



A patio that's just "growing like Topsy" is being enjoyed on sunny summer days by members of the Senior Men's club. Meeting at Birmingham Community House for a Friday session, (seated clockwise) are George Armstrong, Earl Roy, club president, Joe Green and Henry Wagner (vice president). Bringing them tea is Judy Thomas.

First One Thing, Then Another, Then A Patio

It started with a pile of dirt, and before Mrs. Effie Schaeffer, Birmingham Community House director knew it, it was a patio.

"It just sort of grew like Topsy," explains Mrs. Schaeffer. The maturing "Topsy" began to grow at the north side of the Community House, just outside the center double doors in the auditorium.

"That spot has always been such an eyesore," says Mrs. Schaeffer. "Then one day we had a big pile of dirt back there. So I asked the maintenance men to spread it around."

NEXT THING she knew the maintenance men had found some stones and built a dry wall to enclose the rectangular layer of dirt. Then Mrs. Schaeffer showed the

wood picnic table and benches, and ordered same sent to the Community House.

Next move was to install some lights, and get some of the blocks of sidewalk that Shain park was loaning. They would make a nice surfacing for the patio. But the patio had a set-back when Shain park announced it was going to re-use the blocks around a center mall.

Temporarily stymied but still making plans, Mrs. Schaeffer hopes that eventually they can screen off the service entrances to the north of the Community House, to make the entire north side of the house more attractive.

"Topsy" is still growing.

Obituary Notices

MISS MARION J. BRUCE, 77, of 15545 Orchard Trail, Orchard Lake, died Saturday at her home after a long illness. She was a retired medical and surgical assistant.

Surviving is one sister, Mrs. W. H. Morley.

Services were Tuesday from the Bell chapel of the William K. Hamilton Co.

EDWIN ALBERT SCHIPPEL, 59, of 18575 San Quentin, Lathrup, died Wednesday after a long illness. Mr. Schipfel was born Sept. 9, 1898 in Detroit.

He had been employed in the chart and art department at Chevrolet for 28 years. He was on the original organizational committee of Community Congregational church, Lathrup, of which he was a charter member.

Surviving are his wife, Josephine; four sons, Edwin L., Carl E., and Richard A., all of the Lathrup address, William H. with the air force at Bellefontaine, Ohio; and two brothers, Alvin G. and Charles K., both of Detroit.

The Rev. John Rose, pastor of the Community Congregational church, officiated Saturday at the C. F. Schmidt funeral home. Burial was in Acacia Park cemetery with graveside Masonic services by Zion lodge 1, F. & A. M., Detroit, of which Mr. Schipfel was a member.

ROBERT L. BENNINGER, 47, of 16981 Buckingham, Southfield, died unexpectedly Saturday at William Beaumont hospital. He had been employed as a material handling engineer by the Ford Motor company, Highland Park.

Mr. Benninger was a member of the Congregational church, the Royal Oak chapter 167, R.A.M., Saginaw lodge 77, F.&A.M., and the Holy Graft commandery 38, Knight Templar, Hazel Park.

He is survived by his wife, Ellen; his mother, two daughters, Peggy of the Buckingham address and Mrs. Donald Gust of Walnut Lake; a brother, Charles of Birmingham, Ala.; and one grandchild.

Services were Tuesday from the Pilgrim Congregational church, Lansing. Burial was in Deep Dale cemetery, Lansing. Arrangements were by the Virgo E. Kinsey funeral home, Royal Oak.

BRADLEY L. P. SCRIPPS, two-month-old son of Mr. and Mrs. William J. Scripps, 692 Bennington drive, Bloomfield Hills, died Friday at St. Joseph hospital, Ann Arbor.

He leaves a brother, David; and two sisters, Melissa and Pamela, and his paternal grandmother, Mrs. William E. Scripps.

Services were Monday from the Bell chapel of the William K. Hamilton Co. The Rev. Dobbins of Christ Church, Grosse Pointe, officiated.

MRS. HORATIO B. LEWIS, 89, of Ypsilanti, mother of Cyril B. Ypsilanti, Mrs. Lewis was an active member of St. Luke's Episcopal church, Ypsilanti.

She was a member of the St. Luke's Guild and for 40 years was in charge of memorial flowers for the altar. She was also an active member of the players' club and often appeared in their productions.

Besides Cyril, she is survived by another son, Albert C.; three daughters, Evangeline, Hortense, and Mrs. M. H. Willard; and six grandchildren.

Funeral services were last week Thursday in Ypsilanti.

LEROY W. J. TROTT, 55, of 1081 Dartmore drive, Birmingham, died Saturday at William Beaumont hospital after a short illness.

For the past 35 years, he had been an accountant for Fishet Body division of General Motors Corp.

He is survived by his wife, Clara; a brother, Cecil C.; and a sister, Mrs. Dorothy Walls.

Services were Wednesday from the Bell chapel of the William K. Hamilton Co. Burial was in Woodlawn cemetery.

MRS. DELORES D. GOODMAN, 23, of Hazel Park, formerly of Birmingham, died Wednesday at William Beaumont hospital after a long illness. She was born in Birmingham, January 2, 1935. She graduated in Clawson.

She leaves her husband, James P., her father, Wellington Spath of Birmingham; and an aunt, Mrs. Roy Steele.

Services will be Friday afternoon from the Manly Bailey funeral home with burial in Royal Oak cemetery.

