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Church Women Planning Public Party, Luncheon

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LATHRUP VILLAGE—Circle III of Woman's Association of Townsite Community church will be hostess at a luncheon and card party in Fellowship hall at the church Feb. 12. Mrs. Leonard Pylant is chairman.

Dennis, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Pollard of Backham drive, celebrated his 11th birthday with a number of his friends on Jan. 28. Dinner was served followed by movies. Guests were Margaret Ann Cole, Carolyn Tusha, Ellen Fleming, Judy Hoener, Katherine Offenstein, John O'Laughlin, Andy Jameson, Robert Stout, Bill Collins, Jerome Jezorski and Robert Barnaba.

Mr. and Mrs. Ludvig Pederson of Landon, N. D., have returned home after spending a month visiting Mr. and Mrs. John Pederson of Bungalow drive.

Mrs. Ralph Clarke of Goldengate drive entertained with brunch and cards Feb. 1. Guests were Mrs. Joseph Andrews, Mrs. D. Hossler, Mrs. R. J. Kavanagh, Mrs. George Huth and Mrs. Paul Nash.

Mrs. Mae Powell and daughter, Mrs. Ray Marshall of Glenwood drive, entertained with a luncheon and card party Feb. 2. Guests were Mrs. D. Hossler, Mrs. E. Trampa of Detroit, Mrs. H. Buckner, Royal Oak, and Mrs. G. Perkins of Grosse Pointe.

Mr. and Mrs. Roland Koppin of Edorado drive spent a week at the Joka Marshall hotel in Richmond, Va.

Mrs. George Morrison of Hoopston, Ill., will spend two months as house guest of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Clarke of Goldengate drive.

The Woman's association of the Townsite Community church will hold a regular meeting at the church on Feb. 10. The Rev. John Rose will talk on "Preparation for Lent."

Mr. and Mrs. William Donnelly of Lathrup boulevard entertained 14 friends with a luncheon and cards on Feb. 10. Those present were Mrs. J. A. Mades, Grosse Pointe; Mrs. E. M. Richards, Mrs. Leo Walker, Mrs. C. L. Fulton, Mrs. George Tabraham, Mrs. E. J. Revette, Mrs. J. Neely, Mrs. H. L. Wise, Mrs. J. W. Webber, Mrs. Robert C. Joseph Andrews, Mrs. Robert C.

Steger, Mrs. R. Koppin, Mrs. C. H. Lyle, Mrs. Mulligan and Mrs. S. Putnam.

The Lathrup Woman's club will hold a dessert bridge at the House in the Woods, 1 p.m., Feb. 17. Mrs. C. F. Shirey will be hostess and assisted by Mrs. Charles Diehl, Mrs. H. S. Froelich, Mrs. Albert Miller, Mrs. H. B. Hamill, Mrs. James McCornick, Mrs. Alva Krantz, Mrs. George E. Jaquillard and Mrs. Robert Canham.

Mrs. George Huth of Goldengate drive entertained at a luncheon and card party Feb. 4. Guests were Mrs. Joseph Andrews, Mrs. Delos Hossler, Mrs. R. Nickerson, Mrs. A. K. Buckenmeier, Mrs. H. Howick and Mrs. William MacGinnis.

Discuss Spring Bazaar

Plans will be discussed for the spring bazaar when members of Kappa Alpha Theta meet at the home of Mrs. Joseph Funston, 1722 Washington road, on Thursday, Feb. 11. Co-hostess for the meeting at 8 p.m., will be Mrs. William Hammond and Mrs. Charles Kortzen.

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.

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CRIPPLED CHILDREN, especially those suffering from cerebral palsy, are receiving "self-help" toys from members of the SOC Alpha Chi Omega chapter. For the past year toys designed for these children have been made by members, including (left to right) Mrs. Arthur Lund, Mrs. Walter Ekberg and Mrs. William Denman. The latter was hostess at the Feb. 9 session when the year's output was gathered for shipment to children in the county. Mrs. Gerald Kirby of the Oakland county society for crippled children spoke to the group, describing the society's work and thanking ACO for their interest.

