

Human beings know that unless they eat regularly they will impoverish their bodies; complete lack of food results in starvation unto death. Some people also know that unless they feed their spiritual selves with the food of Godly thoughts they, too, shall wither away and die "within".

## B'ham Some Day May Have Parking Garage Like This



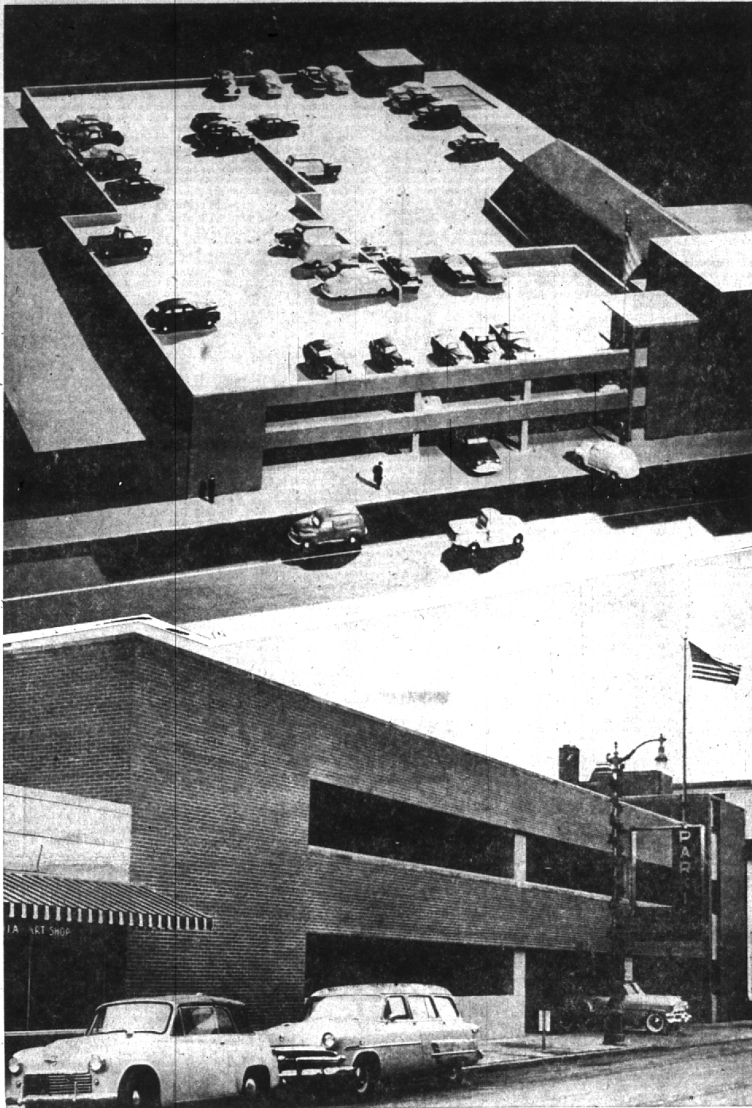
**Early Pickin'**

**SMART APPLES** in Wenatchee, Wash., believe that an apple a day—until May—is good advance publicity for the 37th annual Washington State Apple Blossom Festival. They've picked their fairest blossom well ahead of time as Apple Blossom Queen. She's Jolly Ann Sachs, 18-year-old high school senior.

When ground level municipal parking space no longer meets local shopping demands, Birmingham city officials are ready to expand facilities by constructing multi-level parking garages over the larger existing city lots. Some discussion already has involved future garage possibilities of the 174-car site now being acquired north of Hamilton and east of Woodward.

**TOP PHOTO** shows a model of a parking garage built for the City of Ann Arbor, illustrating how the building is composed of "ramps", along the sides of which cars are parked. This permits more economical use of space than does the old style level floor type.

**BOTTOM PHOTO** shows the front entrance of the Ann Arbor garage. It includes an elevator for motorists' accommodation in getting to and from the higher ramps.



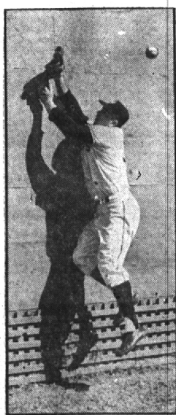
## Strong, Silent Mails



**CHIT-CHAT** of the general store post office makes a halfway comeback with installation of this stamp vending machine at the Federal Building Post Office in Detroit, Mich. When money is deposited, user dials number and denomination of stamps required. Out come the stamps and a polite tape-recorded "thank you." Seasonal messages, such as "mail early for Christmas," may also be recorded from time to time as a reminder to customers.



