

4 Area Teachers Attend Annual GM Conference

The fifth annual General Motors conference for high school science and mathematics teachers began Monday at General Motors technical center with 30 teachers from Michigan, Wisconsin, Indiana, New York, Ohio, Illinois, New Jersey and Connecticut.

Thirty-three of the teachers have summer employment in 20 GM divisions and three central office staffs to give them technical information and work experience helpful in their teaching and to supplement their incomes. They were selected by the GM divisions and staffs in consultation with local

school administrators.

IN ADDITION, six science teachers from the Detroit Archdiocese high schools will join the conference group.

The teachers will see various laboratory experiments and engineering demonstrations illustrating mathematics and basic science applications at research laboratories, engineering staff, manufacturing development, GM proving grounds and GM Institute (Flint).

THE BIRMINGHAM area teachers, their schools and the sponsoring GM divisions include: George Montie, Birmingham Sea-hoilm, manufacturing development; Charles A. Robinson, Bloomfield Hills high, Chevrolet engineering; Patricia L. Sargeant, Birmingham Groves, Termostet division; and Stephen M. Velkoff, Bloomfield Hills high, Detroit diesel engine division.

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Getting Troops Paid His Job

Getting the pay to the men; this is the primary job of Maj. Arthur T. Vikander (left), 4432 Far Hill drive, Birmingham, finance and accounting officer for the USAR U.S. Army Garrison 5064th. Here he checks records with Sfc. Lincoln S. Spencer, 1364

Seward, Detroit 2. Both men were at Camp McCoy, Wis., recently on two weeks active duty with the 5064th—a reserve unit normally training one night a week throughout the year at the army reserve training center in Warren.

DOWN TO EARTH

Hints for Planting Around New Home

By ALICE WESSELS BURLINGAME
Special Writer for The Birmingham Eclectic

Questions are always on the agenda when you are an eager beaver gardener. Many questions come to my desk so for the next three weeks I will be answering them and perhaps you will find your problem discussed in Down To Earth.

We have moved into a new home this summer and when do we begin to plant?

Your first job is to plan the use of your land and make a long range plan. We used to think that it was necessary to enclose every yard five acres. Now I have that of with high shrubs so that nobody would see us when we had a sun bath. Nowadays we block views with a good selection of dense plant material. You can't get too impatient because it takes a good three years before those twigs you bought begin to look like anything.



Mrs. Burlingame

New owners often say: "I must have a weeping willow." You will be sorry if you carry out this impulse because those roots will

undermine your entire property as well as your neighbors. Don't consider a weeping willow unless your home property consists of at least a quarter acre.

Make a rough sketch of your land on paper with the house and garage placed in their proper place. Decide where you want to block views. High locations for view blocks call for trees while lower blocks of view can be handled by shrubs and evergreens.

For your foundation planting in the front of the house remember that the newest style calls for the grass coming up to the structure in a few places instead of growing in a few places instead of growing in a few places.

BY THE LAST week in August you should have your ground surface prepared for the application of fertilizer. I think one should wait at least one day before planting grass seed after fertilizing a month.

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Report Reveals Building Permits Lower Than '59

Building permits issued in Birmingham so far this year are 35 less than at the same period last year, according to Building Inspector Andrew F. Butt's report last week to city planners.

The July 1959 tally was 259; July, 1960 totals only 224.

May of this year was the peak month for initiating construction of new buildings with July the top scorer for alterations.

SOME FIVE NEW single family residences valued at \$112,300 were constructed this year with \$41,925 spent on alterations on 21 single family residences. A total of ten new structures were built, 28 altered and one wrecked.

Building and alterations thus far this year are valued at \$1,011,476. Last year's total for the same period was \$1,998,255.

Lots of research has gone into the use of Merion Bluegrass seed for lawns and experience is teaching us that it is even better than plain Kentucky Blue Seed. Beware of buying cheap seed. Kentucky Bluegrass contains more than 2,000,000 seeds per pound while white which represents the cheaper grade of seed has only 250,000 seeds per pound.

Before the seed is planted and in order to save the total amount of seed needed take your hose and lay out the pattern of your potential flower and shrub beds, mark off the pattern with agricultural lime which you can purchase in a bag in any hardware store.

YOU WON'T BE planting any of your shrubs on trees until the middle of October. By marking off your flower beds you can receive sharp plans from friends but be sure and have it known that you are only interested in well selected divisions of plants or you will end up with a lot of cats and dogs as far as plants are concerned.

By the way, you must know where north, south, east and west is located. Light at this date study the shadows cast by your house and garage as you want to get the most for your invested dollar by planting the right plant in the right place. If you are putting in a new lawn whether it be sod or dirt, it will want your utmost devotion in watering for at least a month.

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