



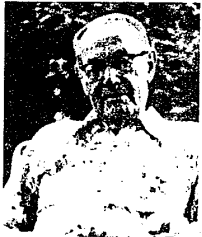
Streetcar keeps rolling

Tennessee Williams' prize-winning drama, "A Streetcar Named Desire," continues in the Players Barn on Twelve Mile between Orchard Lake and Farmington Roads Nov. 9-12 and 16-18. Jan Salisbury turns blonde for the role of Blanche DuBois and Ron Turek takes the role of Stanley Kowalski in the Farmington Players Production. Tickets are available by calling the Players box office, 477-1066. (Staff photo by Harry Mauthe)

Ohst feted on 90th birthday

Frank Ohst, of 3609 Congress, Farmington Hills, was twice honored in observance of his 90th birthday: once by the congregation of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church and again by his daughter, Marjorie Patterson. Members of the congregation gathered for a pot luck dinner and read off his biography while gifts were given by the guests, and a group from the church, furnished music, harp and quartet style. A special memento was a Christmas tree, and a plaque, designed by Don Achtenberg. Mrs. Patterson hosted a party for family and friends where one of the highlights was a gift from the honoree's grandchildren, a copper money tree made of stripped electrical wires. Ohst was born in Germany on Oct.

21, 1888. He came to the United States with his parents when he was three and grew up in Marquette, Mich. He worked at Packard Motors as a thread engineer, and during World War II took on the job of liaison man between that company in Detroit and Rolls Royce in England. Later he moved to Ford Motor Company where he worked in quality control both in Cincinnati and Chicago. On his retirement, in 1959, he moved back to Michigan. He has two daughters, Marjorie and Gertrude; eight grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. His wife, Lydia, died in 1967 and he now makes his home with his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Patterson.



FRANK OHST

Coons mark 50th anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Coon received good wishes and congratulations from

about 50 friends and relatives who gathered in Farmington's Holiday Inn Oct. 22 to celebrate the couple's 50th wedding anniversary.

Walter and Helen Coon are both natives of the Farmington area who owned and operated Farmington Gardens Nursery on Grand River and still reside in the house located on the previous nursery property. Their winters are spent in Marco Island, Fla.

Coon is a life member of Farmington Masonic Lodge 131 and a life member of Farmington Exchange Club. He is a past president of Michigan Nurseryman's Association and at one time served as a member of the advisory board of National Bank of Detroit.

Mrs. Coon is the holder of many blue ribbons, won for her work in Farmington Garden Club, and is an active member of United Methodist Church in Farmington.

The couple have one son, Frank, who is a resident of Marathon, Fla.

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Down to earth

Think positive when raking leaves

Isn't it funny how we all respond to the weather of the day, especially our generous Indian Summer?

We seem to forget later that we aren't supposed to allow the weather to enter our feelings because we can't do anything about it, reserving our energy for obstacles we can control.

As you engage in the fall cleanup of leaves think **GOOD DEEP BREATHS AND EXERCISE**. I wish that all rakers could have a compost pile. They would have such a feeling of accomplishment— "manufacturing" good, black soil for their garden enrichment.

A telephone call to our city's service department revealed that on the streets with curbs, leaves will be picked up by machine in the area north of Maple this week. Next week leaves will be picked up south of Maple. The homeowner must rake them into the street.

The leaves are then dumped for the use of two local nurseries. The city doesn't have a site where you go next spring and fill your baskets with good soil. What a service this would be to the community.

Previously I have mentioned about the current "style" of having a wild flower garden. Some of you have begun your specialty garden. By Michigan law there are specific wildflowers you can't go out into the wilds and harvest, yourself. You have to begin your collection from seeds because these flowers are scarce.

Wildflowers on the protected list are trailing arbutus, bird's foot violets, flowering dogwood, trillium, all native orchids, all gentians, climbing bitter-sweet, Michigan holly, and all club mosses. Of course I have had friends who have followed the bulldozer as lots were prepared for a new home.

Reviewing plants in my garden this year I would say that the nicotiana, an F1 hybrid, was my star.

This specimen, nicki-red, seems out of the normal pattern for this category. It grew 18 inches high and had beautiful deep red star-shaped flowers. It was an excellent filler and accent for bouquets. It held up for at least a week and the color enriched the effect of the other cut flowers.

Being a member of the tobacco family, it does not attract insects or dis-

ease. Nicki-red will do very well in full or partial sun. This is the Burlington winner for 1978. This plant takes long days to bring it into flower so don't sow seed before April. For those who live in Florida this plant will be an excellent bedding plant November through May.

Your columnist recently visited the Planting Fields Arboretum on Long Island which is a horticultural center for gardeners and plant lovers of all ages.

It is the former estate of the late William Robertson Coe and has been placed under the care of the Long Island State Park Commission. The 49 acres reminded me a great deal of our Cranbrook home and gardens. The Long Island Arboretum gardeners have arrived at a level which is our



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goal for the near future. There are collections of rhododendrons and azaleas which are the finest in the east. The greenhouses have rare collections. Education classes for the adults and children are given strong emphasis. Next spring if you have occasion to be in New York City, place Planting Fields Arboretum on your "must see" list.

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