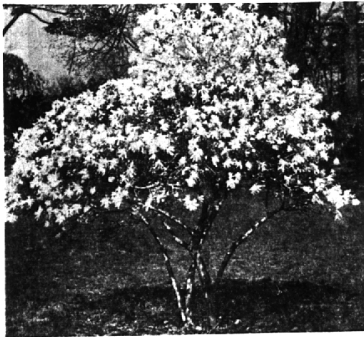


The Birmingham Eccentric Features



THE STAR MAGNOLIA is a dwarf ornamental tree whose harvest of white flowers is a springtime sight for sore eyes. A slow grower, it is recommended for a location where it will be visible from the window or exit of a home for this magnolia blooms while it is still a very young tree.

DOWN TO EARTH

Flowering Trees Add Beauty to Landscape

By ALICE WESSELS BURLINGAME
Special Writer for The Birmingham Eccentric

Since early spring when we have had ornamental trees in flower, many of you have contacted this reporter to inquire about the plants, their care and cost of such a selection. If your neighbor has a pretty tree and it adds beauty to your yard, you are apt to "be bitten" with the desire to possess a piece of living sculpture to surpass hers.

THE STAR MAGNOLIA will grow to 15 feet. This dwarf tree, which will bear a shower of white flowers, is a slow grower but will reward the owner with flowers even when it is only three feet high. It should be grown as a specimen with a choice location on the property.

Due to its potential size and exotic appearance when it flowers, I would surely suggest that it be near a window or exit to your home. Spring is the best time for planting a magnolia.

PRUNING of sculptured specimens is an art we try to copy from the Japanese technique. Notice in our picture how the lower branches of the magnolia are left free of secondary lines.

Look at your flowering crab-apple trees to be sure they develop by pruning, a good profile line. Many of you have old lilacs on your property which have grown high, seeking sunlight to enrich the flowering branches.

It is easy to have an interesting effect with old lilacs by cleaning up the lower secondary branches.

Air Conditioner Placement Important for Good Results

A room air conditioner is more versatile than most people think. Room units can often cool much more of a house than just the single rooms where they are installed, according to James Schafer, manager of Durr, Inc., 2006 Harper avenue dealer for Carrier Air Conditioning Co.

The trick he says, is selecting a properly sized unit and locating it in the most effective place, which doesn't always mean in a window.

"For example," says Schafer, "a single unit with enough capacity can often deliver all the cooling that is needed for today's popular living room and dining 'L' combinations. Success requires locating the conditioner near the juncture of the two areas and selecting a unit that permits the flow of cool air in two directions at the same time."

If there's no window at the juncture, Schafer explained, the unit can be installed through the wall for very little extra cost. Though, the wall installations are well liked, he said, because they provide a neat permanent appearance and do not block out window space.

OTHER ROOM arrangements also may permit cooling more than one room with a single unit. Many homeowners have cooled adjoining rooms by locating the unit where air flow from one room is directed into another through a doorway. This requires a slightly larger capacity unit but may be an effective

two-room-for-the-price-of-one arrangement.

In some cases, air conditioning dealers have shown homeowners how to use a furnace blower to

Look Around! Storage Is No Problem

Dead-end areas in homes are useful for storage, but of course only organized storage will do. Such spots include the end of a hallway, or one of the sides; under the stairs, over the kitchen cabinets, between kitchen cabinets, under the kitchen sink and bathroom lavatory, over the flush tank in the bathroom, over the washer or dryer, under laundry stationary bins and similar locations.

Organized storage can be supplied readily in any of these areas by building cabinets that have handy sliding doors and convenient Peg-Board backs for hanging a variety of items on hooks or shelves.

SIMPLE LUMBER frameworks, made up of any of corrugated metal fasteners, are the basis for cabinets anyone can build. These then are covered with rick-tocking but low-cost hardboards, now available in wood-grained finishes as well as unfinished.

Planning to See Century 21? Writer Provides Helpful Tips

By Dorothy Zattel
Special Writer

Ms. Zattel is a former Birmingham Eccentric correspondent. She and her husband returned recently from a trip to see Century 21 at Seattle, Wash.

You're interested in Century 21, the Seattle World's Fair this year? Perhaps you have been thinking about a trip but wondering about accommodations, what the fair is like and if it would be worthwhile to make the long trek to Washington state.

Here's a little advice about accommodations. Don't go without reservations. They can be made through EXPO, Seattle 9, Washington.

EXPO is a reservations bureau set up by the fair management and the state of Washington, which has 180,000 beds are listed with EXPO.

IF YOU WRITE for reservations, EXPO would like to know where you would prefer to stay. Explain that you are arriving by plane, car or train.

Without a car you would probably prefer a room near the heart of the city, but if you are driving you may want to be situated away

from traffic. Then you could leave your car in the huge, city-provided parking lot all day, taking a shuttle-bus to the fair.

THE FAIR can be reached from the heart of Seattle by a ride on the new monorail, 12 miles covered in 30 seconds.

