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"Experience is a dear teacher" is an axiom known to all. Experience does teach important lessons that never could be learned in school or university. One outstanding need relates to the character qualities of an individual. By this I refer to those personal attributes which reveal honesty, sincerity, tolerance, co-operation, etc., mighty ingredients to success.

DOWN TO EARTH

Russians Enjoy Flower Gardens

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Recently your reporter had an opportunity to interview Miss Sue Whittemore, editor of the Hudsonian, a house organ of the J. L. Hudson company. Miss Whittemore had returned from spending three weeks in Russia and Czechoslovakia with a small group of industrial editors.

My questions were primarily about home gardens. She added to her comments on gardens her reactions to the people.

While in Russia she only saw one power lawn mower—and it was being used at the Kremlin by a woman. Sickles are used for most cutting. Since the downfall of the Stalin regime there has been a great deal of rebuilding, with lavish buildings which have beautiful gardens and fountains as an important part of the motif.

Along the main streets of Moscow there are large cement planters containing bright colored flowers. No matter where Miss Whittemore traveled in Russia, she saw every opportunity used to express a sense of bright colors. The gardens themselves, as well kept.

Women seem to be the garden-

ers in all places.

THE NEW apartments do not seem to have curtains at the windows, but there is always at least one potted plant. Miss Whittemore had pictures of large planters in the hallways of the public schools separating the two ways of foot traffic. The Russians felt that the plants are good for the air (they are, AWB) and that they encouraged an orderly moving of the children. At Gorki park the visitors found acres of flower gardens.

Generally speaking, the country is dreary. There are no golf courses or other centers of recreation, as the people work so hard they do not have energy left at the end of the day for "fun."

The one drive behind their activity is: BEAT AMERICA. It is a form of achievement, and not rivalry. Basically, the people have not had it so good. Under the czars they lived a life of slavery. They feel now that they have the best

in the world and want to rescue us. The women are dedicated Communists because they feel they are getting a good deal, their children are having better food and opportunities for an education.

AT MOSCOW university there are 61 nationalities, and those who are being educated receive a bonus. Those who represented the cultural leaders of the past have been liquidated. Their culture remains behind, and now there are peasants indoctrinated into leadership. Will it take a long time for the cream to rise to the top again? (AWB)

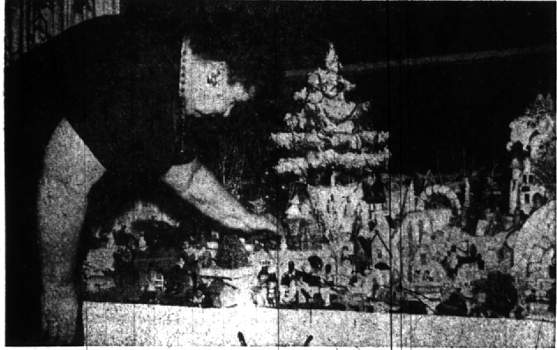
Miss Whittemore did not feel that she was being followed, as she often wandered off alone and visited with shopkeepers in small stores. Her pictures of the clean, neat children looked good to me. When representatives from various countries visit back and forth, it can't help but create a better understanding of human values and benefit all of us indirectly.

FLOWER CATALOGUES are already being received. The "pitch men" have surely made you feel that they have only the brightest and largest flowers available. Whom, don't over buy for your space and ENERGY. Use the advent of garden catalogues as your

Completes Course

Navy Ens. Joseph A. Gauthier, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Gauthier of Crooks road, Birmingham, recently graduated from the Navy's Limited Duty Officer course at Newport, R. I.

next, and after some bonding up in the garden catalogues, you will have additional pleasures when you travel.



Display Features Many Countries

Mrs. Arthur Padou, 1020 Pleasant, Birmingham, straightens one of the figures in her Christmas display, which represents 21 countries. This is the second year Mrs. Padou has opened her house to the public, and children stop by every day between 4 and 6 p.m. to marvel at the miniature figures and twinkling lights. She has a special display

in the dining room called "Candy Land." When the children are through looking at the other things, Mrs. Padou allows them to take some of the candy figures that make up the display. She said she started the display over 30 years ago. Many of the articles are from foreign countries she has visited over the years.



Mrs. Burlingame

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Moxley Stresses Safety for '59

Law enforcement agencies of the city and state will combine efforts on a strong campaign to save Michigan's good traffic record for 1959, according to Chief of Police Ralph W. Moxley.

A recent shock wave of multiple death and "run off roadway" crashes has alarmed government and safety officials from the governor's office on down," Moxley said.

Increased celebrating and social drinking prevalent at this time of year may be at the root of the recent alarming trend, according to national and state safety experts. The State Liquor Control Commission reports that only 25 percent of the liquor is sold in licensed taverns and resorts. The balance is consumed in homes or at private parties.

"WE USUALLY enjoy good cooperation from the licensed dealers," Moxley said, "but we urgently need the cooperation of our businesses and industries and the large numbers of private people who entertain at this time of the year. We are especially concerned for the people who rarely drink at other seasons, and the family breadwinners and the young people."

"It is not necessary to be drunk in order for either a driver or a pedestrian's traffic judgment to be fatally effected. The person who has had only two or three and is feeling great can be a serious danger to himself and others.

"We strongly suggest the use of public transportation by and for people who have been celebrating. Taxi service for smaller parties or a chartered bus for larger groups might save a life.

"Let's not have to follow a happy celebration with a wake!"

Island's Ownership To Be Determined Once and for All

It seems to be "no man's land" right now, but Birmingham is taking steps to make ownership definite on a driveway and island in the Rouge River valley.

If you're the Woodward property owner, the situation will be supported in your favor. If you are a Brookside resident across the valley to the east, you can advance strong arguments that the property is the city's.

City Attorney James Howlett has been asked by city commissioners to reconcile the ownership problem. If he feels the city does not own the island or the driveway, he is to start court action to clear the city's title.

The controversy started months ago when business owner Nelson Jones' representatives began filling in an old, dry river channel. Brookside residents feared the filling operation would extend onto the alleged public driveway.

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Lions Honor Parry for Youth Work

Donald J. Parry, 44, of 836 Mohegan, Birmingham, was presented with an engraved watch at last week's Lions club meeting. The presentation was in recognition of his 10 years service as chairman of the club's Boys and Girls Work committee. The watch was presented by William Spence (right), Lions' international counselor, while Richard Young, Lions' president, and Mrs. Parry looked on. An assistant to the general

agent of Mutual Benefit Life Insurance Co., Newark, N. J., Parry is leaving Birmingham in January to work at the company's home office. In addition to his youth work with the Lions, he has served as assistant Cub master, Cub master and Scout master in the area for many years. He recently received the Silver Beaver, adult Scoutings highest award.

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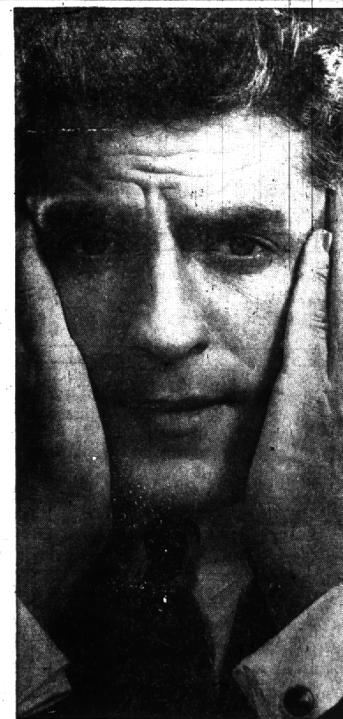
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