

Garden Gadding—

Park Trees Stump Expert

James Cook, 2335 E. Garfield Drive, knows more about trees than almost any other two men in Indianapolis. But he says he almost got stumped trying to identify some trees over in Garfield Park.

They were planted to take the place of the park's tragic elms. He finally learned that they are "hardy rubber trees," more accurately, a variety of eucommia. They really do produce good quality rubber but so far no process makes its commercially worth while. The trees resemble the elm somewhat in leaf and growth habit. Mr. Cook says there's a specimen in Holliday Park, too, near the copper beach (which in turn, is near Holliday House) on the driveway—both labeled.

THE RUSSELL WEAVERS, 1217 N. Mount St., will never need to worry about their magnolia tree getting nipped by frost. Its big white, lemon-scented blossoms are just beginning to open now. The Weavers brought this late-flowering variety from North Carolina six years ago. These are its first blossoms.

MOST OF us who like birds find they get us into hot water every now and then. So it's not surprising that Miss Edwina Morrow, the enthusiastic bird chairman of the state's federated garden clubs had an "embarrassing moment" at the last state board meeting.

Feathered Fiends

ONE BOARD member said she'd just about decided to give up birds—the misguided feathered fiends had cleaned out her strawberry patch. "Why," suggested Miss Morrow, "all you have to do is plant a mulberry tree there." "But," retorted the strawberry raiser, "we've already got a mulberry tree right there." Best defense Miss Morrow could offer was, "Well, you must have the kind of birds that prefer strawberry shortcake."

NATURE clubbers who went on that trip to Dr. Deam's home in

Gardening—

Hospitable Fence Divides Neighbors' Yards



Mrs. George Gramer (left) and Mrs. C. C. Godfrey . . . trim their flower fence.

THE PATH makes it pretty handy for young Gordon Gramer and Dick Godfrey who are "yard men" for their respective yards. "It takes care of the postman and the newsboys, too," says Gordon's mother.

The Godfreys built the fence and painted it brown, originally to match the trim of their house. The color sets off the soft pink climbing roses, makes an inconspicuous backdrop for Shasta daisies (raised from seed), lady larkspurs, and the other flowers on the Gramer side.

An edging of white wickets neatly scallops the flower bed and keeps certain young front-yard ball players from "racing into it without thinking."

Your Yard—

Utilize Mulch Now to Spike Threat of Intense July Heat

Unless all the weather prophets are wrong dusty days will be here in July. Then shrubs and flowers will appreciate a mulch laid over the earth to keep their roots cool, the ground moist and easy to send new roots into as they continually search for food to grow on. Everybody who has a lawn has one kind of mulching material—lawn clippings. You can either chop them fine and use them for a grass mulch or rake them up for vegetable or flower garden. Of course, they'll turn yellow. They'll heat, too, if you put on too thick a layer—at one time. But they do perform the magic trick of saving moisture and keeping plants happy.

Where you don't want eye-distracting mulches, as in the rose bed, peat moss is another, better background material. Be sure it's wet when you put it on. Otherwise it drinks up moisture from the ground and leaves plants worse off than before.

NEW MULCH—Ground corn cobs are the new favorite. They let air and rain through readily. They seem to have some fertilizing value though that's not definitely established yet. Their color isn't much to brag about when they're fresh but as they weather it becomes a nice neutral shade. Whatever your choice of material, let it fit your needs and your pocket book. But do mulch for best results in vegetable garden, flower beds, or shrubbery border when weather is dry.

Salads Are Inexpensive—Salads are in season along with homegrown vegetables. Summer appetites go for a light meal that's cool tasting and colorful. With the ingredients grown locally, what could be a more inexpensive meal? Try this new angle for a green salad.

GAZPACHO—Six large ripe tomatoes, one sweet red pepper or one green pepper, four small cucumbers, unpeeled, two grated carrots, one-half teaspoon garlic powder or one clove of garlic, two tablespoons finely grated onion, dash cayenne, black pepper, salt. Chop tomatoes with green or red pepper. Cut cucumbers lengthwise, scoop out seeds, chop. Mix in glass bowl with tomatoes, grated carrots, garlic, onion, cayenne, lemon juice and seasoning to taste. Chill and serve very cold preferably in glass bowls. Garnish with a sprig of watercress or serve with bowl of crisp watercress.

Will Get Own Income—LONDON—Princess Margaret Rose will receive an independent income of \$16,800 yearly when she becomes 21 Aug. 21, 1951.

Club Goers Will Have Busy Week

Flower Talks To Be Featured

This week is the usual busy second-week-of-the-month among the nature and garden clubs. The schedule follows:

TODAY

Nature Study Club—5:30 p.m. Mr. and Mrs. Chester Lytle, 1055 Riverby Lane, host and hostess. Astronomy round-table. The Misses Anna Louise Cochran, Katherine Graves, Rhoda Davies and Sarah McMahon in charge.

TOMORROW

Blue Flower Garden Club—12:30 p.m. Mrs. Charles Clark, 55 S. Linwood Ave., hostess. Mrs. Oliver Clark, assisting. "Planting for Continuous Bloom." Mrs. P. A. Hennessee.

TUESDAY

Biz-Z-B Garden Club—11:30 a.m. Mrs. George Bradley, 4415 N. Post Road, hostess. "Flower Arrangement." Mrs. Ralph Wilcox.

THURSDAY

Crooked Creek Garden Club—10 a.m. Mrs. George Eggleston, 5146 N. Michigan Road, hostess for breakfast.

FRIDAY

North End Garden Club—1:30 p.m. Mrs. H. E. Rasmussen, 5838 Carrollton Ave., hostess. Mrs. L. R. Cartwright, Mrs. Foster V. Smith, assisting. "Flower Prints." Mrs. Amos C. Michael.

SUNDAY

Nature Study Club—8:30 a.m. Meet at World War Memorial for trip to home of Mrs. Onya LaTour. Mrs. Emma Williams, Noah Myers, Otis Herremann in charge of hikes and nature study.

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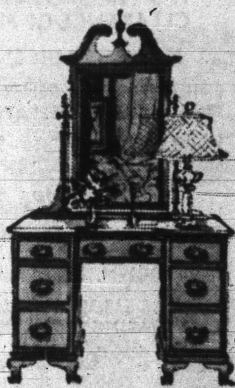
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