C.B. Van Dusen, Ex-President of Kresge Co.

Charles B. Van Dusen, 87, ex-president of the Kresge Co., died Saturday at his home at 1830 Balmoral. He had been with the Kresge Co. for 53 years before retiring. And even with retirement he continued to serve Kresge as a director and to act as a director for several other companies.

Surviving are his wife, Minnie T.; and three sons, David, who is the Detroit district manager for the Kresge Co.; C. Theron, who is active in real estate and was with the City Commission ten years ago, both from the Birmingham area; and William of Metamora, who is a farmer.

Services were Tuesday from the Westminster Presbyterian church and entombment in the family mausoleum at Woodlawn cemetery. Arrangements were by the William K. Hamilton Co. in Detroit.

Mr. Van Dusen was very active in the Masonic order and in Westminster Presbyterian church. In the order, he served as captain-general of Detroit Commandery No. 1, Knights Templar, for 19 years before the post of captain-general emeritus was created for him in 1942.

HE WAS PRESIDENT of the Y for several terms and was a member of many clubs and societies, including the Bloomfield Hills Country club, Ingleside club, Detroit Athletic club, Detroit Boat club, Detroit Golf club and many others.

Mr. Van Dusen became secretary and treasurer of the Kresge Co. in 1912, vice president in 1914 and president in 1925.

Major in Wisconsin

Major Eustace Rucinski of Buckingham drive, Birmingham, is in the forefront of two weeks of annual training with the 309th civil affairs military group at Camp McCoy, Wis. He joined the 309th in 1949 and is assigned as a member of the displaced persons loan.

New Industrial Line Unveiled By Ford Tractor

An entirely new line of Ford industrial tractors and matching high-capacity loading and digging equipment was revealed this week by the tractor and implement division of Ford Motor Co. Announcement also was made that a separate industrial franchise will be available to new and existing dealers.

Merritt D. Hill, divisional general manager, was joined by sales officials and engineering personnel in presenting the equipment, and the philosophy which led to its development.

Hill said, "Ford Motor Company pioneered 41 years ago in producing a tractor with industrial as well as farm capabilities. We have enjoyed leadership in the non-farm tractor market ever since."

"THIS MARKET exists almost everywhere one looks—the supermarket parking lot where a tractor and broom clear dirt and snow, the builder digging a basement foundation or landscaping a housing development, the public utility moving its coal supplies. We have counted more than 100 distinct classifications of industries where our present equipment is used. Approximately one-half million organizations can be considered as prospects for this equipment."

In nearly every one of these fields the need is for higher capacity, easily-operated equipment at prices and operating costs under those of the special-purpose equipment, he said. "Not only does our new tractor-loader combination have more than twice the lifting capacity of previous models for industrial jobs, it is also designed for the constant 8-hour-day, day-in-day-out operation which characterizes the industrial users' work," he added.

Details of the equipment will not be made public until dealers can be supplied. Hill said, although it was noted that the new tractors are already on the production line at Ford's Highland Park tractor plant and new equipment for use with them will soon go into production at its Des Moines, Iowa, implement plant.

AUTOMATION reached the corn farmer's most tedious and time-consuming job, meanwhile, with the announcement from Ford that a "robot cultivator" will soon be available.

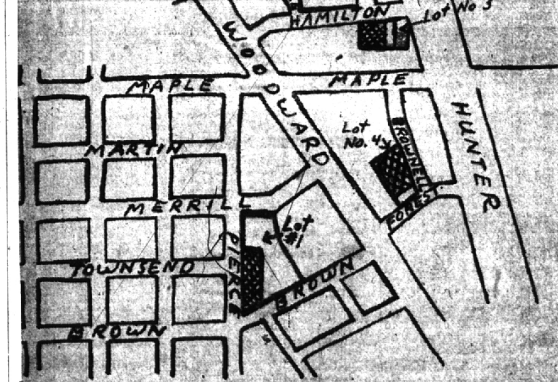
The simple electro-mechanical attachment for cultivating equipment produced by the company's tractor and implement division was demonstrated to distributors and dealers attending a new product preview at the farm machinery research and engineering center in Birmingham.

"A corn farmer spends more time cultivating on his tractor than on any other single job," R. J. Miller, chief engineer, told the group. "It is the worst kind of job because it requires his intense concentration on each plant, his constant attention to steering, and his being oblivious to everything else around him. The work has a hypnotizing effect which can be a hazard to safe operation."

FORD ELECTRONIC and agricultural engineers studied the cultivation operations to find a way to speed them and make them semi-automatic. Their answer is a pivoted "feeler," roughly hairpin-shaped, which touches the small corn cotten or other row crop plants, and acts like an insect's antennae in locating the plant.

Potter Graduates

Richard B. Potter will be among 271 candidates for degrees at Miami University, Oxford, Ohio. He will receive a bachelor of fine arts August 27 in Benton auditorium.



12-Hour Meter Setup Changed

This map of downtown Birmingham's four city parking lots (shaded areas) was issued by police after 74 twelve-hour parking meters were recently removed from lot No. 1 to accommodate more short-term parkers. Numbers of 12-hour meters for downtown business people and other long-term parkers by lots are: No. 1, 84; No. 2, 135; No. 3, 40, and No. 4, 57. All lots except No. 1 have a smaller number of short-run meters. No. 1 has 102 two-hour meters and 44 four-hour ones.

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