

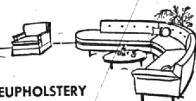
William Lead, Atty., 1506 Dime Bldg., Detroit 26, 75,312
 STATE OF MICHIGAN — The Probate Court for the County of Oakland, at a session of said Court held at the Probate Office in the City of Pontiac, in said County, on the 23rd day of March, A. D. 1945.
 Present, Honorable Arthur E. Moore, Judge of Probate.
 In the Matter of the Estate of SAMUEL E. CORNELL, deceased.
 Samuel E. Cornell having filed a petition praying that an instrument filed in said Court be admitted to Probate as the last will and testament of said deceased, and that administration of said estate be granted to the petitioner, the executor named in said will, or to some other suitable person:
 It is Ordered, That the 23rd day of April, A. D. 1945, at 2 o'clock, in the forenoon, at said Probate Office, be and is hereby appointed for hearing said petition.
 It is Further Ordered, That public notice thereof be given by publication of a copy hereof, once each week, for three successive weeks, previous to said day of hearing, in the Birmingham Eclectic newspaper printed and circulated in said County, and that prominent cause of copy of this notice be served personally or by registered mail, return receipt demanded, to each of the lowest ten (10) law, leaguers and deities at their last known place of address at least ten days prior to said day of hearing.
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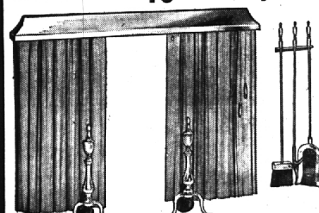
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People's Column

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Beverly Hills Councilman Explains Pension

To the Editor:
 Hilarity and huzzahs would have been the order of the day in the Beverly Hills public safety department office recently had the officers been able to believe what they read in a letter to the Eclectic.

These men, by the figuring that the monthly retirement benefit he cited as an example (\$203) would continue for life from age 55.

THE VILLAGE safety commission and its parent body, the village council, propose a relatively small yearly increase of \$500 for a retirement system affecting the 11 men currently on the public safety force.

ALL THESE factors have been considered by the safety commission and the council in more than a year of work toward such a system.

Granted, as the writer mentioned, that "many high-paid executives would like to retire at age 55—the voluntary mark set under the proposed system. How many high-paid executives, though, do other than desk work?"

Do Beverly Hills residents want men 65 years old entrusted with fighting the blaze in their homes, springing after the peeping tom that has frightened them, rushing through traffic with oxygen for the heart attack victim in their house?

MEN IN A combined operation like public safety (police-fire) have no escape from occasional—even frequent—physical exertion. When called upon, they must deliver.

PRINING WORK is still in progress on the 1940-41 budget but there are indications that the current rate will be unchanged or almost so. Can many communities match such a rate?

TED SHURTLEFF
 Chairman, Public Safety Commission
 Village of Beverly Hills

NATURE NOW

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Nature Offers Plants As Valuable Healers

Soon spring will reclothe the earth with a green mantle of herbs and sprasses, of trees and shrubs and flowers.

These plants of our fields and forests are amazing chemical factories. To investigate their action man needs well equipped laboratories and many substances for his research.

Plants, by the action of photosynthesis, manufacture many chemicals from the carbon dioxide in the air plus the water and minerals in the soil. These are stored in roots, stems, leaves and seeds. Such chemicals may be harmless or poisonous or they may serve as valuable medicines.

FOR COUNTLESS centuries man depended upon plants for his drug-store. By a process of trial and error or perhaps by watching their effect on animals, the reaction to various plants was carefully observed. Amos, the witch doctor, dispensed his charms and plant remedies. He was replaced by an ancient and more skilled alchemist of Egypt, Greece and Rome. His profession in turn led to that of the druggist, the chemist, and finally to the doctor.

As recently as 50 years ago, the druggist was still dispensing a variety of dried leaves, roots and powders made from plants. Today the number used has decreased but many of the same substances are hidden in pills, capsules and medicine bottles. Frequently the modern chemist extracts valuable substances from plants which are among those recombined in the laboratory to make our ever increasing supply of antibiotics and other valuable medicines.

TO ACCOMPLISH this, medicinal plants are collected and sent to laboratories all over the world. Among those grown in the United States is ginseng, long used in China. This is a ground cover plant of our hardwood forests which belongs to the carrot family. Its root is frequently double, resembling a man's body. This may account for the Chinese superstition that it will "brighten the eyes, invigorate the body and prolong life." Science now calls it no more than a soothing agent.

When cultivated, ginseng must be grown under cover to copy the shade of deep woods. Its rarity in our forests today is due to export demands principally from China.

ONE OF THE most important plant medicines to be discovered in our generation is cortisone, a remedy for rheumatoid arthritis. It was first extracted in small amounts and at great cost from the bile of animals. After experiments with several plant sources, the one found richest and simplest of extraction was the wild yam (Dioscorea) of the tropics. A species of this family grows sparsely in our range.

When your scrub visited the Federal Experiment Station at Mayaguez, Puerto Rico, she saw boxes of wild yams awaiting analysis, a first step in the selection of the best species to be grown as a source of cortisone.

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