

Nation's Largest Black Cherry Tree?

When the American Forestry association next goes over its champion tree candidate list, the Birmingham - Bloomfield area stands an excellent chance of being the site of three trees on that list.

One of them is this giant black cherry on the property of Robert J. Koch on N. Adams, just north of 16 Mile. It was discovered by Paul W. Thompson of Beverly Hills, a research chemist who as an amateur botanist in his spare time has searched Michigan for specimen trees. He has found 27 of Michigan's record trees.

This black cherry has a 156-inch girth, is 86 feet high, with a spread of 72 feet.

Other possible national tree champs, both in the Birmingham area and discovered by Thompson, are a hawthorn in Beverly Hills, and a viburnum, or black haw, down the hill behind the Cranbrook Institute of Science.



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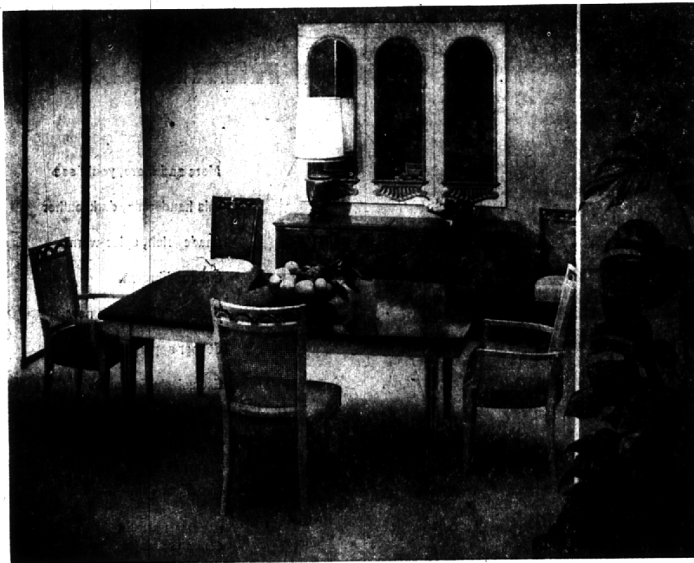
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