

NATURE NOW By Lydia Iving Freese Special Writer for The Birmingham Eclectic

Warm Rains Bring Out Beneficial Earthworms

If you are walking along a street or working in your garden after a sudden spring of summer rain you may see large numbers of earthworms which the water has driven to the surface from the depths of their underground homes...

Earthworms not only eat dirt but they come up to the surface to breathe and to lay their eggs...

Earthworms are more plentiful than you may think. Thousands are working silently plowing up the garden, lawn and field...

IN THE PROCESS of January they tunnel the earth's surface, track the material it is vital to mineral nutrition...



Mrs. Freese

THERE IS NO dirt that does not contain a fine mass of organic material. This material is made up of the remains of plants and animals...

CHARLES DARWIN made intensive studies showing that in a field having a normal population of some 20,000 earthworms per acre...

The English biologist, W.H. Hobbins, extended these studies to show how overcast weather was a factor in the earthworms' activity...

THE EGGS are laid in a small ring which surrounds the hole. They are fertilized by a mother worm although each individual produces both male and female...

IN ADDITION to their value in aerating and fertilizing the soil earthworms are the chief food of many species of birds and small mammals...



A combination bench and trellis provides a charming addition to a garden terrace. A climbing arched and trellis provides a charming addition to a garden terrace...

DOWN TO EARTH Design Your Garden to Give Air of Privacy, Contentment

Every garden should be designed to give the owner a feeling of peace and contentment. Plant material sets the stage when it is well placed to hide views from the street...



INSURE AGAINST LIABILITY FOR YOUR FAMILY A man's home is his castle. But what happens if a loved one is injured in the driveway or on a porch...

OUR ILLUSTRATED picture shows a bench and trellis combination. This design would be appropriate for a colonial home...

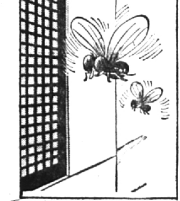
THE BLAZE climbing rose has surely been in all of its glory this season. Owners will have flowers all during the growing season...

If you have a red brick house which would fight with the intense red color of the rose, you might like to consider growing your climber on a trellis or arbor...

TROPICANA is a new hybrid tea rose of a brilliant orange red.

Attends Convention Thomas W. Roberts of 26 South Reading Road, Bloomfield Township, attended the 42nd annual convention of Kiwanis in Denver, Colorado, last week.

Comedy Corner



All set for your screen test, daughter?

PERSONAL LIABILITY coverage, basically a combination of liability insurance covering injuries on the insured's property and those arising from his and his family's personal acts, is available to the average person.

USIA Job Exams Set By Civil Service The United States Civil Service Commission has announced a new examination for Transmitter and Receiver Operator and Maintenance Technician for filling positions in field locations of the U.S. Information Agency's Voice of America program.

Highway Dept. Gives Certificate Michigan State Highway Commissioner John C. Mackie today designated J. Paul Smith of Birmingham, a member of the five-man highway advisory board, an honorary Michigan highway engineer.

Key Cadet Cadet Capt. Randolph M. Hammer, Virginia Military Institute first classman from Birmingham, receives the American Ordnance Association gold scholarship key as the outstanding Army ROTC cadet selected for assignment to the Ordnance Corps...

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The Birmingham Eclectic Features

STRICTLY FRESH

One of the only men who likes to see things dull is the scissors grinder. Today's hairdos look more like donuts.



Some say the only people who listen to both sides of a family argument are the people who live next door.

Why is it that as soon as you seem to make ends meet, someone moves the other end.

Music should never be painful to the ear but should flatter and charm it, and thereby always remain music.



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Advertisement for 'The American House' featuring 'Goodwin's Mr. Comfort' and 'Goodwin Home Comfort Service'. It offers a new life of secure independence for far-sighted single men and women with private single level apartments.

Advertisement for 'The Birmingham Eclectic' featuring 'Suburbia Today' and 'The Birmingham Eclectic'. It promotes 'Suburbia Collection' furniture and includes a list of dealers.

Large advertisement for 'Hey Boys!' featuring a cartoon boy on a lawnmower and 'Birmingham Federal Savings'. It promotes a 4% current rate and offers part-time jobs for the summer.