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Spring Rains Pamper Newly Planted Lawns

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 Special Writer for The Birmingham Eccentric

This is the time to sow your lawn seed because spring rains soak seed kernels for good germination. By the way, don't complain if we have lots of rain this spring. Our snowfall isn't as heavy as usual and owners of wells have their fingers crossed, hoping for a rainy spring that counts and not the weight. Read your labels. As an illustration Kentucky Bluegrass has 2,000,000 seeds per pound while rye is coarse and has only 250,000 seeds per pound.

For an open, sunny area, where good soil is present, you will have the best results with Kentucky Bluegrass. This choice of grass should not be cut short and is healthier if it is cut at two inches.

RED FESCUE is a grass selection which likes shady areas and it fills in where the soil is poor. On your box of grass seed you will see the coverage recommended. The amount of germination will be stated. It must be more than 80 per cent. Inert matter will be stated and believe me, this is dirt, chaff and sticks, just plain junk which must not exceed 10 per cent.



Win Bay Tree Award

Bishop Allen James (center) of the Bloomfield Hills Mornon Church, accepts the coveted Bay Tree Award from the Michigan Horticultural Society at the Cobo Hall Builders Home and Flower Show last week. Presenting the plaque, given by the Society only on a special merit basis, is Louis M. Hopping (right), chairman of the awards committee, while Fritz Feuz, member of the church congregation who supervised landscaping at the church grounds looks on. The church received the award for "excellence of landscaping the grounds around the new building." Church members did the landscaping themselves as a group endeavor.

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MARCH 11-19 WILL see the Chicago World Flower and Garden Show in the new McCormick Place on Lake Michigan. The main feature will be a large Moorish pool in a Spanish garden, one of five nationally gardens. This garden show can compete with New York and is well worth seeing.

The profits of this production are shared with the Garden For in Chicago and the program of Horticultural Therapy for the handicapped children in the Chicago Public Schools.

As you explore new facets of plant interest for 1961 do consider collecting a few varieties of day lilies (Hemerocallis). Go out of your way to secure some of the new tetraploids which have been developed by the use of colchicine. The foliage leaf is broader, the flowers have wider petals, better coloring, and you will see exquisite day lilies on the new developments.

Get on the handwagon and enjoy this garden treat awaiting you.

Obituary Notices

Donald Garfield
 Donald S. Garfield of Vienna, Va., died Sunday in Troutville, Va., from injuries sustained in an automobile accident in Hovas 82.

Surviving are his wife, Mary; two daughters, Beth and Holly; his father, H. Garfield of Thorncrest Drive, Birmingham; a sister, Mrs. Mary Johnson and four brothers, James, Robert, William and Allen.

Services will be 1 p.m. today from the Harvey A. Neely Funeral Home, 1640 Myers Road, Detroit. Burial will be in White Chapel Memorial Cemetery.

Mrs. Pauline George
 Prayer services will be noon Friday from the Manley Bailey Funeral Home for Mrs. Pauline George, 419 N. Eton, Birmingham. Funeral services will be 1 p.m. Friday from St. Nicholas Church in Detroit.

Mrs. George died Tuesday at her home after a long illness. She was born Aug. 15, 1887.

Survivors include three daughters, Mrs. George Nikitis, Mrs. John Kotos and Mrs. Jean Segal; four sons, George, Charles, Achilles and Leo; also nine grandchildren.

John Lester Parks
 John Lester Parks, 2121 W. Big Beaver Road, Troy, died suddenly Monday at Detroit Osteopathic Hospital. He was born Feb. 1, 1909 in Royal Oak Township.

A graduate of Birmingham High School in 1928, he was a member of the First Congregational Church of Royal Oak and was employed at GMTC, Pontiac, for 20 years.

Surviving are his wife, Eleanor and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Parks of Troy.

Services were Saturday from the Manley Bailey Funeral Home with burial in Oakview Cemetery, Royal Oak.

John Winfield
 A former resident of Bloomfield Hills, John Winfield of Berkeley died suddenly Wednesday at William Beaumont Hospital. He was born Dec. 7, 1901 in Lima, Ohio. He lived in the Birmingham area for 31 years.

Besides her husband, she is survived by two sons, Edward O. and Robert F.; her father, Clement O. Eckert; a sister, Mrs. L. E. Foster; a brother, Howard Eckert and six grandchildren.

Funeral services were Saturday from the Bell Chapel of the William R. Hamilton Co., with burial in White Chapel Memorial Cemetery.

Mrs. Rella Saul
 After a long illness, Mrs. Bella Eldredge Saul, 876 Madison, Birmingham, died Tuesday at Bloomfield Hills Hospital after a long illness. She was born Dec. 14, 1868 in Petersburg, N. J.

She was a member of the First Methodist Church of Birmingham and the Women's Society of Christian Service.

Surviving are a son, Harvey of Rutherford, N. J.; a son-in-law, Earl Roy of Birmingham; a sister, Margaret; three grandchildren, three and four great-grandchildren.

Services will be 2 p.m. today from the Manley Bailey Funeral Home with burial in Evergreen Cemetery in Detroit.

Schools Complete Band Competition

Final results in the Second Annual Band and Orchestra Festival competition sponsored by the Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association have been announced. The winners of the Birmingham schools coordinated of music.

Competition for sections III and IV of the forty participating schools was concluded at Oak Park High School. Performances were rated on a scale of I through V.

In competition with schools of 650 to 1000 pupils, the Bar-num junior high band received the highest rating of "A." "Berkshire Hills Overture" by Akers, "Trail Blazer" by Hildner, "Paeleadium for Band" by Cavacas. The band was directed by Eugene Hanson.

The same award was given to the Derby junior high band for its rendition of the "Dorian Overture" by Whitney, Sousa's "The Gladiator" and "Gypsy Holiday Overture" by Barnes. Harold Jones conducted. Derby completed with schools of over 1100 pupils.

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