

Now's the Time to Prune Trees

With the leaves off the trees and the weather not too cold, we know it is a good time to prune our trees. Don't touch your shrubs this time of year unless it is necessary. Early spring-flowering shrubs are pruned directly after the flowering period. The later flowering shrubs, such as mock orange and beauty bush, may be pruned after flowering, through September.

Do not prune roses in the fall, but plan on the existing canes attracting snow drifts to assure a good winter protection. The trunks of trees are hand-some, and many of you need to allow more sun into your yard, so remove lower branches when you can.

IF YOU USE THE "3 cut" system for pruning trees you will do your task in the following manner: First, saw upward several

inches away from the trunk until the saw binds; second, saw downward just beyond until the branch falls; third, saw stub close to the trunk.

Remove all rough places and paint or shell to avoid disease in the open wound.

It will interest fellowers of this column that rhododendrons have been the subject of research by the National Heart Institute at Bethesda, Md. They have found that this exotic plant has a property in the leaves which can lower blood pressure.

In the past we have visited the A. C. Helgesons at 3155 Broadway, husband and wife team who enjoy gardening.

A GOOD PORTION of their property is in partial shade, and they have a good example of a grouping of Kerria Japonica. These shrubs do best in shade and will grow approximately four feet high. The flowers are orange-yellow. The branches are very green in winter and have a beauty for this particular season. The leaves are heavily veined of medium size and are coarsely toothed.

This team prefer Canadian peat moss for their gardening. To hold

one bank, they have used logs to prevent erosion.

One technique you might like to follow from the Helgeon garden is to put up in large ash cans which have holes in the bottom, peonies in bud. This method is easy for their iris, phlox and lilies. The have found by experience that these perennials grow faster than those grown in the ground. When they are through flowering in their prominent location they are removed en masse and another beauty takes its place due to the season of the year.

I SAW THIS done extensively in the large English royal gardens. Their baskets had a series of holes in construction to allow for drainage and, considering many hours, it was quicker to use this method of temporary planting for beauty accents.

Now look over your garden area. Those places which are most important to the eye should be beautiful all four seasons of the year which means in our climate that we use evergreens to catch the snow "for design" and attract the birds.

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Mrs. Edward Plunkett, who graduated from the University of Michigan 50 years ago, will be honored as a 50 year Kappa at the monthly meeting Tuesday of North Woodward alumnae association of Kappa Kappa Gamma. The anniversary of the fraternity's founding will also be marked.

Mrs. Robert Close, 856 Kennebec, will be hostess to the group. Assisting her will be Mrs. Bruce Minton, Mrs. Dean Beier and M. Craig Miller.

Birthdays, anniversaries, guests, births, parties are all news—the society editor about them.

Cranbrook-Maple Association

To Organize Monday

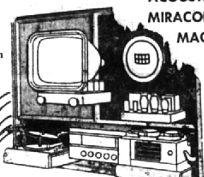
Residents in an area bounded by South Cranbrook, Maple and Cranbrook Cross Roads will gather at 8 p.m. Monday in the Birmingham high school cafeteria to organize the Cranbrook-Maple Association. A set of by-laws and a slate of

officers will be presented for vote. H. Broomfield will speak on prob-lemas affecting the area, where 480 South Cranbrook, Bloomfield township. State Senator William trial of 163.

