

Shrubs Beautify Commercial Area

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In our metropolitan Birmingham area since last summer there has been considerable commercial building, with gas stations, utility substations, professional offices and groupings of stores. This is a good time for owners to plan for beautification of these areas.

Many well-established commercial buildings have done a fine job of improving their areas to fit in with nearby residential zoning. These efforts have been doubly appreciated by those who patronize local merchants.

The Detroit Edison Quarter road substation on North Woodward has a well-established grouping of flowering crabs at the side of the structure. Many well chosen jumpers and pifters face the eastern exposure.

TO GIVE GOOD vertical interest in front of the building, they have established the shrub, anonymous alatus.

This is the shrub we like to incorporate at least once on our property because it will grow eight feet tall and spread just as wide.

It has a flat top which has light yellow green foliage in the spring, white in the fall the leaves turn a bright scarlet. It is very clean in its habits.

The south wall of the utility building is bare, and due to the severity of the brick job long structure a well-selected vine would be a good addition. Weigh-



Mrs. Burlingame

THE NEARBY VETERINARY hospital has done a commendable job toward setting standards for local commercial buildings. Parking lots on Woodward and Hunter should consider hedges to create more of a feeling of order on the property. These commercial challenges are ever present for organizational business associations.

As you plan to replace and add to the total of your roses in your garden, the floribunda called "Citrus" should be at the top of your list for consideration. Buds are pointed and start out a yellow color with red. Later they change to orange buff and light

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THERE SEEMS TO BE no end to the value of the telephone! New uses for it are turning up almost every day. For instance, a supermarket recently requested Michigan Bell to install telephone outlets at the end of the shelves, with lines running to the stock room. As soon as the merchandise runs low, the shelves can be immediately replenished. So the chances are when you walk into this store, you'll find just what you're looking for, right where it belongs. The telephone does serve in so many ways, doesn't it?

DO YOU SAVE pieces of string? The telephone company is like that... only more so. Odds and ends of wire and worn parts are carefully collected because they have real value. Tons of this scrap are shipped each year to Western Electric, supply unit of the Bell System.

There they are fed into giant furnaces, melted and remade into wire and brand-new parts. This thrifty economy is important to all of us because it helps keep the cost of telephone service down.

pink. When the roses are in full flower they are red.

The many stages of flowering represented at once make this rose a favorite. It becomes a real conversational piece among your sedate selections of other years.

MANY INQUIRIES come to us relative to house plants. Sometimes at this time of year the leaves will begin to fall and you are unable to attribute any reason after you have quizzed your conscience on watering, feeding and cleaning the leaves. If you have apples handy for that before-retirement snack you may be able to attribute their presence to your current trouble, as apples give off a gas which is not friendly to houseplants.

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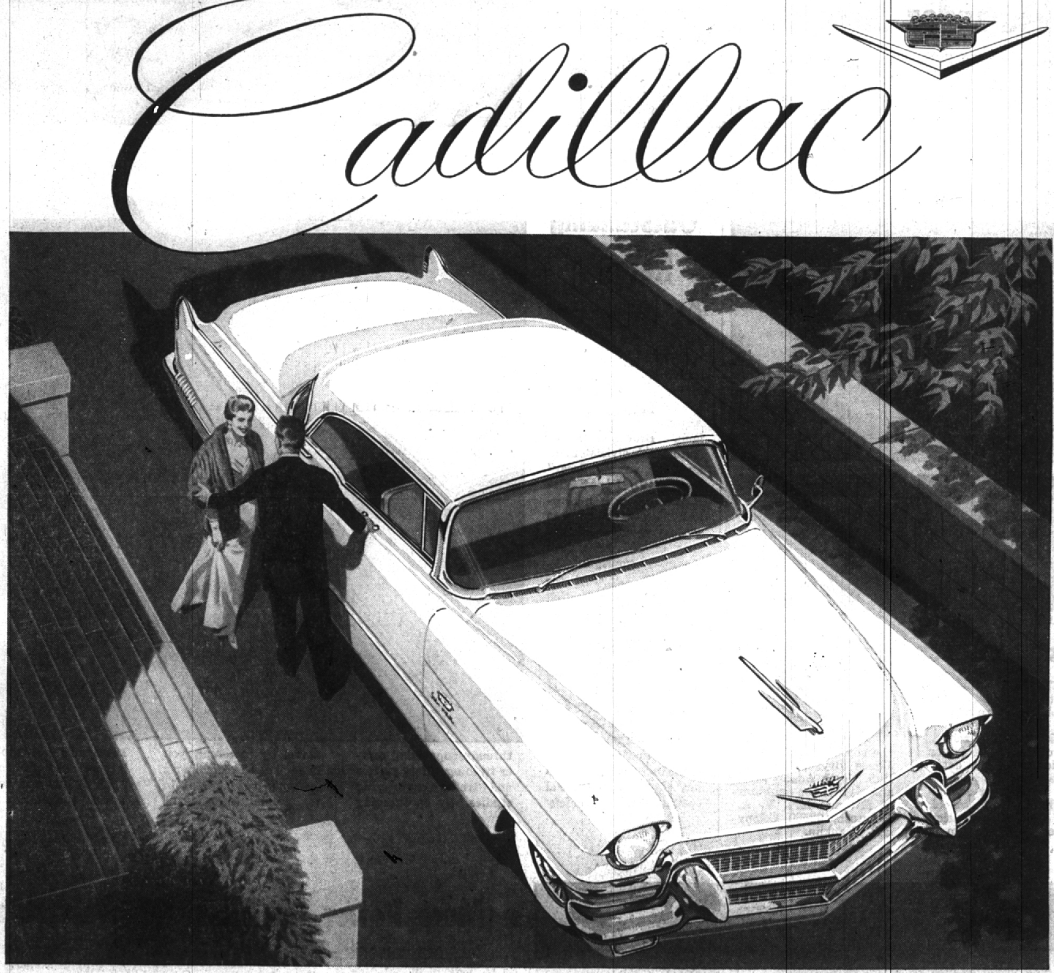
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