

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Roll of Munster, Ind., spent last week with their daughter, Mrs. Russell Batt. Mr. and Mrs. John T. Beckman Sr. entertained guests from Waukegan and Gurnee at dinner on Saturday.

An apartment is being made in the Stryker building adjoining the Frost Electrical shop. Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Frost have leased their home on Hazel avenue and will occupy the apartment near the business.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Potterton and children spent the week-end at the William H. Potterton home in Beloit, Wis.

A birthday party is being held on Friday at St. Paul's church when members of the Ladies' Aid society whose anniversaries come in the first six months of the year will be feted by those whose anniversaries occur the last six months of the year. The guests will be grouped according to the month and tables will be appropriately decorated.

Mrs. Hans Bahr was hostess to members of her bridge club on Wednesday afternoon.

MASTER GARDENER

4. Have a Perennial Flower Bed
I've always thought that sometime I'd like to experiment with a garden of nothing but perennials. It could be as beautiful a garden as you'd find anywhere, from early spring to late fall.

Almost as soon as snow had left, you'd have crocuses and snowdrops poking their heads up to let you know spring had officially arrived! Then early in May you'd begin having a regular parade of blossoms—long before most annual flowers were anywhere near ready to bloom.

First would come scarlet and yellow masses of tulips, and fragrant lilies-of-the-valley. Then you'd begin having peonies—creamy white, pink, and the lovely dark crimson ones. And iris—deep blue, violet, yellow, soft grey.

Then as it got into June you'd be having big, creamy-white Shasta daisies. And soon your larkspur would be in bloom, splendid blue spires standing high in corner clumps and against your fence. And hollyhocks would be coming along, pink and white and scarlet, towering even above the larkspur. By July your borders would be blazing with phlox in almost every color of the rainbow. Here and there you'd have a clump of crimson and gold galliardia. And of course you'd have gladiolus, blossoming all summer and into the fall, with varieties of color beyond description.

And so into September, when one of the finest perennials of all would come into flower—your chrysanthemums. And with them would be your hardy asters and many-colored dahlias. And of course these are only a few of the hundreds of varieties you could have...

Now here are some things that should be emphasized about growing perennials. I've found it hardly pays to try to raise them from seed. It's very little more expensive to buy plants or bulbs from a good reliable nursery, and your results are quicker and surer.

In preparing the soil for perennial plants, spade it to a depth of six or eight inches, and then pulverize it thoroughly. Mix in some complete plant food, using a pint of it to each 25 square feet. Water the plants thoroughly when you're putting them into the ground, and keep them moist for at least a week.

Remember this: Just because perennials are growing well and seem to need little care, you can't completely neglect them. Some varieties don't thrive unless you cut their flowers regularly. Others need to be transplanted now and then; iris always does better if you take the bulbs up and separate them every third year or so. Some, like gladiolus and dahlias, need to be taken indoors for the winter. But most important, all perennials must be fed! All through the growing season they're drawing eleven different food elements from the soil. Sooner or later these elements become exhausted, and unless you replace them the plants will die. So I'd strongly recommend that you give your perennials a square meal this spring. Use a plant food that supplies all eleven of the food elements they need from the soil, in balanced proportions. Four pounds of it per 100 square feet applied to your flower borders will keep them blossoming strongly all summer long.

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Shirley Wing Wins First Place in Oratorical Contest

The fifth annual oratorical contest the subject of which was: "Our Constitution Safeguard of American Liberty," was held at the Deerfield Grammar School Friday evening, April 23, under the sponsorship of the Deerfield American Legion and Auxiliary.

Miss Shirley Wing of the Wilmet school won first place. She was awarded a large gold loving cup. Only a few points behind her were James Krause in second place and Robert Ritchie in third place, these two from the Deerfield Grammar school. Each received a gold loving cup.

Ribbons were awarded to Harold Snyder, Jean Baum and Gladys Page, the first two as students at Deerfield school and Miss Page from Wilmet.

A ribbon was awarded to Dorothy Jean Anderson, Deerfield school, as winner of the Essay contest.

While the judges retired to decide the winners the following program was given: Lincoln's "Gettysburg Address" recited by Eldon Neargard of Deerfield school. Mignon Josephine recited "Sail On," a poem. The Wilmet school children under the direction of Mrs. Beatrice Meyers, sang a series of Stephen Foster's songs. Kathryn Merrihard read a poem, "O Flag." The Deerfield School band played a number of well received selections.

The judges were Mrs. George A. Bowen, District Director of the Tenth District, and Mrs. Matt Porter, Past Commander of the Lake Forest Post; also Mrs. Chester Wolf, librarian of Deerfield Library.

Mrs. Leroy Meyers, President of Deerfield Unit, presented tree markers to representatives of Wilmet and Deerfield schools to place beside the trees planted at the schools last year.

The program opened under the chairmanship of Vice Commander Clarence E. Huhn of Deerfield Post. After advancement of colors and the singing of America, Marshall M. Pottenger, the Americanism chairman, gave a short talk on the evening's purpose and turned the meeting over to Mrs. William A. Tennerman, Americanism chairman, assumed charge of the meeting until its closing by Vice Commander Clarence E. Huhn.

Stupey Smith Unit Prepares for Sale of Poppies May 23

The little red memorial poppies which the people of Highwood will wear this year in tribute to the World war dead, are now being made at the Veterans hospital, North Chicago. Mrs. Charles Anderson, poppy chairman of the Stupey-Smith unit of the American Legion Auxiliary has announced. The poppies will be distributed here by women of the Auxiliary on Poppy Day, Monday, May 23.

The flowers are being made by disabled veterans, who have been given much needed employment during the winter and spring months. Only those receiving little or no government compensation are employed and the money earned is used largely to aid needy families at home.

