

# Feel U-F Grant Sufficient for Cancer Group

THE UNITED Foundation Board of Directors today issued the following statement relative to the Michigan Cancer Foundation and its April Cancer Crusade and the American Cancer Society and its fund-raising campaign to be conducted during the same period.

The Michigan Cancer Foundation as a Torch Drive agency was provided with \$763,758 for its fight against cancer in 1960 through funds donated by the citizens of Metropolitan Detroit in last fall's United Foundation Torch Drive.

THIS MONEY, the highest net per capita donation made by any large city in the United States, will be used to finance the Michigan Cancer Foundation's comprehensive research, education and finance programs. The Yates Memorial Clinic, the Detroit Institute of Cancer Research and the Michigan Tumor Registry are three of these noted projects made possible by Torch Drive funds.

In addition, such services as special beds, wheel chairs, and the cancer tests being prepared by some 25,000 volunteers, are furnished to those afflicted with cancer. Through a special grant from the Michigan Cancer Foundation, needy cancer patients receive the services of the Visiting Nurse Association, which is also a Torch Drive agency.

For these, and many other services, the Michigan Cancer Foundation has received national acclaim for providing Metropolitan Detroit with an outstanding program in its fight against cancer.

DURING this coming month of April, which is Cancer Crusade Month, the Michigan Cancer Foundation is sponsoring an intensive education program to focus public attention on the seven danger signals of cancer and the importance of regular check-ups.

We feel it is most unfortunate that the American Cancer Society will use this Cancer Crusade Month to undertake a separate fund-raising drive in a community where the citizenry has so generously supported cancer research, education and service through the United Foundation.

Oakland County's population in 1940 was 254,068. By the time of the 1950 census the population of the county had rose to 396,001.

## Timely Tips on

# GARDENING

By Betty Franke

Spring will soon be here. March 20th is the date that it officially arrives. Despite freezing temperatures and the deeply drifted blanket of snow that covers the garden, signs of Spring are in evidence. The sun is riding higher in the sky and shines with an ever increasing warmth.

Birds are returning from the south. Mallard ducks have been seen overhead, and sleek, male red-winged blackbirds are posing atop fuzzy cattails in roadside marshes. Flittering flocks of horned lark are searching for seeds, and a venturesome robin has been visiting the feeder in a Farmington garden.

In low, swampy places skunk cabbage is pushing up its curious cowled flower spathe, and beneath the crust of snow hepatica flower buds are growing fat. Only a bit of Spring warmth will be needed to bring them into flower.

The gardener must complete his plans and formulate a planting schedule. Since the gardening season may be late in arriving, even more work than usual will have to be compressed into the short, busy planting season.

### REMEMBERS:

Check trees and shrubs and remove broken branches, and prune to improve the shape of the plant, but retain the natural conformation. Summer flowering shrubs can be pruned now without any loss of blossoms. Flower buds have already formed on Spring-flower-

ing trees and shrubs. Branches pruned from these can be brought into the house and put in a vase of water and will soon be studded with flowers. Apply dormant sprays to fruit trees and shrubs to control scale insects when the temperature is above 45 degrees and going to remain there for 24 hours. They should be applied before the buds start to unfold. It is easier to plant large trees with heavy root balls when the ground is still frozen. The Farmington library has many books on landscape planning that the new home owner will find helpful when planning the plantings for his property.

### City Population

In 1940 census figures showed the City of Farmington population at 1,510. In 1950 it had climbed to 2,325. Present city population is being estimated at over 7,000. Exact 1960 figures will soon be available.

The average family income in the City of Farmington in 1950 was \$5,900. By this average Farmington family income had rose to \$7,100 compared with a metropolitan Detroit average of \$6,300.

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