

Back "In the old days & happy days" there always was time for neighbors to get acquainted, to spend time together, in their sorrows and joys. How times have changed! Many of us know our neighbors less because, somehow, other things and scenes distract us.

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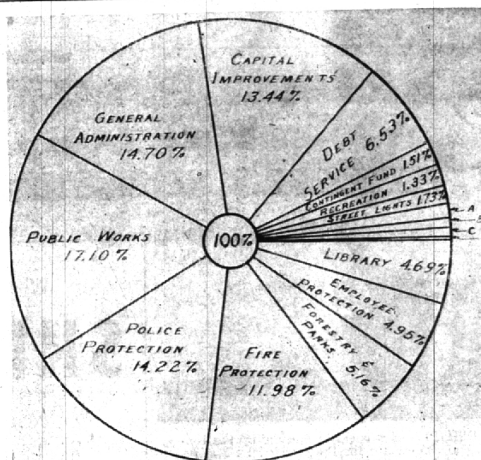
Section 4

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A Golden Thank You

4-H'ERS SAY THANK YOU—Merritt Hill, assistant general manager, Tractor and Implement Division, Ford Motor Co., Birmingham, accepts a gold plaque citation award for his outstanding contributions to 4-H Club work in Michigan in a ceremony during the State 4-H Club Show held in August on the Michigan State university campus. Presenting Hill and five others with the award is Marlene Dahlvik, Escanaba, state achievement winner.



Where Your Money Goes

TOTAL INCOME for Birmingham government in 1956-57 is estimated on the budget at \$1,535,635.47, and is split up to various funds as indicated by the "tax pie" (above). Percentages not listed in the pie are: A) Building inspection, 1.03%; B) Planning and research, .68%; C) Health, .66%; and D) Civil defense, .29%.



ROBERT KENNING, who last week became Birmingham's new assistant city manager. Kenning, 33, former superintendent of public works here since February 1953, holds college degrees in both business administration and civil engineering.

PEOPLE'S COLUMN

Opening of School Prompts Comments

To the Editor:
A "million dollar show" opened last week.
No. Not the State Fair; not the Aqua Follies even. It's our schools that are throwing wide their doors.
"Come on in, everyone who's under eighteen," they say. And they add, by sending out pamphlets, something to the effect that even those who've reached maturity, are welcome to come at night, if so they wish.

LEARNING IS the main attraction on this stage. Trained performers are on hand. "We'll do our best. We'll repeat the 'acts,' over and over again for those who don't

catch everything the first time around." They are patient. They are understanding.
Our schools. Our teachers. The buildings and supplies. The help at the library. Our community. Isn't really just... America?
The greatest performance anywhere. And this one won't ever fold up because "no one comes any more."
"Hey, Mom! Is this the day I get cleaned up for school?"
"It is, son. And deep inside she's as pleased as he."
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BLUBS

To Plant In The Fall

Why have bulbs in your garden?

First of all, the garden without bulbs is only half a garden. There are no substitutes for bulbs among the annuals or perennials.

Secondly, they provide a heart-warming, inspiring array of color and excitement a month before the annuals, perennials and even the flowering shrubs break loose to transform the gaunt earth of Winter to the giddy soil of Spring, Summer and Fall.

You can choose from a vast variety of these jewels for almost any season of the year and, with moderate care (we don't know whether to accent the 'moderate' or the 'care') you can develop all the bulbs you will ever need—and they do not demand frequent "lifting".

So, let's take a look at where you might use bulbs to the best advantage to accomplish definite results.

The Mixed Border: An early accent for the annuals, biennials and perennials can come from bulbs such as **PRIMULAS, TULIPS, HYACINTHS**. A few minor bulbs and hardy LILIES. Of course, there are problems with the tulip and daffodil foliage which must be left to mature and becomes unsightly. But, this can be handled OK by Landscape Groups.

The Landscape Group is a formal, planned planting creating a little picture.

The naturalizing plan is an attempt to stimulate a natural growth, unplanned by mind and largely unintended by hand. (We have no idea of trying to tell you how to accomplish this.)

CAVEAT EMPTOR

Foundation Plantings:

Here small areas present a problem and the idea is to place a few bulbs in front of the dwarf evergreens. (If your evergreens are not dwarf, use bigger bulbs.)

