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Mrs. Robert VanderPyl, 382 Lake Park, waters the tuberous begonias near her back yard patio. The VanderPyls were honored recently by the Michigan Horticultural society as outstanding practical gardeners for their garden and design.

**DOWN TO EARTH**

By ALICE WESSELS BURLINGAME  
Special Writer for The Birmingham Eccentric

**VanderPyl Garden Noted For Homey Friendliness**

Many of our local gardens possess more than lawn and plant material maintained to perfection. Many gardens just burst with homey friendliness, a great spiritual quality to be shared with visitors.

The Robert VanderPyl home and garden at 382 Lake Park, has much to offer in design by this husband and wife team, plus garden lessons on good plant culture.

Their site is on a tree-covered knoll on Querton lake. Parallel to the lake is a large swimming pool with turquoise details.

TO SERVICE the pool for their guests' pleasure they secured a prefabricated tool house labeled: "for a wayside fruit stand." VanderPyl constructed a slat floor on the inside.

The front will lower with a counter and on the inside swim suits, towels, etc. are hung. When persons want to change their suits they just pull the attractive curtain in front of the open counter and a modesty reigns.

There is a well operated greenhouse in the garden area and it looks fine even with the shifting out of ground plants. I unclerked at the quote hung within: "Old garden-

er never die, they just spade away."

THE PICTURE above shows a tuberous rooted begonia, a raised bed around a tall tree, a lush beautiful the house and the exit from the kitchen.

Amid the begonias is this motto on a standard: "The kiss of the sun for pardon, The song of the birds for mirth, One is nearer God's heart in a garden."

Than anywhere else on earth." The terrace is made from 1000 red roman bricks placed in sand with bricks cemented together at the boundaries. Many pieces of colonial furniture provide the tables and seats for the relaxers.

Also two redwood picnic tables and benches are ready for the sunny meal. Mrs. VanderPyl made red checked tablecloths to go on the picnic tables.

One detail which made this terrace special was a large assortment of black trivets and black cotton frying pans hanging on an adjacent wall of the light grey painted house to set the "climate" of the homey terrace. Also tucked was Mrs. VanderPyl stepping out the door in a hoop skirt with early American attire.

THE VANDERPyls are opening their garden for a buffet supper and exhibition swimming pool to benefit the Detroit Symphony Orchestra.

These days I am taking my cuttings of euonymus, dipping them in Rootone for early rooting, placing them in a 3/4 shade location, where they are watered every day. Next year euonymus plants will make an excellent "base" for the shrub border and won't need as much care during the season as bits of this and that. The shiny leaves of euonymus will stay all winter and are shed in early spring.

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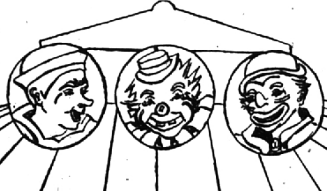
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by AL WARNER, Manager

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You'd be surprised at how much we know about telephones.

**OUTDOOR TELEPHONE BOOTHS**

are really handy to have around—so much so, in fact, that a vacationer was found living in one in the resort town of Carolina Beach, N. C. He had set up housekeeping with an old broom, a small oil stove, a frying pan, cooking oil, eggs and cheese. There seems to be no limit to the convenience of these outdoor booths. But at the request of those who were writing to make a call, our friend was encouraged to do his homesteading elsewhere. Folks in Michigan, incidentally, are never far from a public telephone. Michigan Bell has over 4,000 outdoor booths conveniently located along the state's highways and byways.



SONG WRITERS have been inspired by the telephone ever since 1877, just a year after its invention by Bell. That's when two marches, a polka and a solemn piece called "The Wondrous Telephone" were published. More than 70 song titles have appeared since then, many of them using the phrases of "alone" and "phone" or "telephone." Now a new Columbia record album with songs by Polly Bergen is available. It carries the over-all title of Irving Berlin's 1924 hit, "All Alone by the Telephone"—something you needn't be any more with friends and family just a quick call away.

"My exercise consists of walking to the funerals of my friends who died from exercising."—MARK TWAIN