

**DOWN TO EARTH**

**Plan Now for Good Summer Lawn**

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From this date until the early part of April you should survey your lilacs, enonymous, and other plants, which have scale on them and spray them with a dormant spray.

**Dinner Celebrates Golden Anniversary**

Dr. and Mrs. Charles Payton recently gave a family dinner party in their Pilgrim avenue home, Birmingham, to celebrate the 50th wedding anniversary of Dr. Payton's parents, Mrs. and Mrs. Earl G. Payton of Royal Oak.

The elder Paytons were formerly residents of Birmingham for approximately 27 years.

an unexpected night freeze. It behooves all of us in this area to about with glue when we see the depth of our water table determines our supply of water for next summer.



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**History of Music At Organ Society**

"Fashions in Music," a history of popular music of the 20th century as a means of expression for man's emotions, was presented at the Feb. 1 meeting of the Birmingham Hammond Organ Society, at Grinnell's store.

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do to television, the presentation demonstrated that the tempo of such era is expressed in its music— but everyone's life is touched and enriched through music.

Other performers on the program were Mrs. Eleanor Dufour, R. E. Carter, who played Chopin's Prelude; Mrs. Louise Jones, Frank's (in playing Chloé, and Richard Chapman, who performed a group of popular tunes of bygone days still well liked today.

**Married Saturday; Plan to Live Here**

Mrs. Charles B. Charnatz, Edge-wood drive, Royal Oak, formerly of Dorchester, had, Birmingham, and Thomas Woodward Blinn, Detroit, were married last Saturday.

Rev. Charles J. Janko performed the ceremony at St. John's Episcopal church, Royal Oak.

Their attendants were Thomas Clay, Jr., Reading, Mich., the groom's son, and Mrs. Maurice Subas, De Witt.

After a wedding trip to Mexico, where they will spend a month traveling, south of the border, the Blinns will return to Royal Oak. They plan to make their home in Birmingham in the not too distant future.

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A good top dressing of humus would be good, although I think a spreading of Michigan peat is better to combat dryness.

One material we don't use as a turf mulch and should use is sawdust.

**REMEMBER WHEN** you use sawdust that it must be at once followed by fertilizer, as sawdust applied alone will gobble up the nitrogen for its own benefit unless you supply a fertilizer high in nitrogen to replace its "selfish" tendencies. Sawdust will deteriorate into a nice humus, and we like it to hold moisture.

By the way, geranium alps like to be watered in sawdust. Of course, in this instance the sawdust is used as a rooting medium only.

Up at the State Landers conference the other day in Lansing Milton Barrons was very enthusiastic about the silk tree which looks like a mimosa and is known as Albizia Julibrissin Rosea.

**IT IS A FAST** grower, exotic, has bright pink flowers in July and August. The foliage is feathery. It will grow in Lansing, as evidenced by the success on the campus, and I saw it at the Arnold arboretum in Boston.

Let's try some of these unusual plants around here for "conversational pieces." The plant buyer's guide at Baldwin Library will direct you to all sources.

**Have You Met**

The residents of 115 Hamilton Blvd., Bloomfield village? Mr. and Mrs. Omer A. Pettit, with their four children; Judy, 12; Billy, 10; Jan, 9, and Steve, 7, moved there from Detroit. Both of the Pettits are graduates of Wayne university. Mr. Pettit is affiliated with Epsilon Sigma and Mrs. Pettit belongs to Alpha Theta Sigma. Mr. Pettit is sales engineer of the Green Fuel Economiser company.

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