

### Richard Kent Hears Special Law Talk

Richard E. Kent, 445 Arlington road, was one of six students of the University of Michigan's law school who accompanied William to an Economic club of Detroit luncheon Monday in the Veterans Memorial building. The club has a series of weekly luncheons, invitations for collegiate student groups to meet outstanding authorities in the business world. Guest Monday was Roswell Magill, a New York attorney.

### Have You Met

Mr. and Mrs. John F. String, Jr., who are new residents at 172 Overhill road, Bloomfield village? They moved here in August from Hudson, Ohio, with their children, Jackie, 8, Shelley, 4, and Richard, two months. String is sales representative for the Farm Journal, Inc., publishers of the Town Journal and the Farm Journal. He attended Cornell university and is

a member of Psi Upsilon. Mrs. String, who was formerly Jean Ford of Grosse Pointe, attended Rogers Hall at Lowell, Mass., and Finch Junior college in New York city. They are affiliated with the Episcopal church.

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

### DOWN TO EARTH

# Grow Christmas Roses for Winter Interest

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Every place I go to interview good gardeners they always seem to reflect the challenge to try and grow the best in their particular category of plant interest.

Today the interview was about Christmas roses and the fancier is H. B. Tyree, 28 Provençal road, Grosse Pointe.

These beautiful flowers known as Helleborus Niger, have five petals. The leaves are very dark green and are palmately arranged, which means like fingers on a palm.

Tyree's interest in this particular flower stems from his great grandmother who enjoyed this flower in her garden. He has seven plants and last year had over 100 flowers from the middle of November until the middle of March. Many flowers have stems four inches long and if used in the house as a decorative flower will last a long time.

HERE ARE SOME of the cultural notes as passed along by the host: after planting them new showings of casual wear, cocktail hour dresses and formal evening gowns. The gowns will be furnished by Hilda of Birmingham and modeled by members of the Shrine Mothers group.

Models will be Mrs. Clarence Grix, Mrs. Charles Kocis, Mrs. Peter Farmer, Mrs. Thomas Devine, Mrs. Boyd Smith, Mrs. E. J. Guiliani, Mrs. Arthur McKee and Mrs. John Lane.

### Mrs. J. J. Powers Named Head of 'Holiday Fashions'

"Holiday Fashions," a stunning parade of new style creations designed especially for wear during the forthcoming Christmas season, will be the theme of a Luncheon and Style Show which the Mothers of the Shrine of the Little Flower Elementary school will give Thursday, Dec. 2, at the Oakland Hills Country club.

Proceeds from the affair will be donated to the Sisters of Charity, who conduct the Shrine school, for use of special needs in their convent and grade school. Mrs. John J. Powers of Birmingham is chairman of the style show committee with Mrs. Hugh Dean of Farmington as co-chairman. "Holiday Fashions" will be divided into three groups with the

develop a "weather eye".

During a recent visit to Louis Bromfield's farm I noticed that a lot of his timing on handling mature crops was dependent on the old fashioned omens we have heard from the lips of earlier generations.

It is important, in order to be come experienced for your own benefit, that you are constantly correlating today's weather against the known weather of yesterday. This related hobby may be one you will want to explore this winter.

For those who may like to have a good reference book on their shelves for "boning up" I would suggest: "Understanding the weather," by T. M. Longstreth.

At this time of year when you survey your garden you are rarely satisfied with last year's efforts.

A LITTLE more style and interest may come from raised flower beds. This may be achieved by constructing a wall between one and four feet high and then developing a garden within the enclosure. It may be against a garage wall, your home structure or built into an embankment.

You will surely find a great deal of pleasure from gardening at a higher level, where the effort is less and you look into the flowers more closely.

The material for these built up walls can be broken concrete or building blocks. Reclaimed bricks

give a richness of color and texture which can't be surpassed.

ROSES ALWAYS come into their maximum beauty when in a raised flower bed. You should plant on at least six hours of good sun per day for this type garden.

If the site is in the shade with only a stray sun ray you will welcome numerous rooted begonia for maximum charm.

How many of you have tried the winter-trick of growing mushrooms in your basement?

It needs only three trays which you buy all planted with the necessary spores. After you water the trays, watch the growth begin. You will have lots of mushrooms to pick for soups and meat sauces.

This is a crop you can harvest during these dull winter months.

IN THIS AREA we all seem a little slow about planting nut trees which not only afford a fine disease-resistant, hardy tree but the extra reward of a crop of nuts. You may be interested in trying these chestnut trees, but should have to have two or more of them to guarantee pollination.

As you are beginning to list ideas for your 1955 garden you will be interested in hypericum bicolor, St. John's wort.

This is a new introduction from Europe, grows about two feet high into a compact shrub with bright yellow flowers a good two inches across.

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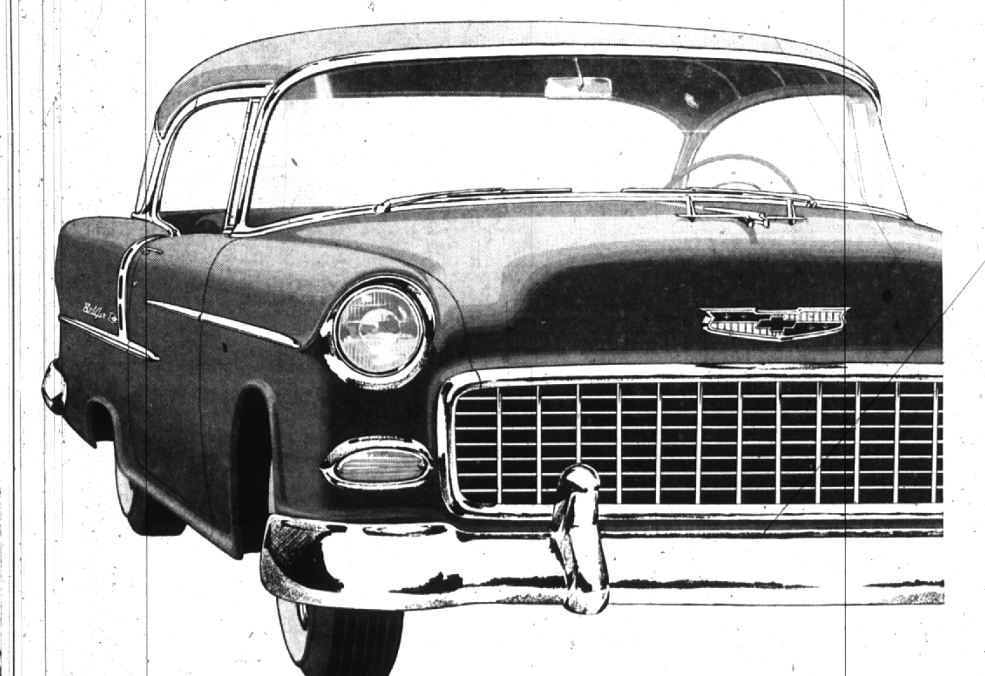
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