

Village Arcade Features 'Antiques And Zany Junk'

When Mrs. D. A. McCollum's antique collection outgrew her Farmington residence, she moved it to what had formerly been a bait shop on Grand River just west of Halsted Rd. There she had a fruitful idea which has worked out very well.

Why not, thought Mrs. McCollum, invite some of the local housewives to share in this adventure? There are many

women who suffer from the collectors' virus and would love to devote a little time each week to their buying and selling.

So this is how the Village Arcade — Everything from Antiques to Zany Junk — came about. Currently, its participating members besides Mrs. McCollum who is the guiding light, include Mrs. Betty Park-

er, Mrs. Rena Spears, and Mrs. Jean Cole. They all consider this an ideal arrangement as four heads add more variety than one.

AS THE GROUP is now contemplating a move to larger quarters at the corner of Novi and 12 Mile Roads, the names of Mrs. Jo Ann Walte and Mrs. Georgia Miles will be added to the list of dealers and there will be room for still two more. Great plans are in the works for transforming what is now a gas station into an ideal showroom for the antiques and the popular junk which are the stock in trade of this unusual enterprise.

There will be flea markets in fine weather, says Mrs. McCollum, with four dealers at a time displaying their wares under a colorful nylon parachute umbrella. This lady's annual flea markets of former years were the talk of Farmington. As many as 1,000 guests would stop at her home on Sunday afternoons in June with police directing traffic and everyone enjoying the festive atmosphere provided by an old fashioned popcorn wagon, ice cream concession and all sorts of carnival trimmings.

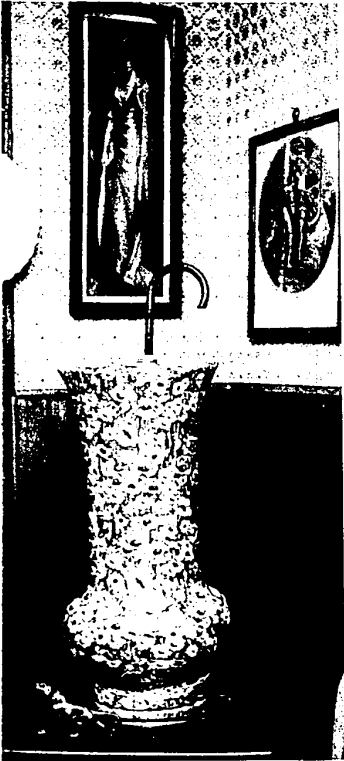
ARTICLES ON SALE at the Village Arcade are just what a sign outside describes, a potpourri of genuine antique and kooky items much sought after by the area's many avid do-it-yourselfers. There are baubles, bangles and beaded bags, harness bells, prisms, and new posts (much coveted for fashioning candle stands and lamp bases). Almost any hobbyist the human mind can conceive up may be found somewhere on the premises.

When asked what she considered some of the more outlandish items currently available, Rena Spears pointed out a rather anemic looking stuffed fox, a large rough-sculptured Tiki fashioned by a former Farmington schoolteacher, and some wild paper flowers which are selling like hotcakes for fashion show decorations and such purposes.

Stocks will be even more expanded when the arcade transfers to its new quarters in about a month's time. The ladies in charge invite everyone hereabouts to pay them a visit as soon as they are settled at their new location.



LOCATED ON Grand River just west of Halsted Rd., this headquarters for "antiques and zany junk" will soon be removed to make way for a gas station. It will move to the corner of 12 Mile and Novi Roads.



THIS HANDPAINTED English umbrella stand occupies a colorful corner at the Village Arcade antique shop.



REFLECTED IN a handsome old mirror are some very authentic-looking reproductions of Renoir, Vermeer et al.



A TYPICAL corner at the Village Arcade sports a kerosene stove topped by Phyllis Diller-type shoes, an old restaurant lamp, a quilt, rocker, ancient leather tome and odd pieces of harness equipment.



AN OLD WALNUT secretary is one of the most imposing pieces at the Village Arcade. It makes a fitting showcase for items of pewter and handpainted china.

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