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DOWN TO EARTH

By ALICE WESSÉLS BURLINGAME
Special Writer for The Birmingham Eccentric

Andromeda Retain its Leaves in Winter

Many of our readers have enjoyed planting Pieris Japonica or it is sometimes called Andromeda. It is a broadleaf evergreen in category and will retain its leaves in the winter.

Auto Club To Honor Local Man

The Automobile Club of Michigan established itself as one of the largest member organizations in the state Wednesday as it announced the signing of its 500,000th active member.

"The half-million mark, set as the 1957 membership goal, represents an increase of 23,000 in just eight months," Auto Club President Charles L. Wilson said in making the announcement. "We are a non-profit organization, so our true measure of success or failure comes with our acceptance by Michigan motorists."

The signing of our half-millionth member not only reaffirms our position as the world's largest auto club but gives us the fastest rate of growth of any club."

TO CELEBRATE achievement of the goal, Wilson said representative new members enrolled Wednesday throughout the state would be feted in special September ceremonies in their home communities.

Ray H. Murray Jr., 18540 Hillcrest, of Watt, Mahoe and Snyder real estate company, was named as the Birmingham division's new member and given the honorary membership number 500,041 to mark it as 41st of 44 auto club divisions established in the state.

One of the newest auto club offices, the Birmingham division was opened in 1954 to bring greater service to area members. Headed by Douglas Brown, the division serves more than 19,000 members through its Hunter boulevard offices.

THE AUTO CLUB of Michigan was organized by a small group of civic-minded Detroiters in 1916. The club pioneered the fight for equitable auto taxes, good roads, proper highway marking and fair enforcement.

It sponsored and helped draft legislation for uniform traffic laws and developed a traffic engineering bureau to aid Michigan communities with traffic problems.

LEGAL NOTICES

Forbes S. Maxwell, Atty., 1125 1/2 Bldg., Birmingham, Michigan 48209

STATE OF MICHIGAN. The Probate Court for the County of Oakland, in the Matter of the Estate of LOUISE F. MUELLER, Deceased.

At a session of said court, held at the Probate Court in the City of Pontiac, on said County, on the 14th day of August, A. D. 1957.

Present: Honorable Arthur E. Moore, Judge of Probate.

Order appointing time for hearing claims.

Notice is hereby given and it is hereby ordered that the time and place for hearing of claims against the above estate shall be the 24th day of November 1957, at nine o'clock in the forenoon at the Probate Court in the Court House at the City of Pontiac, Michigan.

All creditors or claimants against the above estate are further notified and ordered to prove their claims at said hearing and prior to said hearing file written claim therewith with this Court and with the depository of this estate, under oath, containing sufficient detail reasonably to inform the depository of the nature and amount of the claim.

ARTHUR E. MOORE, Judge of Probate.

Recreation—Lower Peninsula

The Conservation Commission, by authority of Act No. 1925, as amended, hereby orders that for a period of one year from October 1, 1957, it shall be unlawful to trap raccoons in Zone 2 except from November 15th to December 15th, inclusive, and in Zone 3 from December 1st to December 31st, inclusive.

Approved July 24th 1957.

SHIRLEY W. ALLEN, Chairman
CLIFFORD KETCHAM, Secretary

Countersigned:
GERALD E. EDVY, Director of Conservation (25-26-27)

The plastic material breathes but checks loss of moisture. Do not place this container in the direct sun but in good light. It will not need watering for weeks and perhaps months, determined by how well you keep it covered.

The other day I visited the home of Ann Arbor. He is well known by so many Birminghamites. I saw many lessons to pass on to you.

AROUND THE MANY trees on the property Mr. Bradley had made large circles of limestone aggregate. This was good because we know that stones can act as a holding in moisture and it prevented the ever-present chance of skinning the tree trunk by a lawnmower, plus the fact that often grass is stubborn to grow beneath a tree which robs the area of moisture and food.

In the rear garden there were generous paths made with the limestone aggregate with metal stripping on each side, these paths lead to interesting goals such as a large elevated specialty garden, another side saw the path pointing out a little girl's doll house, and the lath house.

WHERE THERE WERE five trees close to each other it was pleasant to see them joined together with a large generous form "Molif" with the aggregate as the flooring with a path leading to it, too.

For erosion control on banks pachymantre was used for the shade. The entire property had a generous use of railroad ties for steps, marking the border of raised flower beds, and used for erosion control.

This country place is handsome all four seasons due to the generous use of evergreens.

THIS PLANT will generally keep a height of four feet, the brilliantly colored new foliage is stunning in the spring and there will be pendulous racemes of lily of the valley type flowers which are white and waxy in May.

If you possess one of these shrubs you will enjoy some jack-knife fun by taking cuttings from the side of the plant in August and September. Be sure and cut just a "see bit" below a joint and dip this cutting in a hormone powder.

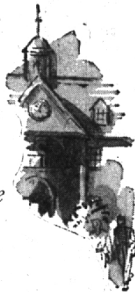
Place these cuttings in a flat which has in it a mixture of 70 percent peat, 10 percent clean sharp sand, and 20 percent styrofoam which you have broken in small pieces.

Water well. Now in the flat, bend two coat hangers to form the framework to form some elevation in the form of ribs for a roof for over the cuttings after they have been "firmed" into the mixture.

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