

### Chats with the Master Gardener

#### 6.—HOW PRICELESS ARE TREES AND SHRUBS.

Trees and shrubs are a much-neglected subject. To most people, raising flowers is by far the most exciting part of gardening. And so they concentrate on flowers, forgetting that grass and trees and shrubs are the framework, the really basic part of the garden.

It's remarkable what trees and shrubbery can do for a place if they are well chosen and set out properly. I could show you a fine example in the home of a friend of mine. He bought a rather unattractive old house some years ago. But he planted a couple of good-sized trees beside it, massed some shrubs around it, and got some vines climbing over the harsh lines of the cornices. It's an altogether different place now, and mighty nice looking. This friend of mine didn't spend much money either.

#### Pruning Trees

Folks often write me, asking how to prune their trees. Now there are only a few circumstances under which I think cutting off branches is justifiable. One is when they hang so low they're in the way. Another is when a branch hides a lovely view. A third is when a branch is dead or split so that a wind might blow it down and hurt somebody. And one more occasion when it might be justified is when crotches form so close to the trunk that the strain of the two trunks may split the base of the tree.

When one of these circumstances arises remember the following points: Always cut the branch off flush with the trunk or next larger branch, because if you leave a stub it makes a likely place for decay and disease to enter. Cut with a saw, never an axe. Begin by making a small cut at the bottom, so that the bark won't strip off when the branch goes down. A big branch should be supported by a rope to prevent splitting before you're through. And when you've finished, coat the wound with paint or creosote.

Pruning shrubs is a bit different because shrubs send up new growth from the ground instead of out from a trunk. The new canes that shoot up should be given room to grow, so from time to time you should cut out some of the older wood. Flowering shrubs should be pruned right after they've blossomed, and other varieties when they're dormant—after they've shed their leaves and before they bud again.

#### Feed Trees and Shrubs

Shrubs vary greatly in different parts of the country. One generalization I can make though—evergreen shrubs ordinarily do better in a somewhat sandy soil, and the others should have a loamy soil. But when it comes to choosing varieties for your own place, you'd best get

the advice of a good, reliable nurseryman in your own community. Let him look over your garden, tell him how much you can spend, and he'll do his best for you.

One thing about trees and shrubs that mighty few people seem to realize—they must be fed. Year after year they draw eleven different food elements from the soil, and eventually these elements become exhausted. Then your bushes and trees begin to lose their vitality; branches die, foliage becomes yellowed and scanty, leaves drop too soon. You can easily prevent these symptoms by feeding a square meal—a plant food that supplies all eleven of the needed food elements in scientifically balanced proportions. I'd certainly recommend that you do it this year. Your trees and shrubs take a long time to grow, and when you've got them they're an asset well worth protecting.

### Ford V-8 Frolics At Chicago Stadium

The 1937 "edition" of the Ford V-8 Frolics will be held May 14 at the Chicago Stadium, W. K. Edmunds, manager of the Chicago branch of the Ford Motor Company, announced today.

More than 25,000 independent garage and service station owners, with their friends and families, are expected to attend as guests of Cook county sales and service dealers and parts distributors of the local Ford branch.

The V-8 Frolics, stars of radio and night clubs in Chicago, under the direction of H. C. Lamborn, parts and accessories manager of the Ford branch, attracted a crowd of more than 22,000 to its 1936 show.

This year's entertainment will be featured by the personal appearance of "Al Pearce and His Gang," famous radio stars now appearing on one of the Ford coast-to-coast network programs. "Al" will act as master of ceremonies.

Many other "headliners" of local and national prominence will also appear on the program.

ceptional photography and a well sustained atmosphere of mystery are combined to make refreshing entertainment. Adults and young adults.

"When's Your Birthday?" Cast: Joe E. Brown, Marian Marsh, Fred Keating, "Corky." Friday, Saturday, May 14-15. A highly amusing comedy. The picture is well directed. Every situation is well used in furthering the comedy. All parts are well played, with "Zodiac," the little dog, very well directed. Famously.

"The Last of Mrs. Cheyney." Cast: Joan Crawford, William Powell, Robert Montgomery, Frank Morgan. Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, May 16, 17, 18. The skillful direction of the late Richard Boleslawski and the talents of an exceptional cast work together for good, light entertainment in this pleasing production of Frederick Lonsdale's engaging comedy. A smart modern piece of entertainment acted with unusual effectiveness. Adults and young adults.

#### Feature No. 1

"John Mead's Woman." Cast: Edward Arnold, Francine Larrimore, George Bancroft. Wednesday and Thursday, May 19-20. A complicated triangle love affair has a large part in this drama, which is based upon the waste in the lumbering country and the resultant suffering from drought, loss of crops. Recommended for its realism. Adults and young adults.

#### Feature No. 2

"Fair Warning." Cast: J. Edward Bromberg, Betty Furness, John Howard Payne. Wednesday and Thursday, May 19-20. A well constructed mystery story involving a struggle over a secret gold mine in the vicinity of Death Valley. Contrasting types at a desert resort are cleverly and humorously depicted and the eerie landscape of the desert enhances the atmosphere of mystery. Adults and young adults.

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### Tau Chapter Of N.U. Sorority To Celebrate Birthday

In celebration of the 50th anniversary of the founding of Tau Chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta at Northwestern University, a birthday luncheon will be held Friday, June 11, at 12:30 o'clock at the Orington hotel, Evanston. The invitation is being sent out this week in Tau Talk, the newspaper the college chapter sends to its 600 initiates.

Plans for the celebration are being made by officers of Tau Association. Mrs. Donald E. Nichols of Highland Park, president, has

appointed Mrs. Ericson P. McLaughlin, Evanston, as general chairman. Mrs. Duncan O. Welty, Jr., Evanston, has charge of reservations with Mrs. Walter Goettsch, Kenilworth, assisting. Mrs. L. E. Mitten, Kenilworth, will plan an appropriate stunt and Mrs. William C. Henning, Winnetka, heads the decorating committee.

Mrs. Nichols has invited Genevieve Forbes Herrick, one of Tau chapter's favorite daughters, to come from Washington, D. C., to be toastmistress. Mrs. D. Bligh Grasset of Winnetka, national president of Kappa Alpha Theta and a Northwestern alumna, will, of course, be present. It is hoped that Eva R. Hall of Sycamore, Illinois,

and several others of the chapter founders will return for the reunion which is to be the day before commencement.

Others on the general committee are Miss Alta D. Miller, Mrs. Frank T. Murray, Mrs. R. C. Harrer, Mrs. Walter C. Vasler, Mrs. W. E. Schroeder, Miss Virginia Haskell, Mrs. A. L. Reincke, and three girls from the college chapter, Virginia Burnham, Mary Alsted and Cam Jernegan.

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#### Feature No. 1

"A Doctor's Diary." Cast: George Bancroft, Helen Burgess, John Trent, Ruth Coleman. Thursday, May 13. This story is told in a sincere, convincing manner, with suspense well sustained and the climax a dramatic one. Intelligently directed and exceedingly cast. Adults.

#### Feature No. 2

"Espionage." Cast: Edmund Lowe, Madge Evans, Paul Lukas, Skeets Gallagher. Thursday, May 13. A pleasant air of mystery and subtle humor prevades this clever satire of spy melodrama which moves quickly to a surprise climax. Brisk direction, smart dialogue, ex-

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