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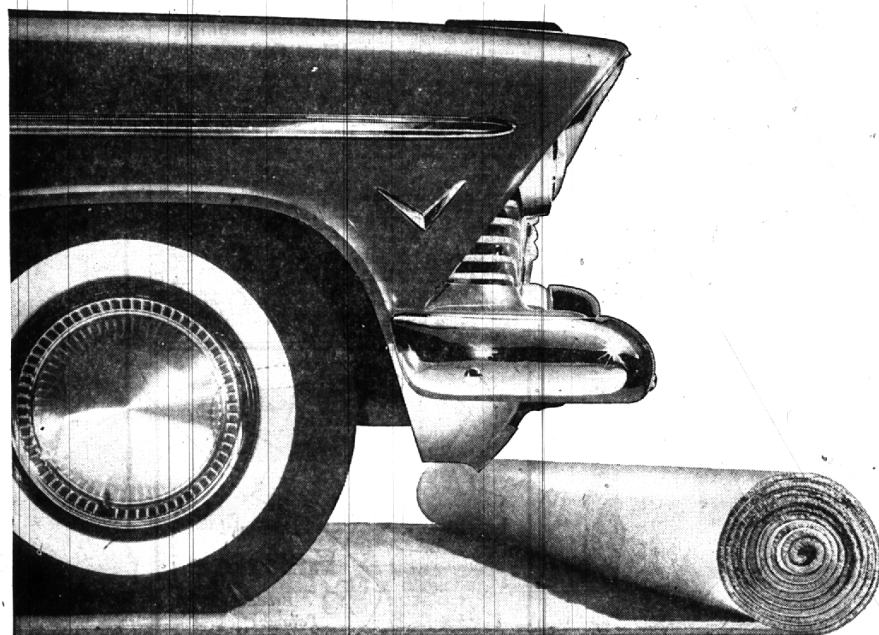
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Altar Date Set
by Nancy McCombe

Nancy Katherine McCombe and Ensign Daniel Davis Webb are planning a Feb. 16 marriage at St. James Episcopal church. Announcement of their engagement is made by Nancy's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Samuel McCombe of Lakeview avenue.

Miss McCombe attended the University of Michigan where she was a member of Pi Beta Phi. Her fiancé, a son of Mrs. Alexander Davis Webb of Grosse Pointe and the late Mr. Webb, is a U of M graduate and affiliated with Sigma Phi society. He is stationed with the United States Navy at San Diego, Calif.

Correction

Patricia N. Sperling, daughter of the Robert F. Sperling of Kirkshire road, was married to Martin Kingshill Oct. 6 in First Presbyterian church, Birmingham, not in First Methodist church, as reported in last week's issue.



From where I sit ... by Joe Marsh

Barnyard "WHOOdonit"

The Barn Owl Controversy still rages in our town. One group believes owls should be protected because they eat vermin. The other faction holds that those little howlers also eat chickens ... and should be shot.

New Pops Parker claims both parties are right. All owls clean out vermin. Some owls also clean out an occasional hen yard.

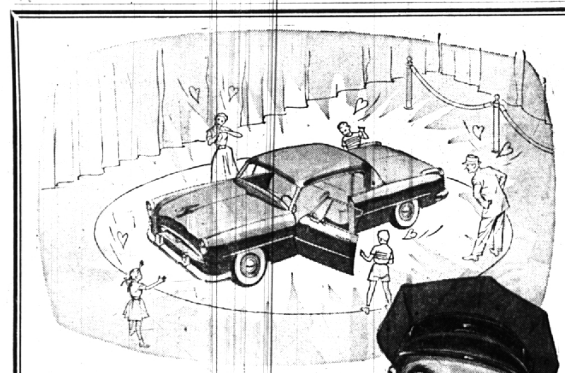
The way to spot a bad owl, according to Pops, is to put up a 16-foot pole in the chicken run with a No. 2 trap on it. A marauding bird generally perches to

look over the situation before he strikes, giving you your evidence, and the culprit!

From where I sit, I doubt if this will end the owl argument. People have different opinions on the subject—just as they have different opinions about whether beer, tea or what-have-you makes the best thirst quencher. Examine the facts and make up your own mind. I say ... and be thankful we live where that's possible.

Joe Marsh

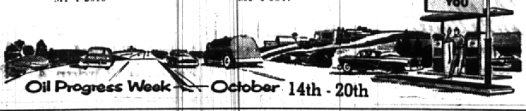
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