

Club Circuit

MICHIGAN ASSOCIATION FOR CHILDREN WITH LEARNING DISABILITIES received a \$5 contribution this week from children who attended a summer program in Nardin Park Methodist Church.

The gift was given in response to a program the youngsters attended given by Claire Krawczak and Jessie Carlisle, MACLD members, where a film was shown and children with learning disabilities were discussed.

PARENTS WITHOUT PARTNERS will meet at 8:30 p.m. Jan. 27 in St. Francis Knights of Columbus Hall to view "an intellectual demonstration of the violence of Karate." The hall is located at 21900 Middle Belt, in Farmington.

All meetings of the Farmington-Southfield chapter of PWP are open to parents without partners, only.

HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION SECTION 36 will meet at 8 p.m. Jan. 27 in

St. Alexander Church Hall on Shawassie. The meeting is open to all persons who own homes in that area.

XI EPSILON BETA CHAPTER of Beta Sigma Phi will be hosted by Karen Eckel when the group meets at 8 p.m. Feb. 1.

FRANKLIN KNOLLS WOMEN'S CLUB meets Feb. 2 to hear Mary Beard talk on The Scene of Modern Art. The meeting gets under way at

11:30 a.m. in St. Colman Church Hall, 32500 Middle Belt.

One of the highlights of the afternoon will be a Valentine's tea table. Guests are welcome. Persons interested in attending the meeting are invited to call Mrs. Robert Campbell, 625-9817.

GROVES WALKER AMERICAN LEAGION and its auxiliary will meet at 8 p.m. Feb. 3, in the legion hall, 31773 Grand River.

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One of my friends has a really soft spot in her heart for animals. Nothing furry or feathered ever gets turned away until she finds it a home.

And while I never was one to feed and shelter assorted creatures great and small, I've always enjoyed visiting and petting most of her founding.

Except for one. For a while the menagerie included a parakeet that spent more time outside its cage than in it. I have to admit I was a wary guest whenever that cage door was open—I found in myself a genuine prejudice against wings flapping close to my face and claws setting on my head.

Which explains the trauma in my own home during a somewhat difficult time last week.

WE HAD HAD a new appliance delivered, necessitating the opening of doors for longer than usual, and a little while later I descended from our second floor to find the cat chasing a startled starting around the living room.

I found the sight as unsettling as others of my sex might find a scurrying mouse, except there was nowhere to jump. So I did the logical thing and shouted for the man of our house, fortunately on a day off.

He calmly located a broom and a hunk of newspaper and managed to get the bird between the two so he could toss it out the door and send it flying off.

That was that, and we speculated it probably came in with the appliance, although the chimney was mentioned as a possibility.

By MARGARET MILLER



But "The Birds" weren't through with us.

THE NEXT MORNING I went to the basement laundry room and found the cat once again busy chasing a starting.

Wings whirled past me up the stairway, and once again we had a visitor at large in the living room.

On my own this time, I grabbed the broom, and after a few pictures had been bumped and a couple of what-ifs knocked down, the starting finally made it onto the porch, where I instituted the open-door policy to give him his freedom.

After that, I found myself entering rooms with some trepidation until we finally decided the second visitor too had come in with the appliance and had just decided to enjoy a warm night's lodging before showing his face, er, beak.

And then we heard about some friends whose home had been invaded in one recent week by not only a starting but also an owl. They came by chimney.

Friends of the feathered kingdom, I know it's pretty nippy out there, but maybe you should try migration ahead of integration. Better for my Flap-phobia and your Broom-tis.



A fascinating art

Making jewelry is a fascinating art for men as well as women, says Niki Fritz, a new jewelry teacher in Farmington Community Center. She's shown here with some of the tools of her trade she'll introduce to students during the winter term, which starts Jan. 31. Inquiries and registrations will be taken by calling the center, 477-8464.

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