

Luncheon Planned By Garden Branch

The North Woods branch of the Woman's National Pagan and Garden Association will meet Friday, Oct. 14, at 12:30 p.m. for a luncheon at the home of Mrs. N. W. Berry, 622 Chestnutfield. Mrs. Carmen Adams will assist the hostess. Feature of the day will be a "Talent Show" with all members participating. Club president, Mrs. P. Russell Olin, will show 1-D pictures of the Botanical Flower show in which several of the members exhibited arrangements.

DOWN TO EARTH

Plant to Glorify Your Yard

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At this date I assume you have thoroughly raked your lawn, given it a cover of topping if needed, then followed this process with fertilizer, then seed. As a topping, if you have an established lawn I like Michigan peat. It costs a little more than humus but instead of weeds, you get a rich, spongy coating which will retain moisture.

We have had enough rain to make this a good time to make the shrubs you have felt were misplaced due to poor performance or are too close together.

If you are moving a shrub, stand back and observe the plant. If it is old and needs rejuvenation, take out a few of the stoutest canes right from the ground level.

King Alfred daffodils are the large luxurious flowers. Unless you have full sun for their maximum performance use a less expensive variety.

IF YOUR job is to move an evergreen, remember most varieties grow in this area need their quarters sun to prosper. Yews, always the gardener's best friend, are ready to take their place in the trouble location. As they come in all sizes and shapes, and are slower growers, you will select this evergreen for most occasions. Be sure the location for your evergreens provides good drainage. If you are digging through clay, make a large generous hole for the evergreen to allow for ample root growth.

FOR THE deepest shade pachyandra are good. Plant them one foot apart and stagger the rows. It will grow under pine trees. If you have a problem spot under a tree in a conspicuous place such as a window, house exit or driveway, then I would consider making a beauty spot by selecting creeping myrtle. This has a mass of tiny blue flowers in the spring and lends itself to the small leaves, lends itself to sharing its location with all the lovely small interesting bulbs in the springtime, except tulips.

The location should also receive some early spring sun which will probably be present with the leaves off the trees. Bulbs can be squill, grape-yantrich, leucopium, and crocuses.

If on your property you have an outcrop of rock you will enjoy planting in clumps in front of the rocks groupings of grape hyacinths and daffodils.

One of the Detroit merchants did a fine job of beautifying his store with planters around the entire building. These were kept in prime condition in an unfavorable setting. Most of the plants were try with flowers interspersed.

A forward plan of beautification is surely possible in our town which would be a fine promotion.

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Oakland WNFG Club Formed

Mrs. William McCallum, Birmingham branch member and state extension chairman, aided recently in forming the Oakland branch of the Woman's National Farm and Garden Association.

The group includes four Birmingham women and ten from the Beverly and Royal Oak area, with membership open to women from north of 12 Mile road. Mrs. Clyde Lee Toler is membership chairman. Mrs. John Knapp of Birmingham, branch's flower show and discuss secretary of the group, with charter and projects.

Mrs. Gerald Clark of Royal Oak, president. Mrs. Frank Blair, Beverly Hills, is treasurer.

For first meeting, the group met Monday at Royal Oak community house to view the Fern Ridge branch's flower show and discuss its secretary of the group, with charter and projects.

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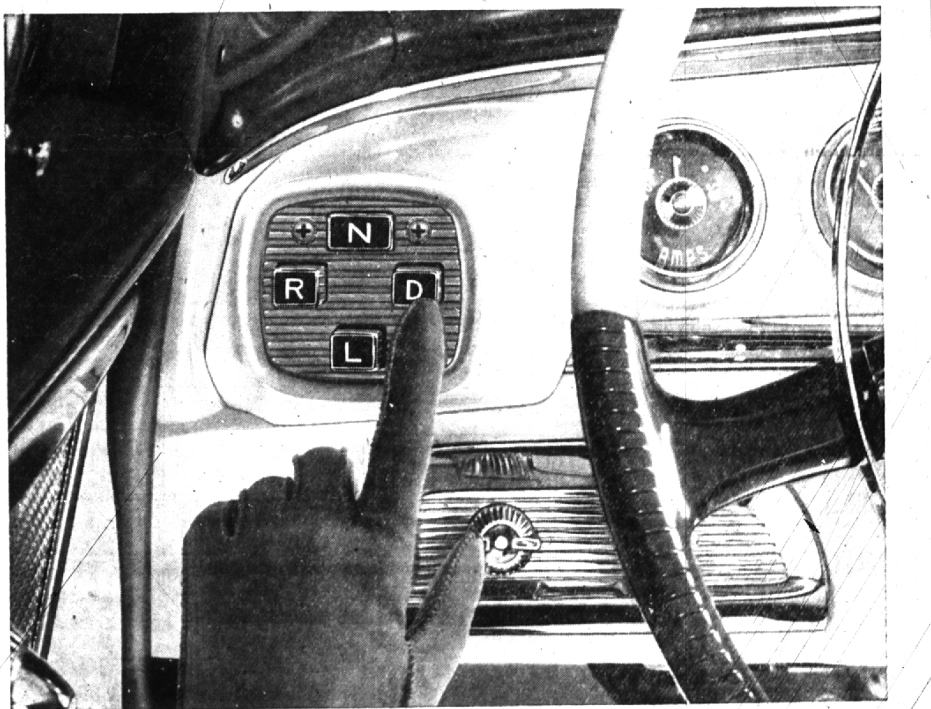
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