

The first fall meeting of the St. James church's St. Catherine guild will be held Sept. 8 at 8 p.m., at the home of Mrs. Arthur Bull, 557

Parian. Co-business for the evening will be Mrs. David Barton, Mrs. Ramsey DeMeules and Mrs. Charles Eddy. Plans for the coming season's programs will be the business of the evening.

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THE MIXED CHORAL group which Paul Pankotan, (above), concert pianist and graduate of the Juilliard School of Music, will direct is one of the three new courses to be offered this year by the Birmingham Community House. Pankotan's group, which will meet from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m., Thursday, requires only "a love of singing." In addition to this 10-week course, he will also have a six-week group, meeting Mondays, from 8:15 to 9:15 p.m. The third new course will be the self-improvement course for teenage girls, taught by Mrs. Frederick Jeffers. The girls will meet for 10 weeks, each Thursday from 8 to 10 p.m. All classes for the fall series will start the week of Sept. 21.

Summer Deaths Bring Labor Day Safety Warning

State Police Commissioner Joseph A. Childs urges Labor day home for the start of school. But weekend motorists to drive with the utmost caution and avoid a flood of accidents. Childs said, "The months of June, July and August," Childs said, "have accounted for more than 500 traffic deaths and many delayed reports are yet to be received. Last year 428 persons were killed between Memorial day and Labor day. The Labor day weekend death toll last year was 33. The high

was 46 in 1949 and the low was seven in 1941. We should aim to avoid a new high and establish a new low.

MANY PERSONS take advantage of the extended weekend for the season's final motor trip. Officers are closing their summer cottages and bringing the children home for the start of school. But too often drivers try to travel too far and too fast, which is a deadly combination.

"With favorable weather traffic this weekend will be the heaviest ever experienced for this holiday. All available state police troopers will be on patrol, but they will need the help of every motorist to keep accidents at a minimum. "Every driver and pedestrian should exercise special care. Live to enjoy the holiday—not regret it."

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What with Labor Day arriving next Monday, The Eccentric's work-week will be only 4½ days instead of the usual 5½. Therefore, for the issue of Thursday, Sept. 10, all

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to facilitate and insure its publication.

Again — EARLY COPY NEXT WEEK, PLEASE!

DOWN TO EARTH Fall Seeding Brings Good Summer Lawns

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"America is surely on wheels this summer", is the frequent comment we hear from localities. If you are a garden lover you always see so much when you travel and of course you are always looking for ideas to incorporate on your own "back forty".

Recently I saw a real treat in Westmont, Montreal, in the garden of Arthur Campbell. It is the show place of Montreal and the "rubber necks" always go by this colorful garden on the way to the "mountains".

This garden has been established for 35 years on a steep hill in the coral rock. The owner is very flattered by the attention given his efforts for a special garden and he has this emblematic light-colored material of a light weight, so as you wander up the paths you enjoy seeing numerous trees pruned in an original fashion. They were magnolia, sumack, Russian olive, yews and spruce.

REMEMBER IT WAS L. A. Hyland who said to forget treating your lawn for the plague of crabgrass and place your emphasis, money and time on a generous application of fertilizer, enough grass seed to cover all weak spots in the spring and cut your lawn about two inches high.

If you do all these things the

shade of a good stand of grass will prevent the early summer germination of crab grass.

Fall is the best time to plant grass seed, include late summer in this sentence. It is never too late to seed in the fall as every day throughout the winter when the temperature is 40 degrees or over the ground roots are benefited. You use less seed, get better results, weed competition is reduced and the soil is better.

According to the folder on lawns planting four pounds of good seed per thousand square feet will produce thicker and better turf than six to eight pounds in the spring.

TO RENOVATE an old lawn, mow close. Go over the entire surface with an iron rake, broadcast compost about one quarter of an inch deep or two bushels per hundred square feet, water thoroughly, weed, and roll the renewed lawn area.

Where you have bad spots which will need patching, rake this area with an iron rake, take off surface soil and replace with some rich soil, level the spot with the rake, sow the seed. Then firm the surface with a hot or a board and gently water with a misty spray for at least 20 minutes.

The soil in this area does not require liming by analysis.

If YOU HAVE not hills you will find that one teaspoon of 50 per cent chlorine powder sprinkled on the area, then washed in will control that situation.

Michigan State college has a free booklet Growing Beautiful Lawns available through the extension service at the office of our county agent. This will be a great aid for those planting a new lawn.

Lots of folks have made a tool in their workshop to sturdily plank with nails driven in like a porcupine which they use on lawns to wrangle the surface.

Often when you have trouble with grass under a tree it is due to the original selection of the wrong type of seed and not enough fertilizer as the first always thinks it comes first, at meal time.

Firemen were first called to the scene on Thursday. They remained until 9 p.m. Thursday night. They were recalled to the pit when the explosions began at about 2 a.m. Friday. Seven hours later the fire was extinguished.

Area Alarmed By Explosions

Telephone calls flooded switchboards of police and fire departments in Birmingham, Berkeley and Royal Oak Friday morning as a result of explosions caused by a fire in a dumping grounds east of Southfield and a half mile north of 12 Mile road.

William Roesser, Southfield Township supervisor, said the fire took place in an abandoned gravel pit which had been the unofficial junk yard for surrounding inhabitants for some time. He said the explosions, which roused many from sleep early Friday morning, were caused by cans and barrels of paint products.

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