

DOWN TO EARTH

Book Provides Tips For Care of Roses

By ALICE WESSELS BURLINGAME
Special Writer for The Birmingham Eclectic
The last couple days I have been studying the "American Rose Annual 1961," and I feel as though I have entered a house of magic.

MRS. GLADYS FISHER, Woodburn, Miss., whom I met often at meetings, says: "I feel it won't be too long before the rose will be developed from many blue lavender's now available to the public."

These scientists in plant selection know what they are talking about because in their laboratories they already have the material developed years before you see the choice plant in the catalogue.

RETURNING TO COMMENTS regarding the roses in the 60's, the climbers are coming into the spotlight with the new introductions having a continuous succession of flowers, the amount of flowers exceeding other types of roses. It is believed that disease will practically disappear from the floribundas.

Clarification
Mayor William Hartsfield, of Atlanta, Ga., asked the White House who had written the illegible signature on a letter he received from Press Secretary W. Price Salinger replied: "That happens to be the signature of John F. Kennedy."

100 YEARS AGO
Confederacy Invaded; Union Officer Killed

By LON K. SAVAGE
Special
Bright moonlight fell across the bridges leading from Washington into Virginia, and across them rode squads of Union cavalry the early morning hours of May 24, 100 years ago this week.

Communities Liked To Growing Children

Are living patterns of communities very much like those of a human family? Can community problems and growth be likened to those of the individual family? They can, writes Birmingham's mayor in this special article.

By FLORENCE WILLETT
Mayor, City of Birmingham
Cities are often thought of as inanimate objects, jagged puzzles of brick and concrete, tax collecting machines or vacuums of industry drawing people into work each morning and releasing them each night.

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NATURE NOW
Think Before Picking Flowers from the Wild

By Lydia King Frehee
Special Writer for The Birmingham Eclectic
With the arrival of spring's first warm days there comes a longing for the woods, fields and streams. In a certain way it is a return to the abundance and healing ways of mother earth.

WEEKLY VISIT
She Teaches Creativity in Motion

By IRMA DAVIS
Staff Writer
CRANBROOK VILLAGE — "Yes, I do like to try new things," said Jessie Sinclair as she sat in her living room with her legs tucked under her slim, athletic figure.

HER INTERESTS vary from interior art to home to continue in philosophy, music and the humanities which she has taken at

MRS. SINCLAIR took a class in the technique and "was lucky enough to sell a couple of bowls" to her students.

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(Special to the Eclectic)
NEW YORK—How much of the money the Federal Government repays to Birmingham taxpayers to support its various aid programs comes back to the community through grants-in-aid?

ine gender. Why not think of our city as a person, a family, or a guiding parent?
From a woman's viewpoint and from my experience, working in government, these past few years have made Birmingham, the city, a very real and human thing.

LET US look at the area around Birmingham as a large family of growing children with Birmingham as the parent town. Birmingham, the parent town, is the larger city and tucked around its skirts are the brand new cities, small villages and mushrooming subdivisions.

MRS. WILLETT
listening to and participating in community problems, he perhaps recognizes that the guiding hand of his city family work hard at cooperation and mutual help (just as he does in his own home) to maintain the reputation and character of the city-wide home he lives in.

THESE THERE are the new cities who have now come of age—standing on their own and assuming the responsibilities that go with independence and the creation of their own city families.

THESE SUBDIVISIONS, villages and cities will have growth periods (as we call them in individual families) that will require serious attention by the heads of each city or village family.

OUR RECREATION areas are the back yards of our city-home where our children play without hurting our neighbors' flowers or trees. Our DPW is the broom closet, work bench and garage all rolled into one.

LIKESWISE, We know that every citizen is going to have every question answered as he hopes. He will find that when he is pleased with answers, others in the city family are displeased. After

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