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In these box-poxy or bifalutin times, 'tis very difficult for the institution known as "democracy" to be certain it will survive as long as its founders hoped it would. During election campaigns (especially for national offices) some of the candidates shout and bellow their "promises for all the best of this earth . . . and Heaven, too. What a travesty such democracy is on the characteristic attributes of personal integrity.

Recommend Four Steps In Anti-litter Campaign

A report on possible steps to clean up the central business district was delayed one week for further study by Birmingham city commissioners Oct. 21.

In a three-page report, Robert S. Kenning, assistant city manager, recommended four steps the commission might take to carry out the program.

Kenning suggested that the commission might take to carry out the program:

- Assign two men working one day each to hand sweep downtown alleys. Estimated cost, \$1,800 annually.
- Flush the streets, parking lots and access drives three times each week from May 1 through Oct. 1. Estimated cost to prevent program, \$1,200.
- Replace 24 litter containers in the downtown area with a new type of unit. Estimated cost of replacement, \$1,425.
- Install anti-litter posters on the waste containers. Estimated cost, \$240.

FORMER MAYOR Mrs. G. Howard Willett, Jr., had called on the commission Sept. 21 to conduct a clean-up-anti-litter campaign in the downtown area.

She asked the commission to "take the leadership" in any such program.

Although she commended the report, Mrs. Willett said she did not believe it had "gone far enough."

"We need more education about

Director Emphasizes Need for Personnel

The lack of professional staff—not beds—hinders effectiveness of after care and rehabilitation of mentally ill, the Comprehensive Mental Health Planning Committee learned Oct. 22.

The committee is the activities planning group of the Oakland County Community Mental Health Services Board.

Richard Arthaud, director of social services at Pontiac State Hospital, pointed out, "we need psychiatrists, social workers and psychologists to work with convalescent patients. The admissions to Pontiac State Hospital have increased over the past ten years, but the number of bed patients has decreased."

"THE BURDEN IS on the social worker, who helps the patient readjust to living once again in the community," he said.

Arthaud explained that the state hospital, which is the chief agency for after care and rehabilitation of Oakland County mental patients,

instituted a new program in 1956 scheduling convalescent patients to see the social worker at the hospital.

Previously the social worker aided the patient at the patient's home which was costly.

THE CASE LOAD has risen to as high as 150 patients per social worker. The social worker's schedule has risen from one day to a five-day week.

Arthaud is chairman of the after care and rehabilitation study group which is one of six study groups of the planning committee. Elmer A. Hartwig of Royal Oak is the planning committee chairman.

Oakland County contributes the largest number of patients to Pontiac State Hospital which serves 10 Michigan counties.

Refer Rezoning To City Plan Board

A request by a group of property owners in the Lincoln-Landon-Purdy area to rezone their land from its present single- and two-family classifications to business was referred to the Birmingham Plan Board by city commissioners Oct. 21.

Ernest Weaver of Detroit, one of the property owners in the area, acted as the petitioner.

The names of 10 other property owners in the area also appeared on the petition.

Mrs. Willett suggested that the schools and other groups concerned with the litter situation be called in for a meeting to discuss possible solutions.

"We spend money to clean up the litter from the streets; why not spend some to prevent it being thrown down?" she asked.



'Catching' Their Dates

Marygrove Dads are "caught" for a Saturday night date on Nov. 7 when the Marygrove Dads Club holds its annual Dad-Daughter Round-Up. Freshman daughters (from left) Elizabeth Conte and Judith Imrick show how to do the "catching." Dads are (from left) Anthony Conte, 7167 Springridge Road, Birmingham and Joseph Imrick of Detroit. Classes will compete for the "Dadseer," a four-foot trophy awarded to the class producing the best kit of the evening.

Residents Accept College Position

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Foley, 1211 Willow Lane, have accepted positions on the Parents Association board of Marquette University, Milwaukee, Wis.

Their daughter Susan is a sophomore in the College of Liberal Arts at Marquette. Foley is the chairman of the board of McCann-Erickson, Inc., New York, N.Y.



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FAIRY DRIFTWOOD—STARPODS—WOOD
ROSE—BUBBLE CASPLA—EUCALYPTUS—
FERNS—LUNARIA—ET CETERA.

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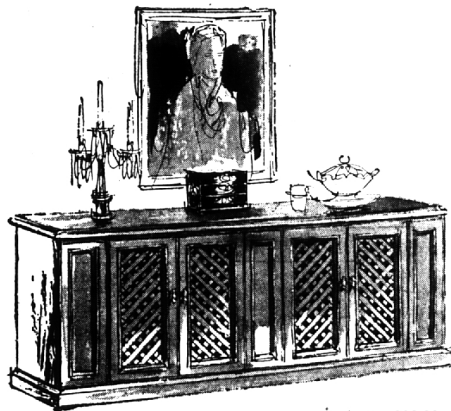
ROSES should be prepared for the winter. They should be filled with soil about 6 to 8 inches high, pruned back to about 18" tall. When ground is frozen 2 or 3 inches deep you apply mulch. Use a heavy layer of Marsh Hay or STRAW, or use ROSE COLLARS filled with PEAT MOSS or BUCKWHEAT HULLS.

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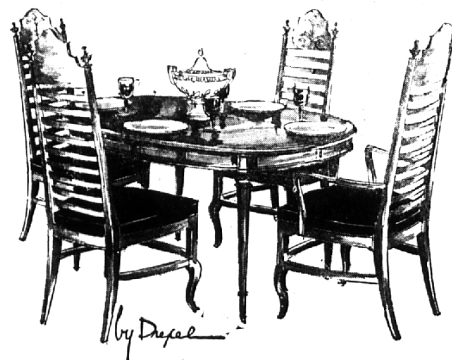
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