

DOWN TO EARTH

Repeat Hamley Garden Visit

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We are lucky to have, in this area, a husband and wife gardening team who are continually experimenting with new ideas. This is the third year we are reporting a visit to the William A. Hamley garden at 1418 Perce.

Here is a garden specializing in roses with fine shrubs and a cycle of perennials filling in the green season.

In front of the evergreens, seen as the front foundation planting, they have wiring to discourage investigating dogs. This problem is a very important factor for the homeowner who takes pride in his landscaping.

In front of a group of horizontal windows is variegated, prostrate honeysuckle which gives a nice texture interest.



Mrs. Burlingame

HAMBLEY IS a collector of gadgets to make his sprinkling easier. For general feeding and spraying of plants he uses a gun which fits on the top of a quart jar. The gadget fits on the hose so the consumer takes mixture with water from the hose for proper dilution.

In the yard I saw one of the most handsome climbing roses, crimson glory. The flowers are a deep crimson, like velvet, each flower on a sturdy stem. The Hambleys have superior, healthy ponies. They say that each fall they cut each plant one inch below the ground to avoid disease.

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ers in May and September. In the perennial bed they have thalictrum which has yellow flowers and will grow five feet high and looks best at the back of the border.

If you are a flower arranger you will want this perennial so you may use its rich looking grey-green foliage. It should be cut to the ground each November.

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IN THEIR boundary they have a highbush cranberry which grows at least 11 feet high and is very dense.

Here we have good gardeners who keep a compost pile to care for cuttings and to assure them of a constant source of rich, dark loam. They took an area four by six feet and 1 1/2 feet deep, bordered it with attractive bricks.

Going back to roses, the Thor climber with the large, red cabbage roses was breath-taking in its splendor.

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Blush pink organdy and white eyellet was worn by Barbara Jo Ream for double-ring rites in Somerset, Pa.



Barbara Jo Ream Wed in Pennsylvania

Barbara Jo Ream became the bride of Robert Earl DeBrod in a recent evening ceremony at Trinity Lutheran in Somerset, Pa. Dr. L. Hess Wagner performed the double-ring, candlelight service before 250 guests.

Barbara is the daughter of former Birmingham resident, Mr. and Mrs. M. Jay Ream, now living in Somerset, Pa. Her husband is from Detroit.

The bride gown of blush pink organdy had a blush pink tulle inset in the front yoke and a boat neckline trimmed with white eyellet lace. A crown of white eyellet lace held a matching tulle veil. She carried pale pink gladioli.

SANCY MOVES of Pittsburgh, the maid of honor, wore a ballroom length dress of deep pink cotton with a Dior bow headpiece, and

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B'ham Students Graduate from I. U.

Two students from Birmingham were among those receiving degrees at the 126th commencement of Indiana university at Bloomington, Indiana.

Lyndal S. Reed of 825 N. Glenhurst received a Bachelor of Science degree in education. The other student, Mrs. Sue Souter Lewis of 1968 Riverside received a Bachelor of Arts degree in fine arts.

Have You Met

Mr. and Mrs. James N. Simoneau and their two children, Ruth Ann, 6, and two-month-old Jimmy? Simoneau, a systems representative for Charles Bruning, is a graduate of Central Michigan college at Mt. Pleasant. He is affiliated with Delta Sigma Phi fraternity. Mrs. Simoneau is a graduate from Mercy Central School of Nursing in Grand Rapids. She says that her husband is an avid golf enthusiast.

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