

# The Birmingham Eccentric

Nobody, apparently, has ever scientifically recorded in detailed manner in which average parents bring up children; how much intelligently directed time and thought is provided for teaching, offering, or how much neglect exists. But can't it safely be said children do need more care?

## DOWN TO EARTH

### Challenge of Christmas Decorations

The challenge of Christmas Decorations has arrived at this date and out come the packed boxes from years past with the family traditional trimmings. All year I have delayed trimming the junipers, so that choice branches could be used for trimming in the house.

Mrs. William Essery collected a large quantity of locust seed pods, which average about eight inches long and are the color of a ripe olive.

**SHE IS SHARING** them with the Happy Garden Club at Pontiac State Hospital where they will be sprayed with glitter and have an ornament book piercing one end. With their gnarled appearance they will be interesting ornaments.

At Receiving hospital, Redford Branch, the patients were assisted last year by Horticultural Therapists in making their own bedside trees.

Here is the way they were made: a large baking potato had the bottom surface leveled and the patients wrapped the potato in a gum roll and on the top made a hgle with a screw-driver.

They selected a thick end bough about fifteen inches long. Now they had a tray of trimmings passed to them and had the fun of trimming

their bedside tree which would stay fresh due to being established in a moist potato. The patients were the ones who benefitted by the pleasure in making the project in contrast to gifts brought in by organizations with the pleasure "in the making" being enjoyed by the givers. This project is to be on the agenda for the handicapped children in the Chicago public schools.

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## Bonds Stolen

TROY—The home of Mina King, 2795 Bolingbroke, was broken into last week and an undetermined number of \$25 and \$50 treasury bonds taken from a dresser drawer. No one was home at the time of the theft which occurred during the day.

of cold winter, bring them inside and leave the pots in the dark for a week. Clean them up at the end of one week, place in a sunny window, and the bulb is yours to enjoy. P.S. Make several pots of forced bulbs for friends. They have the faculty of bringing back to you the best cookies and cakes.

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Make a trench in the yard planning on at least twelve inches or more above the top of the flower pot. Instead of replacing the soil, cover the ditch with lots of leaves and twigs and place a piece of burlap over the top. Now this is important, mark each end of the excavation with tall sticks to mark the project if you bring them inside if the snow is deep. Wait for at least seven weeks

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## People's Column

### Dystrophy Drive Participation Encouraged

To the Editor: Have you ever stopped to think what it is that enables you to move when you want to? To toss a ball, reach for a cigarette, swing your legs over the side of the bed? It is your muscles, of course—your healthy functioning muscles. But there is a terrible and mysterious disease, muscular dystrophy, which wastes away the muscles until they lose their power to contract and relax . . . until the heart, itself a giant muscle, finally stops beating. Muscular Dystrophy—MD for short—affects some two hundred thousand people in the United States alone, most of them children between the ages of three and thirteen. They will not live to grow up, unless a cure for MD is found in time to relieve them.

IN OVER seventy laboratories here and abroad, Muscular Dystrophy Associations of America sponsor research projects which may lead to the cure. Help kill this killer of children!

When your neighborhood volunteer or fire fighter calls, give all you can. Or, if you prefer, mail your contribution to MDA, care of your local postmaster. Many of us are working in Oakland County to obtain contributions for carrying on research and care for children afflicted with this disease.

WE HAVE selected Tuesday, Dec. 3, as the day to put on a house-to-house campaign for the cause. Something like the March-of-Dimes effort.

May I suggest that if your house is not called on, please send your contribution—however large or small—to Oakland County Chapter, Dystrophy Association, care of your postmaster? Thank you.

Mrs. William Hartman, Jr. 423 Berwyn Rd., Birmingham

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## Thanksgiving

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In the past at Lakes' we feel we have received more than our share of blessings . . . a brand new store, prosperous trade, and countless new friends.

We would like to join with others on this day of thanksgiving in expressing our sincere gratitude for the multitude of blessings granted us this year.

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