

### Deerfield Man Is Honored at Conclave

The work of E. M. Palmer, village trustee of Deerfield, in behalf of the credit interests of the Automobile and Petroleum Industries was recognized at the 42nd Annual Convention and Credit Congress of Industry, of the National Association of Credit Men at the Stevens hotel on June 20, and he was elected national chairman of the group.

His work begins immediately and culminates at the 43rd Annual Convention of the National Association of Credit Men, to be held in San Francisco next June.

Mr. Palmer made an outstanding contribution to the success of his industry during the 1936-37 year and at the Stevens hotel convention his group was represented by 900 percent more members than attended any previous convention.

Mr. Palmer is an active member of the National Association of Credit Men and is vice-president in charge of finance of the Hinsdale Manufacturing company, makers of quality tools for the automobile trade.

pumping and depleting vital juices. Chief among the natural enemies of these tiny destroyers is a flower of the chrysanthemum family which greatly resembles our common field daisy. Its name is pyrethrum, and tradition has it that the marvelous power of pyrethrum to protect the rest of the garden was discovered by a German woman who tossed a withering bouquet of pyrethrum flowers into a corner only to find it later surrounded with dead insects.

With the discovery of the insecticidal power of pyrethrum, it was first believed that insects died from eating it. Today, scientists know this is not true. Pyrethrum kills insects by paralyzing their nervous systems. Once it touches the insect, paralysis sets in. Yet, deadly as a pyrethrum insecticide is to most garden insects, it does not harm plants, pets, or people.

So take a hint from nature's own defenses. When you line up your rakes and hoes and your boxes of seed, don't forget a pyrethrum in-

secticide made from dried pyrethrum flowers, nature's now defense against the aphid.

With the amazing cleverness displayed by the insect family in outwitting its enemies, aphids disguise themselves in various ways, such as hiding under a thick white mass of wax-like threads. "Other aphids," says Professor Granovsky, "form what we call plant galls—large deformations on the structures of plants. These galls serve as houses for the insects. In this respect, man got the better of his enemy, because for centuries certain aphid galls were used in the orient in manufacturing inks, medicine, and for dyeing silks and sealskins."

Some varieties of aphids produce a sweet sticky protective substance called "honey dew." For many centuries "honey dew" was considered the "sweet of heaven" and records corroborate the belief that biblical manna was the aphid "honey dew" which is so abundant in tropical countries.

One of the most interesting relationships in nature is that existing between ants and aphids. Certain species of ants feed on "honey dew," and in order to protect their source of supply they build small shelters for the insects and guard them jealously from predators and parasites.

## LIBRARY

Your summer reading may take you to lands of adventure and mystery; can lead you far afield with the stories of travel and biography without leaving your favorite chair. The list of books below, suggested by the art and literature department of the Woman's club of Deerfield and by Mrs. Wolf of the Deerfield library, are found in the local libraries.

"Time at Her Heels"—Dorothy Aldis.  
"Of Lena Geyer"—Marcia Davenport.

port.  
"Rich Man, Poor Man"—Janet Ayer Fairbank.  
"Four Marys"—Fannie Heaslip Lea.  
"Bridal Canopy"—Samuel Agnon.  
"Cities of Refuge"—Sir Philip Gibbs.  
"Soldier of Good Fortune"—Ruth Cross.  
"Graham of Claver House"—Mrs. Constance Dodge.  
"Paradise"—Esther Forbes.  
"The Years"—Virginia Wolf.  
"Yin and Yan"—Alice Hobart.  
"We Are Not Alone"—James Hil-ton.  
"Rose Deepose"—Sheila Kaye-Smith.  
"Fighting Angel"—Pearl Buck.

Mystery  
Cards on the Table—Agatha Christie.  
House of the Fishing Cat—Foldes Tolan.

Non-Fiction  
"In Old Natchez"—Van Court.  
"Coronado's Children"—Dobie.  
"Nijinsky"—Sona Nijinsky.  
"The Living Jefferson"—James T.

Adams.  
"Historic Houses of Early America"—Lathrop.  
"A History of Colonial America"—Chitwood.  
"LaFayette"—Andreas Latsko.  
"Twenty-Thousand Miles in a Flying Boat"—Sir Alan Cobham.  
"Tour of the Hebrides"—Boswonee.  
"Planing Your Life"—Purvis.

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### Pyrethrum Acts As an Insecticide to Garden Plants

Spring! And all that grand fun of digging your arms elbow-deep in rich brown loam; filling your eyes with sunshine and blue sky; getting acquainted all over again with growing things. The only grim thing in this lovely picture is the fact that perennial gardeners also have to make the acquaintance of an enemy that outnumbers all flowering plants and has inhabited the earth much longer than man—the insect!

For example, let's examine a single group of insects—plant lice or aphids; see the variety of damage they can do to plant life and the marvelous adaptations they go through in order to outwit man and their other enemies.

None of your prize roses, irises, tulips, lilies, shrubs, trees, or garden vegetables is safe from the ravages of these infinitesimal creatures, according to Doctor A. A. Granovsky, entomological consultant of McLaughlin Gormley King company.

"Aphids," he says, "are hard to detect, since even the largest of them is no longer than one-eighth of an inch. Also, they vary in color to match their host, ranging from different shades of green to yellow, amber, red, and dark brown. The subterranean ones which attack roots are pale grey ghosts of their kin above ground."

"These tiny fellows breed so rapidly that colonies of them have been known to destroy entire crops in a month's time. Indeed, in one season, if all the children and grandchildren of one 'stem mother' survived, they would equal in weight the entire population of China!"

According to Professor Granovsky, gardeners should look for aphids at their feeding grounds—the under sides of leaves and the stems of plants. The lice feed by means of long sharp beaks, which they stab into the victim and through which they suck the lifeblood of the plant. When a colony attacks a plant, literally thousands of small mouths are continuously withdrawing sap.

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