

DOWN TO EARTH B'ham Gardeners Ignore Their Yearly Resolution

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It sounds like the same old disc on the recorder as veteran gardeners say: "Oh, by back. I had resolved to get down my garden work this year but you know, I just have to have the bright colors you can only achieve from annuals—so I bought a few flats."

Trees have a way of growing fast and the additional shade will effect your flower beds. Be sure and check trees at this time for small secondary branches from the main large branches which can be cut out to bring in more light.

You will want to keep a can of spray paint especially for this purpose on a shelf to apply when you have removed branches of any size. The elm has so many small twigs which can be removed. The general appearance of the total tree will be improved.

The Robert Shocksleys on Oakland have placed a circle of lawn stone around the base of the lamp post and it looks better than having the grass come right around the lamp base.

I HAVE BEEN hearing about a good tree adaptable for this area which has a good health record so I wrote Professor Milton Baron at Michigan State for his opinion. The tree is Japanese Zelkova and according to this fine landscape authority who has done the planning on State's campus for several years it is hardy in Michigan.

"We have two on campus which are most attractive. They have a leaf smaller than the American elm and its fall coloring is the same as the elm. It is classified as a small tree with a wide vase-shaped crown. Its bark becomes checked which adds interest. On campus, one plant is located on the southeast side of the Union and the other is on the little island east of the Student Services building, both are labelled." Lets get

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In Oakland 'B'ham Must Stay County... On Top'—Spence

5.48 Mills Is '60 Tax For County

EDITOR'S NOTE: William Spence, vice president of the Birmingham Board of Education, and a board member for 12 years, is seeking re-election June 13. His pre-election statement follows.

I am a candidate for re-election to the Birmingham Board of Education because I believe our children deserve and must have the best education to prepare them for the world they will face as adults.

We expect our teachers to be first class citizens, to be highly professional in their profession, to dress well, to participate in community and civic activities, in short to be the tops and above reproach in all matters—yet to live on a less than professional salary.

I BELIEVE, therefore, the passage of the proposed 1.9 mills is necessary to correct the inequity and to bring the salary scale closer to a desirable level.

We may then be able to retain our best teachers, attract the quality graduates of the universities for future teaching positions.

I believe, too, in the real need for upgrading the salary schedule of all those employees in our education family—custodians, clerks, bus drivers, etc.

2,000 Families In Oakland Aided By UCS Services

Forty-nine thousand seven hundred individuals and two thousand families in Oakland county received direct service from at least one United Community Service agency during 1959, reports the United Foundation.

Few Fires In B'ham

The Birmingham Fire department reports that in May a total of 26 fires were made. Sixteen alarms accounted for 16 of the calls and one suspected gas leak was answered.

Accounting for a large share of the alarms were seven runs for first aid, one of the highest in recent months.

Fire Chief Park Smith also reported that one false alarm was turned in and one miscellaneous call was answered.

We're Sorry

In the business briefs last week, pictures of Scott E. Lamb, president of Michigan Life Insurance Co., Detroit, and D. M. Morton, vice president of the company at Victoria, B.C., were inadvertently included. The Eccentric regrets the error.

Two Re-elected To Wayne County Health Group Posts

Joseph G. Conway, 4795 Burnley, Bloomfield Hills, has been re-elected treasurer of the Wayne County and Health Society of Wayne county.

Conway, who is vice president of the National Bank of Detroit, was named to the voluntary organization's board of directors last year.

Child Guidance Director Resigns

Miss Madeleine Hall has submitted her resignation as director of Oakland county child guidance clinics, to be effective July 8.

The clinic's director since 1952, she has accepted the position of director of casework services with the Allegheny county juvenile court in Pittsburgh, Pa.

Courthouse Tax Vote Recommended

A proposal to put a one-quarter mill house tax on August 1, 1961, primary ballots has won informal approval from Oakland county supervisors.

The measure, recommended by the county's ways and means committee, would raise about \$1 million in four years to erect a new county building at the Telegraph service center.

Cripps to Direct YMCA Camp for Second Summer

Wallace Cripps of 167 Hillboro, has again been appointed director of the YMCA camp at Hale, Mich., called Mahn-Go-Tah-See, which opens July 1 for boys aged 8 through 15.

Cripps, who has taught mathematics and science at Brookside school, Grand Rapids for the past 18 years, will be accompanied by his family. Mrs. Cripps, his daughter 2, Barbara, a senior at Kinross school, and son Tod, on vacation from Derby Junior high school. This is Cripps' second year as director of Camp Mahn-Go-Tah-See.

Fashion Winners

Mrs. P. B. Detwiler of Riverwood drive, Franklin, and Helen B. Nimmo of Ridgegate, Birmingham have been named second prize winners in the "Fashion Fling Sweepstakes", sponsored by Kimberly-Clark corporation. They will receive Green watches from the company.

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She Was Elected To Fill Post with Family Service

Mrs. Herbert Fisher, 487 Arlington, Birmingham has been elected to fill a vacancy on the board of directors, Family service of Oakland county. John Hirlinger, president of the board made the announcement.

She is a graduate of Radcliff college and did education work at Harvard graduate school. She was a captain for a muscular dystrophy fund drive, has worked at girls' camps and is presently a Brown's leader in the local area.

From where I sit... by Joe Marsh



Gramps Tells a "Moving" Story

Gramps Adams just got back from his first trip to the city in 40 years.

Thinking there might be a story in an oldtime's impressions of the big city, I stopped by his place. Gramps was pretty enthusiastic about everything—except the escalators they have in the new department store.

"Sure, those moving stairs are easy on the legs going up," Gramps commented. "But just try to get down on the same ones. I'll be jiggered if you can do it, not with the steps coming up at you a mile a minute!"

From where I sit, sometimes some of us go out of our way to make things a little harder than they really are. Think, for instance, how much easier living with our neighbors would be if we were more tolerant of things. Like my right to choose an occasional glass of beer—your right to choose coffee, tea or milk. By respecting each other's preferences, we're better neighbors with fewer "ups and downs."

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