Species tulips and almost any Spring (early) flowering bulbs are OK but for Pete's sake don't plant them in a row laid out with a string. (The string planting deal is only for lettuce, carrots, corn and those completely horrendous things called turnips and rutabagas and parsnips.) Plant them in groups or THROW the bulbs into the area and PLANT THEM WHERE THEY FALL.

Rock Garden:

Many small Spring bulbs love to mingle in a "rockery". Here one (if one is as astute as this one thinks one is) would use the smaller bulbs such as **Crocus Chrysanthus** and **Tomasenianus** and the **SPECIES TULIPS** such as **CLUSIANA**, **WATER LILY**, **THE FIRST**, etc.

Believe us there are infinite ideas for planting bulbs and infinite ideas for what people want and infinite ideas for presenting them to you and infinite ideas as to how we can get you to buy more bulbs so we can make more money so we can spend more money writing stuff like this that may encourage you to spend? This, apparently, is where we started.

Well, all kidding aside, you cannot get more magnificent color for your money spent for BULBS unless you put it into Avelon Lipstick.

Next week we will try to be more specific about some of the details of lipst—of bulb planning and planting. In the meantime, we shall conclude this plagiarized chat before calling your attention to our new, original, unusual, simple, useful, understandable, provocative

BULB BLOOMIN' CHART

This chart undertakes to show you when the various bulbs we hope you will purchase, will bloom (if everything goes right with the weather). Small editions are yours for the asking (if you are in the shop when you ask) and you can send copies to friends and relatives (if they live within 6 1/2 miles of this shop).

Those of you who read this and who subscribe to The Eccentric, please let us know. We are suspicious of The Eccentric's (READER) coverage because we have so many people still saying (we moved on August 11th), "Oh, I went to Brownell Street. I didn't know you moved."

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Old Car Grand Champion

THIS SHINY red, 1903 Model A Ford, driven by Donald G. Harter, 6171 Idlewyde, Bloomfield township, won the grand championship in the 1899-1916 class at the Old Car Festival in Greenfield Village Sept. 8. The sixth annual meet attracted a record 250 antique cars this year.

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by YOUR example



Photo by Roxane Lambie

Hunting (Book) Treasures

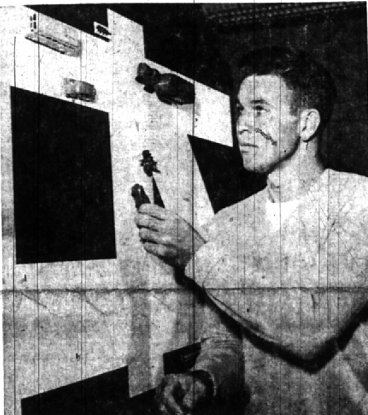
TWO YOUNG FRIENDS of the Baldwin public library were snapped last week by the camera of Roxane Lambie, of 280 Aspen, Birmingham. The girls were enjoying the search for one of the most delightful of all treasures, a good book to dig into.



ECCENTRIC PHOTO

Seeking Contributions

AN ARMPFUL of envelopes that contain workers' kits for the Birmingham League of Women Voters is carried by Mrs. Garvin Bawden, Jr., 977 Gordon lane. After distribution of the kits, the ladies went into their annual financial drive that will extend through Sept. 26. Over 60 league members will be out to reach their quota of \$2500. The Birmingham branch is part of the National League of Women



Educated Driver

WILLIAM D. McELREATH, driver-education teacher at Troy township school in Birmingham, was among the 68 completing a special three-week course of study in the driver education and traffic safety workshop conducted at Michigan State university recently.



Coral Reef Exhibit

IN THE MAKING here is an exhibit which is on display at Cranbrook Institute of Science. The major exhibit of a coral reef is currently being prepared by James Carmel, head preparator at the Institute, and visitors will see the work in progress. In the photo above, John House, art instructor at Cranbrook school, loads underwater findings into a boat during Carmel's expedition to the Bahamas last spring. Researchers brought from Bahaman waters sponges, soft-bodied corals, 18 species of fish from which plaster molds were made, colored under-water photographs, and even paintings of corals made under water by Mr. Carmel. They will be displayed with the work in progress exhibit