

# Forester's Role Is Important

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Many municipalities today have a city forester, an important member of the staff which keeps and guards the good health of city elms.

Dutch elm disease has surely kept our William Lebold on the run, checking all inquiries.

Be sure and notify his office when there has been a sudden wilt of elm branches on a tree on a house, garage roof, damage. It is your property or in the neighborhood.

From foresters in Ferndale and Royal Oak comes a folder which is helpful to practical gardeners.

One sheet is entitled "High School of Careless Planting."

Large trees planted too close to one another and decay if you do not know the potential diameter of all trees and shrubs you plant.

A HOME WHICH is overplanted with shrubs and decay if you do not know the potential diameter of all trees and shrubs you plant.



Mrs. Burlingame

Trees and the foundation of a building is important to remember. You might like to check this factor of your plant material.

Shrubs near a sidewalk, driveway or curb reduce visibility.

Often persons who have allowed their trees to grow too low or shrubs too rank in these places would be wise to remove these accident hazards.

If your block has a safety hazard due to lack of judicious pruning perhaps this article sent to the property owner would diplomatically point out a neglected safety problem.



CATHERINE C. SHINNICK

THE PREVIOUSLY mentioned circular has some questions you may ask yourself when you are selecting a tree for your property.

Does what you want the tree to do for you? Do you want it to brighten a corner of your yard or to give you shade?

As it matures will there be enough overhead space? Will the mature roots damage the underground pipes?

Does the tree resist storm damage? Watch those Chinese elms. They grow fast and will give you a big tree in a hurry but it takes only one storm to pull one off its feet.

If grass grows under the tree, will it fruit or twigs make a messy appearance? Ask the checker of a nursery about its performance before you place one in your yard in a "refined" area.

## Engagement Told at Dinner Party

Mr. and Mrs. John Graham Shinnick announced the engagement of their daughter Catherine Claire to Gary Hawkins Knapp at a buffet dinner party on Saturday evening at their home on Poppleton road.

Blue and white flowered cocktail napkins with the engaged couple's names and the date informed the guests of the announcement.

A centerpiece of blue and white cut flowers was used on the buffet table.

James H. Luther and Johanna of South Dartmouth, Mass., and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Luther of Wellesley Hills, Mass.

Claire is a graduate of Kingwood, attended Denison university for two years and is now a graduate student at the University of Michigan where she is affiliated with Kappa Kappa Gamma.

Gary is a graduate of the University of Michigan where he is affiliated with Chi Psi fraternity. He is entering Wayne medical school in the fall.

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Recently visited the Hidden Lakes garden near Adrian on M56. This 22-acre garden was given to Michigan State University in 1945 by a Mr. Fee of Adrian who wished to have it developed to show a collection of native Michigan plants.

He died this May at the age of 87, happy that he had established over 500 kinds of trees and 1,000 shrubs for garden study. There are five miles of roads.

As usual I discovered that each garden has a lesson for its visitors.

THERE WERE many shady areas along the winding roads and one had a semi-circle setting. The ground was a mass of prunellas which I imagine were really beautiful in the spring.

This is an idea for many of you who have to treat a roadside bank with a woodland setting. The guide said that the plants were started in a sheltered location from seed and later transplanted where they have increased many times.

This perennial will give a show for a month if the soil is moist to assure their happiness through a summer drought. Fallen leaves will give them the essential winter mulch.

This beautiful dedicated site has a 60-ton loader which has been moved 25 miles to the entrance as a memorial to Mrs. Fee and her love of beauty. With its guidance from Michigan State university this gift to nature lovers is assured posterity.

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