

Branch Profile Tells Oak's Type

Oaks are really appreciated this time of year due to the long time in the Fall when the leaves remain in the branches. Mrs. Sheldon Wright has made an interesting observation: "It is fun to call the oaks by name. Just pretend their branch profile is like our own when we extend our arms out to the side."

If our arms drop from the shoulder level they resemble the profile of the pin oak. If the branches extend straight out, you may be fairly sure that it is a red oak. If the branches extend upward, the oak is a white oak. "I have that description memorized, and highway traveling will be more enjoyable."

OAKS AS A TREE class are known to be long in life and have deep tap roots. If the lobe form of the leaves is rounded, the specimen is a member of the white oak category. If the leaves have wide lobes with projections and sharp points, the leaf is from a black oak.

Many tree fanciers favor Mrs. Burlingame the scarlet oak (*Quercus Coccinea*) because of the brilliant scarlet Fall coloring. Pin oaks, the trees prominent in the selection at the GM Technical center, have many secondary branches that make you think of a pin cushion with pins in it at many angles.

This selection is very, very good if you have a low swampy problem. It will be just as successful grown in a dry site. The bright red Fall coloring makes it a favorite. It is a slow grower and very good as a specimen tree on a home site.

BY POPULAR REQUEST from many readers, I have visited the O. A. Luckenbach home at 424 Willis, across from the Christian Science church. These folks could

easily receive the '56 orchid for front of the home improvement. Grass just wouldn't grow due to shade and root competition, so the Luckenbachs had all of their front footage paved in a basket weave design with paving brick. The home is an attractive colonial structure.

Around the large elm trees they have built redwood raised planters and filled them with battle ivy. Toward the exit to the rear garden they have two other raised redwood boxes, filled with colorful chosen azaleas.

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Scout Troop B-28 Will Hold Court Of Honor, Nov. 27

Boy scout troop B-28, Our Shepherd Lutheran church, will hold a court of honor Nov. 27 at the church. All badges and ranks will be awarded and a tenderfoot investiture ceremony held.

A troop overnight campout is scheduled Nov. 24-25 at a campsite north of Lapeer. Art Dawe is chairman of weekend activities.

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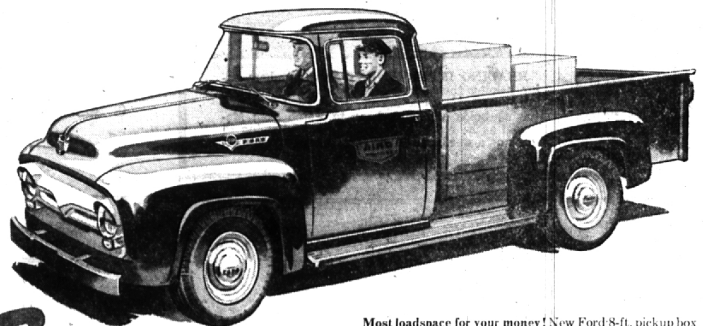
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