

Styles

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empire waistline, just below the bust, the skirt is just slightly indented before it lightly touches the hips on a long, to the hem line just below the knees.

Dresser versions of the basic empire sheath feature gathered tucks under the bust which fall in graceful folds to the hemline. A narrow hemline gives the skirt a bell silhouette which, although bouffant, retains its graceful lines in the folds that are draped from the high-waist.

THE ULTIMATE in the relaxed look is the tapered sheath. A very distant cousin of the short-lived chemise, it is, as a matter of fact,

twice removed; at the bustline and at the hips where it is essential. A long slender silhouette is effected from the graceful tapering of the dress from the shoulders to the short hemline.

Exciting, too, are the colors and fabrics in the new fashions. One fabric rarely seen until now is the shiraz, many times blending shades of green and blue, and red and pink.

Probably the most exciting new combination of the season is a paisley print over plaid. So new it excites the imagination until seen in the tapered sheaths of green and gold, and red, blue, and green combinations, it is typical of the season: relaxed in shape, yet gay to the eye.

Toujours gay, eh?

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DOWN TO EARTH

Glass Model Flowers Will Awe You

This country is full of people going someplace on wheels. Sooner or later nearly everyone finds himself in the Boston area, and when you're there be sure to put high on your list of "musts" stops the botanical museum of Harvard university at Cambridge, Mass.

There you will see the Ware collection of glass model flowers—a unique display that will hold you awed.

D. Charles Ware's class of 1934 commissioned Leopold Blaschka of Dresden, Germany, to make a fitting memorial for their beloved professor.

THE QUALITY of the glass flowers is unlike anything you have ever seen. They are exact duplicates of real flowers in every anatomical detail; you can't believe that you aren't seeing the plant growing. There are more than 3,000 models.

A father and son executed the assignment, and it took them more than 50 years of work. Asked once why he didn't teach another apprentice this great art, Blaschka said:

"When you find me someone who has generations of artists working in glass behind him and who will begin work at the age of 10 and

work 10 hours a day for 10 years—then I will teach him."

THE DISPLAY at Harvard is not stuffy. You can take a party of people with any range of interests to see the flowers and they will all come away awed, certain that they have seen one of the wonders in this country.

GARDENERS in the Birmingham area will always have the lessons of Mary Roberts who lived at Yarmouth and Cranbrook. Her suggestions and ideas help us all with rose culture.

Here are a few of Mrs. Roberts' tips for you to file away. She preferred sprays to dusts. Don't prune after Sept. 1.

Mildew on the leaves of sufficient air. The plants may be placed too close. Or perhaps your roses are in a pocket, too closely enclosed by the structure of your house.

IF YOU have black spot, the fungus is in the leaves, not in the soil. Keep right after it, because the leaves are the lungs of the plant, and you know what happens

to any living thing when the lungs are gone.

Water roses thoroughly once a week if Nature doesn't help you out with a good rain.

WHEN RILYING roses be sure to get only those with three canes. Mrs. Roberts favored California stock.

She planted the white rose, Madame Beuchet, because of its strong fragrance, and considered it the best of all the floribundas. White bouquet is an excellent white rose.

Mary gave me these tips shortly before her untimely death last spring. She was the leading rose grower in this area and active in the American Rose society. I just found these notes in my desk.

IF YOU have borers in your fruit trees—your tell by borings which look like sawdust at the base of the tree—you can handle the situation in the following manner:

Probe down in the hole with a stiff wire like a piece of coat hanger. Then squirt a few drops of carbon bisulfide into the hole and plug it tightly with oil or putty.

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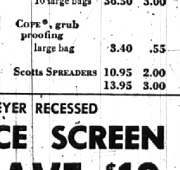
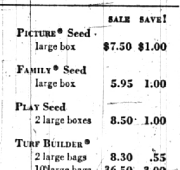
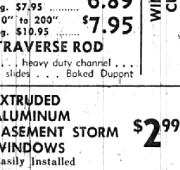
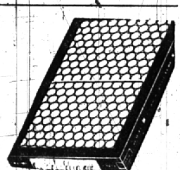
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Crafts Capture Campers

Young basketweavers at YMCA-sponsored camp Nossokone, Oscoda, are Bill Shaul (left), 5819 E. Miller Way, and Dorman Dickerson III, 6005 Wing Lake, Bloomfield township. They were among local boys who attended July and August sessions of the camp.

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NEW YORK—Residents of Birmingham are better covered than they ever were before by life insurance. The amount of protection in force, per family, is at an all-time high.

The expansion in the number of policy holders and in the total amount in force is reported on a national and state basis in the 1958 Life Insurance Fact Book.

It reveals that the total amount in being in the United States has passed the amazing sum of \$485 billion, of which some \$22 billion is in the State of Michigan. This is exclusive of such additional insurance as has been issued by the government; and by fraternal and similar groups to veterans and others.

For the nation as a whole, the average holdings per family are equivalent in size to the amount of current disposable income per family for 18 months, it finds.

APPLYING THIS average to Birmingham, where the net family income for the 12 months of 1957 was \$9,394 and, for the previous six months, \$4,990, the indicated life insurance per family is \$14,384.

This compares favorably with the average for the United States as a whole, estimated at \$8,400 in current disposable income per family, and with that in the State of Michigan, \$9,328.

For all the Birmingham families it adds up to a total of \$109,318,000 in force locally.

Although the rising cost of living during 1957 put additional burdens on the consumer's dollar, American families put 3.9 per cent of their after-tax income, slightly more than in the year before, into life insurance. A continuation of this trend—to put more money into savings, insurance and other forms of protection—has been noted during the first half of this year.

MOST OF THE life insurance was bought by men, on their lives. They continue to hold a major share of such insurance, although women are adding to their own coverage. At the end of last year, 75 per cent of the life insurance was owned by men.

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Tomatoes Help Budget

Even a few tomatoes planted in a small flower bed are decorative and profitable. The average plant will yield up to a half bushel of tomatoes, which can be converted to juice for less than five cents a quart. "Easy" is the word for tomatoes. They're one of the easiest garden crops to grow, and just as easy to put up. Whether in the form of juice, chili sauce, specialties, or canned whole, they make a hit every time, when they have that "home-grown" flavor.

And there's a big saving in every plant. Tomato juice, for example, costs only 5 cents a quart including seed, seasonings, pre-rated cost of jar, closure, fuel, or less than one-third the store price. That's why wise homemakers are setting out extra tomato plants this year. They'll have plenty to eat, to give friends, and to home-can for economical, vitamin-rich meals next winter! Try it. Like the girl in the picture, you'll be smiling, too!

HAVING BEEN A CIT at Camp Nardin this summer, Sally has deep interest in camping. She and her father are trying to convince Mrs. Garrison and Bob to take a camping trip next summer.

Following high school, Sally hopes to attend Stanford university in California and become a teacher.

The Garrisons have lived in the Birmingham area for eight years.

Student

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Games and athletic contests are very popular in Turkey, wrestling and soccer being the oldest and the most popular. In Istanbul there are five large stadiums. Everybody can see soccer every Saturday and Sunday in one of these stadiums.

THERE ARE some tennis clubs in Ankara and Istanbul. For tennis one may visit these tennis clubs. There are some golf clubs in Ankara. Ankara golf club is one of the most interesting centers of entertainment in the capital.

In recent years, horse racing has become very popular in Turkey. Every Saturday and Sunday it attracts thousands of people to the hippodromes in Ankara, Ismir and Istanbul. There is another national sport in Turkey. This is hunting.

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