DOWN TO EARTH

Gloxinia May Become Popular House Plant

By **ALICE WESSELS BURLINGAME**
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Working with plants is a lot of fun in the winter and I wonder how many of you have started gloxinias?

This plant has large leaves which have a softness due to the hair on them like an african violet. They will grow to an approximate height of 12 inches and require the culture of an african violet. This exotic plant has large bells for flowers, which may be red, violet, white or coral colors.

This is the best time of year to start the tubers. Don't be content to start only one of these plants but start several at the same time. You will enjoy giving them to friends when the plants are developing their interesting growth.

Select clean four inch pots and prepare some booster fertilizer. Therefore, feed merion grass the last part of February, the end of June, and mid-August using a formula of contents 10-8-6.

Place the tuber in the pot so that it is covered by a quarter inch of soil. Water it well and just for fun keep track of the number of days before the tiny leaves break the soil surface.

I look for this plant to soon be able to compete with African violets in popularity. A gloxinia can be propagated by leaves which are removed right after the flowering period. Root them as you would African violets, in water, sand, vermiculite or peat moss.

After the flowering period the gloxinia can be cut back and rested. When the green material is all dry the tubers can be stored in a closed jar of dry sand from six to ten weeks.

As the gloxinia comes to us from Brazil where it is warm and humid, we should try to duplicate the conditions for best results. In your home an east window will be ideal.

This flowering plant is fertilized when the buds begin to form. Recently, Chicago, I had the good fortune to have a good "Down to Earth" chat with Dr. R. Milton Carleton, director for the Vaughan research center.

His personality is such that you might expect to meet him over the fence as a neighbor. A great deal of his practical plant knowledge has come from practical experiments on his own property. After talking with him one realizes that he knows plants thoroughly through botany.

The following information came from him during the interview and represents his point of view after considerable experience and observation of test plant plots.

There are lots of inquiries regarding zoyzia and merion seed mixed together. He claims there is very hot at a seed of merion grass will result. Zoyzia Tenifolia is best for FL Lauderdale.

For the 1954 season, per pound of research and trials to date, Dr. Carleton believes it is the best seed. However, it takes three pounds of Kentucky blue seed to equal one pound of merion seed.

The first full season of growth is slow for the merion, and weeds may be bad. The second year the merion problems are over. The advantages of the merion seed is that the root structure is better and renews itself.

Here is the culture picture for this much discussed merion seed: It has been on the market for around five years, offered by all processors as the wonder grass of the decade.

The rate of growth shows a thick, short turf. The vertical growth is one half the rate of the horizontal growth is twice as fast, providing a mass to discourage weed germination.

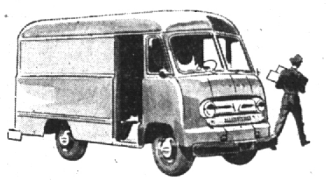
At midsummer it does not go dormant but is always green and stands still in growth during intense heat.



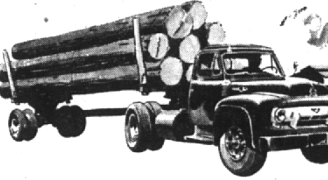
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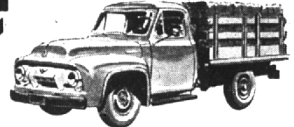
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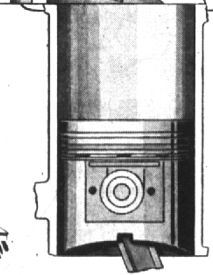
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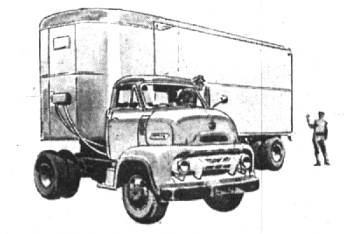


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