

Area fencers set tournament

The Michigan Division of the Amateur Fencers League of America will conduct one of the nation's most prestigious tournaments Saturday, Dec. 4, when it presents the Hayden-Birkkrant Tournament at Bloomfield Hills Junior High School, Quanton Road at Telegraph.

The two-event tournament will begin at 10 a.m. with the epee event. Originally titled the Masters' One-Touch Epee Tournament, this event is sponsored by Howard Hayden of Troy, who won this tournament at the age of 49 and now presents the trophy annually.

He continues to be an active competitor. He is ranked in the top 100 fencers in the world in the epee event. He has competed throughout the Midwest and traditionally includes members of Olympic teams from both the United States and Austria.

The current defending champion is Dan Cantillon of West Bloomfield, who was a member of the U.S. Olympic team in 1964 and won the U.S. National Championship in epee in 1974.

Cantillon was an all-American at the University of Detroit and has won the Hayden Tournament several times.

The second event of the day will be an open sabre tournament, which is sponsored by Norman H. Birkkrant of Farmington Hills. Birkkrant is coach general for the Republic of Austria and sponsors this event as a tribute to sabre fencing, which is sometimes considered the national sport of Austria.

First prize is the Birkkrant Trophy

which is considered one of the most beautiful trophies in this country.

William Goering of Farmington was all-American at Yale University, ranked second in the U.S. in 1971, has won the Birkkrant event a number of times and is competing this year.

Other participants from Farmington Hills include a father-son team and a mother-daughter duo. Dr. Richard Prentiss and Robert Prentiss will fence as well as Barbara and Annette Popa.

Steve Danos of Southfield was a three-time all-American at Wayne State University, where his father, Isvan, is the coach. He was third in the U.S. in 1974 before suffering an injury that sidelined him for two years. He is now returning to competition. He won the Birkkrant in 1972.

MARK MASTERS, also of Southfield, was an all-American at Wayne State University under Istvan Danos and is now chairman of the Michigan Division. He will compete in the epee event.

Howard Hayden of Troy won the tournament when he was 69. He has been actively fencing for more than 50 years and won virtually every title in Michigan and the Midwest.

George Thomas and sons Christopher and Thomas of Troy will compete. George was a big Ten sabre champion while a member of the Michigan State University team. Christopher is now a member of the MSU fencing team and represented Michigan at the U.S. Junior Olympics in 1978. Thomas is a senior at Brother Rice High School.

Dr. Nicholas Szilva and son Matthew of Troy are two other local participants. The father was an all-American at University of Illinois and is now teaching his son to fence.

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As we become more sophisticated, our responses shift from one style to another, we delight in new fads and catch on to fashionable trends. Periodically, there will be new colors which appear on the horizon to excite and tempt us. These "new" colors which are really variations and shades of basic hues.

A recently established favorite riding high in the design world and winning popularity contests is a beige, greyish color called "taupe" or "greige." Let us explore the potentials of taupe and its neu-

trality. Where there is lack of color, you must compensate with a range to textures in your upholstery fabrics, carpeting wall coverings, and window treatments.

Solids, velvets, woolsens, shags, linens, furs, caements - are all textures you can visually feel when non-color exists, for without texture the room may look like a sterile laboratory. The neutral paper bag colored room usually pairs with serenity, has a propensity of about itself and effectively provides good background for people paintings and plants.

But on the other hand, neutrality is not always sufficient in rooms of every home. The advantage of neutrals and naturals is that they wear well with color mates and can look forlorn without them. A splash of color adds necessary warmth to a room and does perform miracles to furnish excitement where there is none.

Use it on a wall, a ceiling in an area carpet or a fabric, but do use it to assert yourself, for what is being done this year is less important than what your room is doing for you.

Lizzie Borden comes to Harrison

Harrison High School students will present Lizzie Borden of Fall River on Dec. 2, 3 and 4. Curtain time is 8 p.m. in the school auditorium.

The play was the basis for the television production, "The Legend of Lizzie Borden," starring Elizabeth Montgomery.

Betra Hubb is directing and producing the show, assisted by senior students Debbe Stratton and Laurie Fletcher.

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