

**Dawson Will Attend Chrysler Institute**

Peter M. Dawson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clare M. Dawson, 245 Valley View Lane, has been admitted to the Chrysler Institute of Engineering. He will attend the Institute twelve months a year and will participate in a balanced program of classroom and practical work with the corporation. He is enrolled in the two-year course leading to a degree of Master of Automotive Engineering. Pete is a graduate of the Case Institute of Technology and holds a BS degree in mechanical engineering.

**DOWN TO EARTH**

**Visit to Schjolin, Roberts Gardens**

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It is really a pleasure to return year after year to many of our local gardens because the owners have a way of growing right along with their collected plants and are constant explorers bringing to their gardens the unusual.

Mr. and Mrs. Hans Schjolin, Stonebrook Lane, formerly of Cambridgeport, have a colonial home on the top of a hill overlooking the Rouge river on the east side of Woodward. The lane is named for Mrs. Schjolin's family's home in the Vienna woods.

ON THIS THREE and a half acres they have a view down an interesting embankment to the "bassy" river which has both banks held up with a retaining wall of broken concrete. In the resulting layering effect they have planted a mass of wall plants so that the broken concrete nearly shows but is "on duty" to hold the bank.

LIVERWORT (Hepatica) has been used for a ground cover in some places. It is a handsome perennial which likes the shade. Seed rocket gives a nice effect in the shade. These flowers may be white or purple in May to July and seed themselves readily.

Bansberry is another wild flower for the shade which has white flowers and is best known for its shiny white berries.

ANOTHER GROUND cover of great merit is sweet woodruff, with seven leaves in a whorl-like formation and white flowers. When the leaves and flowers are dried the odor is like new mown hay and will keep insects away when packed with clothing.

The plant only grows around eight inches high. As the seed germinates slowly it is best to divide existing plants.

MRS. CLIFFORD ROBERTS at 480 Yarmouth has a garden which you enjoy visiting again and again. She has a European apple tree

(Eucalyptus Europaea) which stands upright and is more like a tree in habit than the shrub it is. It will attain a height of twenty feet and have leaves turning purple in the fall.

Mrs. Roberts has a fine acid bed and feels that such a garden will retain its acid character easier if the beds are raised. To make an acid bed she uses cinders in the bottom of the flower bed to assure drainage. Over the cinders is placed a mixture: 1-3 sand, 1-3 peat and 1-3 top soil.

THE PLANTS themselves are fed aluminum sulfate and if the leaves are pale you can be assured that more food is necessary. Mountain laurel is beautiful in this garden.

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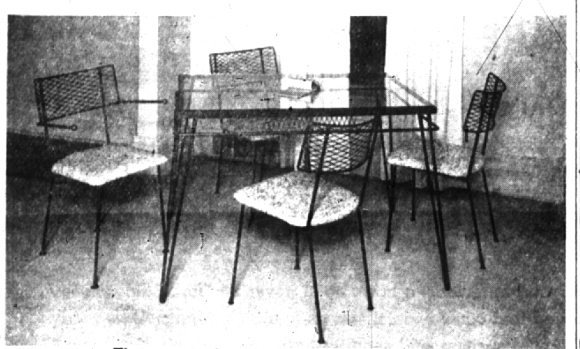
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