

OUTDOOR LIVING

Section

The Birmingham Eccentric

BIRMINGHAM, MICHIGAN

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Members Attend Annual Meeting

VALLEY WOODS — Five members of the Valley Woods branch of the WNFPA attended the 32 annual Michigan division meeting in E. Lansing, Mrs. Wilson McClellan, president, attended both the June 5 and 6 meetings. Those present for the June 5 meeting were Mrs. Robert Beasley, Mrs. L. P. Dempsey, Mrs. Raymond Gorman and Mrs. Harry E. Klumshyn.

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Those who specialize in pansies tell me that if you supply fertilizer, a mulch and plenty of water you do not have to become a slave to the plant—pinching off spent flowers all summer long to prevent the plant from drying up after fulfilling its life cycle.

WHY NOT try lettuce in your garden? "Matchless" is a leaf lettuce variety, which resists hot summer weather, will not become

have an adequate size hole already dug, and transplant one all mixed in a bucket. Pop your roses in and water immediately to prevent shock. I wouldn't undertake such an assignment during the hot part of the day. Get up early and finish before 11 a.m. or wait until after 4 p.m.

DOES your property have a good curbside rating? Do people passing by say, "I'd like to live there?"

Check to see if your home blends naturally into the landscape, presenting a pleasant appearance from the curb, both in winter and summer. Are the foundation plantings overgrown or scrawny? Do they obscure windows? Maybe they need pruning. If they're scrawny they probably aren't in the right cultural location for that species. Are you satisfied? Maybe it would be better to replant entirely with more tasteful plants?

Your curbside view is very important from the viewpoint of the value of your house. It is so easy to do it correctly.

LOOK OVER the trees on your property too. Don't they need lots of pruning of the secondary branches to let more light in and to make the trees look well groomed?



Mrs. Burlingame
The trick is to work fast—

THE OTHER DAY with a neighborhood youngster, I planted gourds around the base of an interesting branch about six feet tall. When the gourd vine climbs the branches and fruits it should make a handsome sight. It isn't too late to interest small fry in this project on your property. If you haven't a youngster, borrow one.

North Wds. Branch Meets for Luncheon

North Woods branch of WNFPA will meet Friday for a luncheon meeting at Haven Hill lodge; a center, conducted by the Michigan Department of Conservation for the study and enjoyment of nature. Two films, "Wild Wings" and "Land, Water and Fish" will be viewed by North Woods members. At their May meeting one of North Woods' own members, Mrs. Marvin Katke, provided the program on birds, supplementing her talk with Audubon slides and recorded bird calls.

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