

Mrs. Talburt Is Hostess to Club

The annual dinner meeting of the Child Study club will be on May 3 at 7 p.m. at the home of Mrs. George W. Talburt, 612 Brookside. Committee is composed of retiring officers, including Mrs. Ted Mordant, Mrs. Scott W. Farris, Mrs. Noah O. Blosser and Mrs. Larry A. Bard. Games will be entertaining on projects, both entertaining and education types, for the year. Mrs. Blosser, president; Mrs. Barbara Lee, vice president; Mrs. D. W. Upward, and Mrs. Paul Carter, treasurer.

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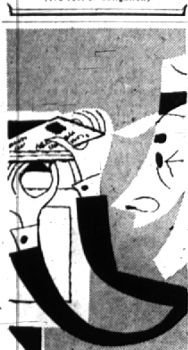
Regular meeting and initiation of the Birmingham chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star held recently, featured initiation of Mrs. Helen Ratliff of Bloomfield Hills. The chapter on May 2 held a luncheon and card party. At a regular meeting on May 4, tickets were made available for the Mother and Daughter banquet on May 18 at the Masonic temple. The dinner will include entertainment by Betty Roberts, according to Mrs. James Green, program chairman for the event.



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DOWN TO EARTH Our Plant Imports Influence World

By ALICE WESSELS BURLINGAME
 Special Writer for The Birmingham Eccentric

This time of year at many a local dinner table there are slim pickings as "the girls" are busy buying new plant material they have been hearing about to give a "1955 look" to their gardens.

Be sure and save receipts for everything but annuals or keep a file record, as these additions to your home can be listed as improvements if you ever sell and are useful to calculate costs for tax purposes.

These days the plant exploration and production department at the United States department of agriculture in Beltsville, Md., have been busy with their constant challenge of bringing new material to this country.

At the present time a party is in South Africa on the fourth trip for the department to seek better turf grasses to be used by the cattle industry in our southeastern states.

THIS SPRING a group left for Persia to find a grazing grass for our great plains states. A stronger grass is needed to assure sufficient grazing for cattle.

An expedition had just returned from the southern part of Mexico with a wild yam which, it is felt, will give our people a better source of corn for some food use.

The facts for medical use on expeditions are available to all and we do not do much work with private industries. Our aim is to establish a better crop for the demands of the "people", stated C. O. Erlanson.

Mrs. Burlingame and her husband, **Mr. Erlanson**, are all good for the early perennial garden.

The late garden should have greater emphasis for development I believe, because in this season you do not have as many flowering trees to supplement the picture of color.

For this late garden of perennials plan on thalictrum, regal lilies, chrysanthemums in variety, hardy asters, delphiniums, mal lows, etc.

This is the time to go out in your garden and divide mums. I would like to share the regular bronze varieties but for the others, line up a neighbor or friend who would like to share.

The root of this plant is pulverized, and added to other drugs to correct high blood pressure, heart trouble and help mental cases.

ZEYSIA GRASS seed, which is so popular in the south, came in from Korea and Manchuria in 1918. It will not prosper north of Cincinnati.

The blue grass we enjoy in this area came to us from Europe, the earliest introductions were during the colonial days.

The wide acceptance of soy beans is known by all. Plant explorers brought soy beans from China and Japan in 1912. Now there are over 250 commercial uses for soy beans.

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So you can see that there are thrilling stories relating to horticulture ready to be explored when you have gardening as your hobby.

The average man has 93 days of leisure a year, or 2,200 hours, to develop contented hours per year. These facts should point out the importance of "slatching on" to a hobby.

For the early season be sure you have spotted in your perennial garden some of the following. Do not place them like polka dots but in groups of three for an impact of color.

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