

Best Buy

Since 1947, the wholesale price of lumber has gone up only 23.2 per cent, according to latest figures from the U. S. Department of Labor. In contrast, structural steel prices have increased 127.6 per cent in the same ten-year span; cement is up 61.2 per cent; and structural clay products have jumped 66.3 per cent.

Eye Opener

Visitors from all over the United States say their biggest thrill is a visit to any of the west's great sawmills where electrically controlled machinery convert giant Douglas fir, west coast hemlock and western red cedar logs into enough lumber to build a million homes a year. Some mills maintain regular tour schedules.

Oakland WNFGA Branch Holds 1st Fall Meet

The first fall meeting of the Oakland branch of the Women's National Farm & Garden association was held Monday. Mrs. Clarence Notzel was the hostess at her home in Birmingham. She was assisted by Mrs. Edward Gabert. Mrs. John Merrill, new club president of Huntington Woods, presided over the business meeting preceding a talk on birds given by Mrs. Neil Kelley, well-known naturalist from Bloomfield Hills. New year books, "Flowers of the Month," which were made by program chairman Mrs. Stanley Webster and her committee, were distributed.

IN KEEPING with a new idea being tried out this year, members were requested to wear the best annual grown in their garden and be able to tell about it. Each month the request will be different.

3-Dimension Yards

Best landscaping is planned with three dimensions. A board-board fence with recess boards stained darker than outer boards gives attractive shadow depth and makes perfect backdrop for colorful plantings. Woods like western red cedar or Douglas fir have exciting texture. Wood is a product of nature and thus blends with natural surroundings.

8-D THE BIRMINGHAM (MICH.) ECCENTRIC Sept. 18, 1968

Mrs. Charters Hosts Osage Garden Club

Mrs. James Charters opened her home on Bretby drive to members of the Osage garden club, branch of the WNFGA, on the afternoon of Sept. 8. Walker W. Morris of the Morris nursery on E. Long Lake road was the guest speaker. His topic was entitled "A Guide to Fall Garden Clean Up." Morris concluded his talk in the magnificent Charters gardens where he illustrated the right ways to prune shrubs and evergreens.

TEATIME followed bringing the first fall meeting to a close. A miniature rake protruded from the attractive arrangement of gladiolus and asters which adorned the tea table. Pouring were Mrs. George Robb and Mrs. Charles Crane.

Camera Club Meets

The Bloomfield Hills Camera Club meeting tonight at 8 in the Cranbrook Institute of Science Auditorium will be highlighted by guest speaker J. Elwood Armstrong. The public is invited to Armstrong's illustrated lecture "Mexico—The Land of the Tarascan." He will show several hundred color views of Mexico.



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