**MARLOUISE GRAYMOUNT** gives ear to Uncle Sam at a talking mailbox in New York City. It's one of the first of its kind. A two-way communications system installed in the box makes it possible for persons to obtain postal information without waiting in line in the post office. A clerk in the inquiry section mans a microphone to supply answers to queries made on street.

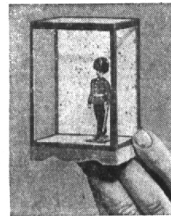


**Giant Try**

**BOB LENNON** is after more than the ball as he anticipates arrival of a hot liner at Phoenix, Ariz., where the New York Giants are in spring training. Lennon appeared in three games with the Giants in 1954. He spent last year with the Minneapolis Millers. Despite a shoulder separation he belted 31 homers in 114 games and hopes to up the score in his new go-round with the Giants.

## 'AWOL' Guard Heads an Army

**TINY TOY SOLDIER**, right, wearing uniform of a footguard in the British Army, forms the nucleus of a \$25,000 army of the ages owned by Russell Patterson, 29, below. Patterson found the toy, "AWOL" from some child's playthings, in yard of his San Francisco home 18 years ago. It inspired him to begin collecting detailed miniatures of troops of all nations. His army now numbers upward of 50,000 troops and has "invaded" two whole rooms of his home. Evolution of soldiering is represented in his collection by everything from bowmen of the middle ages to a preview of space soldiers of the future. He often buys several sets of particular favorites in order to build units of his army to full strength.



## DOWN TO EARTH

# Detroit Flower Show Classed 'Big Time'

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The Detroit flower show this year has been the best presentation given to the public in many years. This year the show could compare with Boston and New York, considered "big time".

The winter March habitat scene given by the Michigan Audubon society could hold the interest of all ages. There was a large display of well-labeled dormant shrub and tree material such as we see in our winter woods.

In many of these settings were birds' nests with birds and small animals nearby.

A GROUP OF catkins had a red-wing nest. A Baltimore owl had a nest in the American elm. Pheasant, racoons and squirrels were placed in the display in a lifelike manner.

One fascinating feature was hibernating frogs and turtles viewed through glass in a cutaway area.

**HIT PARADE** gardens, using themes from familiar songs were helpful to new gardeners. There, visitors saw fine landscaped garden corners which

could be adapted to a site on any home grounds.

"I am a planter," Sandman showed a patio easy to duplicate in an interesting half-shaded corner. The patio was made of pea gravel, which is typical Japanese.

If you copy this idea, be sure to use metal retaining strips to control boundaries.

**IN ADJACENT FLOWER** beds groups of tall bamboo poles had interesting flying fish attached at the tips. In the background was an arborvitae hedge, and a string of Japanese lanterns provided the theme for the chosen song.

This was executed by a local garden designer. Another local commercial designer chose as his theme "It might as well be spring." There you saw spring bulbs peeping through a "set back" in the weather.

A THIRD BIRMINGHAM commercial gardener chose as his theme, "In my solitude." Under a redwood canopy on an elliptical-shaped terrace was an inviting chaise and open book. This terrace had as its surface tanbark. A wonderful color texture is achieved from the "hugage tan" color, a by-product from tanning. You wouldn't want to go barefoot.

on tanbark, due to its coloring quality. The patio as a "package" would be perfect for that choice highway near some trees.

**THE CLOCK BUILT** at the end of a 150-foot formal garden was one of the eye-catchers of the show. This same clock will be at Grand Circus Park after the underground garage is completed.

The large timepiece, on an angle for viewing, is made of thousands of beautiful bedding plants set in a pattern. The various plants give the splendor of an oriental carpet.

The finest large commercial exhibit given to the public was the Mt. Vernon estate. On entering the exhibit hall you saw the large authentic front of this stately mansion as you would see it in the setting of its original 500-acre estate.

**THE SILENCE** of thousands of plants in formal gardens of Mt. Vernon with its magnolias, flowering trees, fountains, azaleas, and small colorful flowers invited a return visit.

Along the side of the exhibit hall are many the flower arrangements which have been judged, recognizing the technique of local garden club women we created these expressions of art. A theme "Cover Page" depicted famous magazine covers.

Numerous tables were set for theme parties which sent the garden lover away filled with ideas for using many cherished treasures from her own home.

**ON THE OTHER** side of the exhibit hall, "America the Beautiful" scenes depict Cape Cod, a New Orleans waterfront, Mt. Vernon, and the Alamo. This area was a real photographer's heaven. At last our Detroit flower show is staging a show with practiced ideas and beautiful design for the interest of "every man."

## Burns Comic Books

Vancouver, B. C.—In a recent weekend demonstration against crime and horror comic books, the Junior Chamber of Commerce offered a historical, animal or nature lore book for every ten crime or horror "comics" turned in at a downtown park. The response was enthusiastic. More than 8,000 comic books were put on a pile and burned.

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