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## 100,000 Miles Later

One hundred thousand miles of accident-free driving by City of Bloomfield Hills vehicles were recognized recently when Frank W. Copeland (left), safety engineer of the Michigan Mutual liability company presented the city with a plaque. Public Safety Director Robert J. Stadler (right) accepted the award. Bloomfield Hills was first, Pleasant Ridge second in the 1959 contest.

## DOWN TO EARTH

### No-Spray Tree Program Needs Birds' Assistance

By ALICE WESSELS BURLINGAME  
 Special Writer for The Birmingham Eccentric

What a life . . . I have had green, juicy inch worms in my hair, on my clothing, down my back and maybe in my food. The birds for the first time in at least three years are singing loudly and I just look them and shout: "Don't let me down. You can have steak dinners of worms all day long as a favor to me."

My friends say, "You must have your trees sprayed or you won't be able to eat." Maybe I will be the victim of a noble experiment. Back to Nature Burlington.

Michigan State university, East Lansing, invites you to send questions about gardening to Room 304, addressed "Plants," Horticulture Building. For several weeks they have had a television program on Channel 2, early Saturday mornings, entitled: "Plants Are For People."

BIRMINGHAMITES had a treat May 25 at the Birmingham community house when the North Suburban branches of National Park and Garden had a show entitled: "How Does Your Garden Grow?" This show was outstanding because they taught all who came to enjoy it.

They had scheduled talks on garden culture and landscape design, plus many, many, many "booths" with plant material labeled. Circulars were given away to give instruction from our country agent. You were able to sample tomato juice flavored with herbs.

With such "doc- Mrs. Burlingame to ring up" I could use it. Also one group made bread flavored with herbs which was very good. They had a model herb garden.

Please, members of North Suburban branches of W.N.P.A. & G. stand out on the curb and flag the public in. You know how to stage a good show and each booth was well staffed with a cheery word for all.

THE OTHER DAY the garden class from the Community House went to the Ray Whyte home, 22 Oxford road, Grosse Pointe Farms, and chatted with Mr. Walls who maintains these large, beautiful grounds.

Here is some of the advice he shared: Never fertilize your lawn right after cutting as the pores are open and the blades and they will become discolored. "I lay down and feel the grass when I fertilize in early summer," he said, "and if my hand comes up dry and without a feeling of moisture I know that the fertilizer will fall right through to the soil where it belongs and won't burn the grass."

Early in March I fertilize with 10-6-4 and add ammonium sulfate to the mixture. We have good luck with our boxwood as I place burlap over the low hedge with hoop formed supports and the total effect does not look bad.

"HOW ABOUT YOUR dogwoods this year?" came the question from your columnist. "The reason we all had had luck with our flowering dogwoods this year was due to some warm days which encouraged the buds to begin to unfold, and then came a severe frost. The condition of the dogwoods this year was universal in the area and due to climatic conditions. I water my dogwoods heavily in July and October, even allowing the nozzle to remain on at the base of a tree for long periods of time. Water heavily at these cycles and you will have heavy buds form for 1961."

MR WALLS continued, "All of my acid plants are fed heavily in June and September with Green Leaf compound. We mustn't forget to place dogwood and hemlocks in this category. By the way, we grow all of our clematis on a fence

## James W. Bissell Friday Evening

Susanne Morse, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis S. Morse, Jr. of Rudgate, Bloomfield Hills, married James Woodbridge Bissell, Friday evening at an evening ceremony. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Woodbridge Bissell of Madison, Wis. The Rev. Robert L. DeWitt performed the ceremony in St. Paul's chapel, Christ Church Cranbrook.

Nancy Jackson of Pleasant Ridge and Stanley Johnson of Madison attended the couple. A reception was held at the home of the bride's parents, after which the couple left for a honeymoon in Northern Michigan. They will make their home in Madison.

## Chairman Honored

Wednesday evening was the occasion for Worthy Matron, Sister Phyllis Martz, to honor Sister Lillian Miller who has served Birmingham chapter 220 OES for eight years as chairman of the sick and visiting committee. Following the meeting she was showered with gifts and cards from members who invited her to sit at a special birthday table.

and by using this method have fine products and don't use too much space for this vegetable." The accents in the formal garden of the Ray Whytes was provided by the measured placement of columnar European Hornbeam trees. We are surely lucky to have so many fine home owners of gardens who are always willing to share their beauty with those who are "just a buildin'."

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## Medical Mirror

WHAT DOCTORS SAY ABOUT

### Catching Trench Mouth

• Blood Cholesterol

Q. Is it possible to get trench mouth from glasses that have been washed and dried in the ordinary way?

A. Trench mouth is usually passed along by direct contact such as kissing, in the home, washing glasses in clean water and drying with a clean cloth would probably remove most harmful germs. It is not enough to simply wash a glass in a sink containing water that has been used to "wash" other dishes and "drying" the glass with a much used cloth. A glass washed in this way could be loaded with germs, with positive proof that such conditions as colds, influenza, and trench mouth can be passed along this way is difficult to obtain but it would seem possible. One good practice is to give all washed dishes and silverware a final rinse with boiling water.

Q. Does blood cholesterol vary from time to time or does it remain constant? Is there a normal reading and, if so, what would it be for a person age 50?

A. In general, the blood cholesterol level remains fairly constant, provided the intake of cholesterol is not excessive. There are no precise figures that can be considered "normal" although blood cholesterol should be within certain average limits. Doctors generally should have periodic cholesterol blood checks. If found out of bounds the amount of cholesterol in the blood can be brought down by dietary and other means.

Answers do not necessarily reflect the opinion of all doctors. The diagnosis and treatment of disease is the function of the patient's personal physician. Questions directed to Science Editors, P.O. Box 396, Madison, Wis., N. Y., N. Y., will be incorporated in these columns when possible.

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