Stewart, YWCA Council; Harold Kalbfleisch, YWCA; Mrs. C. M. Barstow, Business Women; Mrs. John Forster, Soroptimist Club; Arthur C. Reinhold, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and Mrs. Peter Loomis, League of Women Voters.

Side of the home are two espaliered pear trees. There is a generous screened porch and it assures the occupants of flower scents with climbing roses, honeysuckle, and nicotiana.

The back garden has three areas, the upper terrace, then down thyme covered stone steps to the area of formal flower beds, then beyond is the picnic area in the woods, enclosed by a picturesque split rail fence.

Even though fall has visited this garden we can visualize the show of the madonna lilies with their many varieties of delphiniums.

Myrtle has been used to form the cover for a portion of the lawn. This is the area changes elevation. It is good to ease maintenance and I do like the shiny leaved texture.

Next year Mrs. Burke has decreed that every flower must be in pastel which will reflect the choice of this garden lover in her colonial flower garden.

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## B'ham Firm Celebrates 35th Year

Thirty-five years of real estate "developing and pioneering" will be celebrated by the firm of Walsh, James & Wasey with an "open house" at its office at 431 S. Woodward, Birmingham, Wednesday afternoon, Oct. 14.

Located at the S. Woodward office since its founding in 1918, the firm has developed 20 subdivisions in Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills.

Among its developments are Quanton Lake estates; Corryell Estates (south of E. Maple); Birmingham estates northeast of Adams and E. Maple; and Birmingham Forest (north of W. Bletton).

When first organized, the firm was headed by J. A. Walsh, Donald D. James was vice president, Albert Wasey was sales manager, and Whiting Raymond was secretary-treasurer.

Today, James is president of the firm, and Raymond is secretary-treasurer. Dorothy McLachlen is assistant secretary-treasurer, and Henry Goggel is director.

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## Michigan Real Estate Assn. He also was the first mayor of Bloomfield Hills when it was incorporated as a city in 1932.

Raymond has been three times president of the Birmingham Real Estate Board.

## Pembroke Manor Meets

Annual meeting of the Pembroke Manor Association, Inc., will be held at the Birmingham Community House Oct. 14, 8 p.m. All members are urged to attend for the election of directors for the year 1953-54.

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## Y Service Club Plans Fall Work

Members of the Birmingham YMCA Y's Men's club have been working on the rear part of the 'Y' property and readying it for seeding. The ground has been weeded for several weeks and all debris gathered and burned.

Under the guiding hand of Don Gault, the land has been leveled and the club will begin raking and sowing seed this Saturday morning, Oct. 10. The Y's Men is the service club of the Birmingham YMCA.

At their regular meeting on Monday, Oct. 12, the club will have an educational program furnished by the Pan-American Airlines entitled "Bound for the Caribbean." The program is in charge of Ray Spencer.

Reports of the regional convention will be given by Walter Allison and Ed Kribert. Preliminary plans for the Christmas tree sale will be handed to the members and contracts for the purchase of the trees will be signed.

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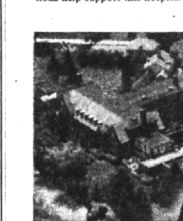
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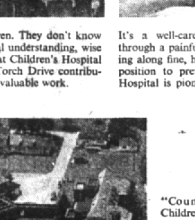


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## Trucking Industry Movie Shown to Service Club

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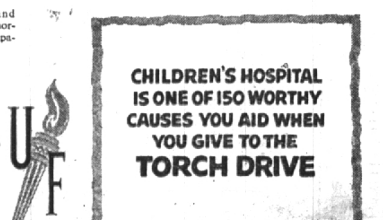
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