All exhibits are nicely spaced on 72 acres, and if you are a good walker, you should allow three days to cover all the exhibits.

Early in May, add a wait of 45

B'ham Youth Ranks High In Education

Progress is being made in education in Birmingham.

Young people are staying in school longer and getting more education, presumably, than the same age group got 10 years ago. The fact that there are advantages that flow from more complete schooling is rapidly seeping through to the current student body.

FIGURES gathered during the recent national census and just released show that the amount of formal education acquired by the average Birmingham resident, by the time he has reached age 25, is 13.3 years. In 1950 it was 12.8 years.

That is a greater amount of schooling than was reported in other parts of the United States, 10.6 years.

THE TENDENCY of the present generation of students to remain in school longer is evident in most sections of the country. Many of them, however, are continuing for reasons other than the mere desire for intellectual development, it appears.

They have become impressed by the many reports emanating from government and industry that education and job opportunities go hand-in-hand.

ONE RECENT study, by the University of Michigan, shows that over 33 percent of those who work for others and do not have a high school diploma found themselves unemployed at some time during the past five years. By contrast, only 16 percent of those with some training beyond high school were similarly affected.

A U. S. Department of Labor report on the money value of an education, it lists \$182,000 as the average lifetime income for a man who is an elementary school graduate, \$238,000 for a high school graduate and \$345,000 for a college graduate.

Residents of Birmingham, with their education level 25 percent higher than in the United States generally, may look forward to better financial rewards, on that basis.

Area Teachers Meet at MSUO

About 50 teachers in Oakland county of the Michigan Department of Classroom Teachers (DCT) will attend an area dinner meeting at Michigan State University Oakland, Saturday.

Highlight of the session will be a panel discussion on the topic, "Proposal for Time," a suggestion that all school districts be urged to adopt a policy that gives elementary teachers at least one period daily for purposes of professional growth.

Panel participants will include: Truuski, principal, Washington Elementary School, Ferndale; Dr. William C. Forbes, science coordinator, Birmingham public schools; Dr. Clifford H. Smart, superintendent, Walpole Lake public schools; and Arthur Parkin, Oakland school board trustee.

Also featured at the session will be an election of area officers for the 1962-63 school year and committee reports.

STRICTLY FRESH

It is said that hicoughs are messages from departed spirits.

Why is it at a party that the first persons to say that



they have to be going home are the last ones to leave?

There is only one beautiful child in the world, and every mother has him.

If your boy friend is acting like a fool, don't blame him—he may not be acting.

NATURE NOW

Special Writer for The Birmingham Eccentric

Bird Watchers Learn By Careful Listening

The sun shone warm as we sat on the path of the farm house. The orchard atop the hill was a pink and white bouquet and the west wind was laden with the fragrance of spring.

Birds were everywhere, some on the wing, some food gathering in the grass, some singing in the trees. Among those we saw or heard were the robin, cowbird, tree swallow, rose-breasted grosbeak, Maryland yellow throat, Baltimore oriole, wren and flicker.

These are meadow birds and their song is a part of spring. Some are already nesting, others are just defining their territory.

IN THE PAST, the robin was such a common bird that everyone took him for granted. Last week in our suburban area we had a pair just beginning to nest when one of them died with convulsions due to poisoning from insect spray.

The earthworm eats the sprayed plant material which has dropped to the ground and been incorporated in the soil. When the robin eats the earthworm the poison is passed on to him.

So if we have any robins as permanent residents in our vicinity this summer, we still see small flocks migrating spring and fall but, beyond this, the species has become a rarity in town.

YESTERDAY, our country robin was making its nest. It came from a tree in the old orchard, gathered a mound of dried grass and ran it turned for more. After some time the grass-gathering was given up in favor of mud-collecting, its source being a drain which ran into the nearby swamp.

Gradually the nest is shaped to the contour of the body, combining the mud and grass with a few stronger materials. Finally, a lin-



The Prep Shop Salutes Michigan Week

The merchant community of Birmingham, of which The Prep Shop is proud to be a member, salutes the City of Birmingham during Michigan Week with its presentation of a **FAMILY FASHION PANORAMA**. We urge you to attend this delightful program Saturday morning at 11 a.m., in Shoin Park. (Or in the Community House, if the weather is bad).

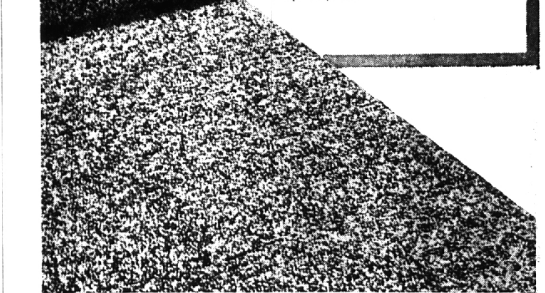
While you are in town you will also enjoy the many interesting window displays depicting the heritage of our city and state. Of course, the whole family will also want to be on hand for the big afternoon parade.

Saturday, May 26, is family day in Birmingham. Won't you drop in and say "Hi", and get your free ticket! You might win a door prize.



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