The poppy work at the North Chicago hospital is part of a vast national enterprise conducted by the auxiliary. Poppies are being made at 60 different hospitals and convalescent workrooms in 40 states. More than 10,000,000 of the little red flowers are being produced to be worn as the individual American's token of memory for the war dead. Hundreds of disabled men, who could not find or perform other work, are being given employment and their earnings will total approximately \$100,000.

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Book Awards
Clifton Fadiman, of the New Yorker, announced the American Booksellers' association annual Book Awards at a luncheon at the Astor. "The Bookseller's Find" (the most undeservedly neglected book)—On Borrowed Time, a novel by Lawrence Watkin.

Favorite Novel—The Citadel, by A. J. Cronin.

Favorite Non-fiction — Madame Curie, by Eve Curie.

Most Original Book—400 Million Customers, by Carl Crow.

American Best Sellers in England
"Northwest Passage" easily swept the boards as top bestseller in England according to the February reports of the London Bookseller. Of the first five leading titles four were American: Bates "The Bible to be read as living literature," Mitchell's "Gone with the wind"; Maugham's "The summing-up" (English) and Bromfield's "The rains came."

Recent Additions
Nature Photography Around the Year, by Percy A. Morris. This unique book is at once a month-by-month almanac of nature subjects and a manual of instruction and suggestions for the nature photographer. The hundreds of striking pictures illustrate every type of subject and procedure described.

"The Mortal Storm," by Phyllis Bottome. This is a story of family life in Germany under the Nazi regime—a novel dealing with tense human emotions against a sometimes violent and always exciting background. Phyllis Bottome's familiarity with Germany and her love for that country and its people shine through the pages of "The Mortal Storm."

"A Prairie Grove," by Donald Culross Peattie, is the biography of an American acre. The story of an island grove in Illinois from the days when the French missionaries and explorers invaded it until the present.



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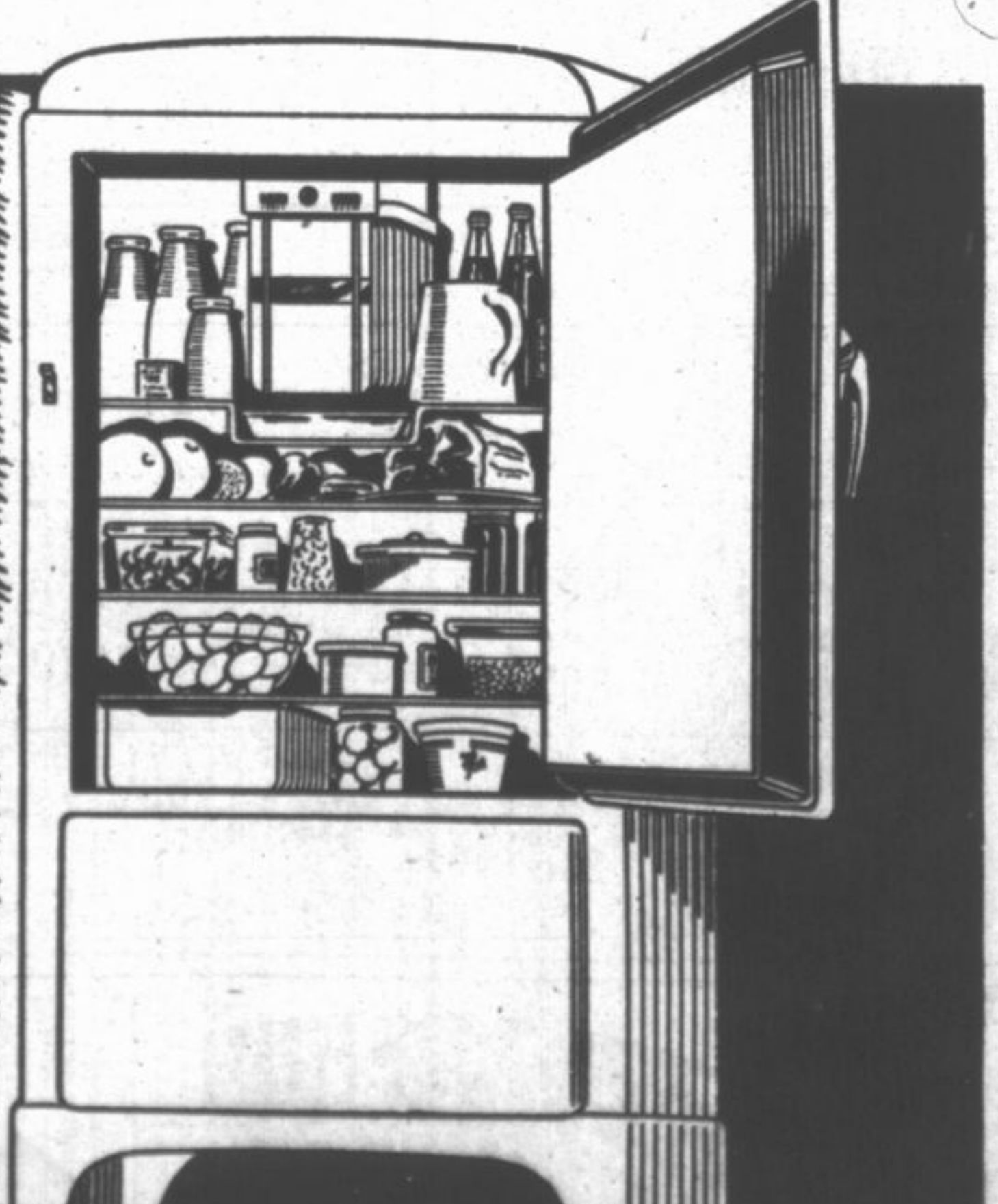
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