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## DOWN TO EARTH

# Plants to Lighten the Home

By ALICE WESSELS BURLINGAME  
Special Writer for The Birmingham Eccentric

As we are spending more time inside these days we often see table tops and ledges which would benefit from the placing of house plants to give an interesting texture to the area.

One of our favorite groundcoverers, pachysandra, lends itself very well to growing inside during the winter months. Select young shoots and prune radically to fit your favorite container, and by winter until they swell, which might take 24 hours. Plant the seeds in a three inch pot and keep moist shady location but not wet. They are also good outdoors in the meantime.

At this time of year many are looking for ways to attract birds to new feeding stations for family interest. Look in your box of Christmas decorations and get a large cone. Nail it upright on a slab of wood. Smear peanut butter on the different layers of the cone like for indoors and you may lure a chickadee to your feeder.

As you recall your dahlia crop this year, perhaps you found your plants affected with corn borers. One fine grower of these flowers places arsenic of lead in solution in an oil can, then squirts the mixture in the borer hole. The fluid readily flows down the hollow stem.

THE OTHER day I stopped at the Cottage Goodwin home on East Pointe which is on the northeast shore of Lower Long Lake.

There you have a contemporary home which takes advantage of a lake view from the various exposures. The ground use has been respected by the careful selection of choice shrubs and evergreens. The home is on a site of rolling ground and the planting of grass

seed was a problem to prevent erosion. The Goodwin used cheese cloth over the seeded areas, pegged for stability. It rapidly rotted away when the assignment was completed and the pegs could easily be removed.

IN ORDER to hold hillside plantings of evergreens and, just growing, colorful plants they used metal gray barriers which are about six inches wide, placed in a wavy, like pattern to hold the bank. Soon the plants mature and cover over the metal framework.

The garden has one kind of rose, predominating. Fashion. This selection of the pink rose supplements the fine color tones within the home.

The answer to the control of crab grass is a generous use of fertilizer and lawn seed where needed. The reply to our inquiry to Mrs. Goodwin.



Mrs. Burlingame



JOAN COCHRAN

## Denison Students Announce Troth

The engagement of Joan Cochran to Robert C. Whitlatch of Birmingham is announced by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lovell R. Cochran of Newark, O. Robert is the son of Dr. Fred Calhoun Whitlatch of the Sister Kenny hospital, and R. H. Whitlatch, who is associated with the home offices of the S. S. Kresge Co. of 702 Lakeview.

Miss Cochran is a June graduate of Denison university, where she is continuing her studies in the department of education. She is affiliated with Alpha Omicron Pi. The prospective bridegroom is a graduate of Cranbrook and is attending Denison where he is a member of Delta Upsilon. At Denison he is active in the theater and has been a member of the Denison Summer Theater company for the past two seasons.

No wedding date has been announced.

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