

Municipal Employees Offered New Course

The University of Michigan and Wayne State University have announced plans to offer a new program in Birmingham. In cooperation with the City of Birmingham, a six-week program on "You and Communications" will be offered municipal employees. Designed to increase the secretarial staff's skill in communications and modern office practices, the course will be taught by Prof. Alyce Schnoor of the Wayne State School of business administration. Classes will meet for two hours, Thursday nights, beginning Feb. 12, at the Municipal Building.

Snow, Ice Good For Your Gardens

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"The Concerners' club" is assimilating many new members, if my telephone calls are a measure of the distressed gardeners who are sure that our severe winter will ruin their goal for a lovely garden.

Number one: this weather business has been in existence a good many years and your plants are better off if you don't try to knock off ice on branches, etc. Number two: this cold weather, with an abundance of snow, is the best Christmas present you could wish for your garden.

Think of all the moisture in the ground this Spring. It will benefit your property if you have already taken good care of your drainage. The water table will assure you of a good supply of water. Let Nature be president of the "Concerners' club." She does a pretty good job of providing a balance of elements for your garden.

"PLEASE TELL me where to go in Europe to see the finest gardens." At the moment I am steering the localites into Florida gardens, but you can plan on a release giving this information.

Many of our readers plan a western trip. They should plan on extra time in San Francisco and Portland for their gardens, as well as Victoria, Isle and Vancouver.

Milan, Italy is an important stop for the traveler. There you visit the second largest city in Italy.

While in the Italian Alps, I stayed within 500 feet of his beautiful castle on Lago Maggiore. My hotel manager regretted to have to tell me that during Toscanini's last years he often had to call his home after a piano concert of a couple hours and say that his guests could not sleep.

The visitor should plan on an unhurried stop at La Scala, Milan's renowned opera house. The musical museum there brings alive the great masters of music.

LEONARDO'S "The Last Supper" can be seen at the convent of Santa Maria delle Grazie. In Milan there is a huge cemetery near the downtown area where the individual gardens make it an imperative stop for the garden lover. Prominent people order their statues placed many years before they die, and proceed to adorn them with beautiful landscaping.

The enclosed crypt of Arturo Toscanini had a fresh arrangement of vivid purple hydrangeas the day I was there in August.

To have a path on which to meditate, A path to 'go' somewhere, To walk and think and perhaps to pray. A place where a man can get acquainted with his Soul, This man He will be, never, a stranger to Peace.

Maple-Bates Alley Assessments OK'd

Special assessment roll for constructing the Maple-Bates alley has been approved by Birmingham city commission. Estimated cost of \$54,400 will be paid in two equal installments. The alley will be deeded, entering off Bates in the block at the southeast corner of Maple and Bates. The alley has been several years in development as city and property owners tried time after time to come to a mutual agreement on design and apportionment of costs. The city will pay 15 per cent of paving costs, none of the right-of-way expenses.

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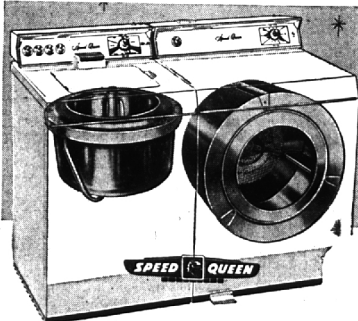
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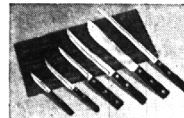
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