Down to earth

Gardeners like to scrounge cuttings

Recently I saw a stunning use of a shrub for indoor beautification. With our fad of off-white walls, it was beautiful, it was a hydrangea in flower, planted in an appropriate large container. The plant stood at least six feet tall. There were at least 12 fully flowering bunches of flowers to catch your eye. The shrub had been pruned into a pleasing profile.

You could have this challenge at your home in 1980. Next spring, select a shrub early, about five to six feet tall, and carefully pot it. Prune the branches which offend the eye. Give the potted plant half shade, and some fertilizer each week and don't allow it to get too dry. With average care you should come up with a treasure. You can't lose because you can tuck it in your garden after it is through flowering. Don't wait too long as you want to have the hydrangea set some roots before the killing frost.

Your columnist has tested Longwood Gardens as being the finest in the world -- 30 miles from Philadelphia. They have had 10 graduation classes for young people they have trained to take the leadership in directing beautiful gardens throughout the country and are partners with the University of Delaware in this program.

If you can say you have been trained at Longwood, that is "Ivy on drawer" and in my book is as good as Ivy in Ivy League. Be keep this opportunity in mind if you know a young woman or man who would qualify for such a training. It is a two year master's degree program.

Gardeners are known as scroungers because they like to take cuttings when they visit the gardens of other gardeners. You can always ask for a "wee nip" to try. David Douglas was one of our early plant explorers and I read that he had good luck when he transported his cuttings within a slit of a potato. The potato would supply the needed moisture for the cuttings. He took cuttings from England to New Zealand.

Carolyn Eynon to direct Madrigal Club of Detroit

Farmington resident Carolyn Eynon has been hired to direct the Madrigal Club of Detroit, a women's vocal organization. She comes to the position with a wide background in choral music from her post at the University of Michigan.

She toured eastern and western Europe with the university's choir, is a member of the American Choral Directors Association, Music Educators National Conference, Michigan Music Educators Association, Michigan School Vocal Association, and Mu Phi Epsilon Music Sorority.

Mrs. Eynon has been adjudicator of Michigan Vocal Association's choral festivals and director of the handbell and vocal ensemble, "The Bells."

In the early part of this year she was awarded the Michigan State Vocal Association State Honors Choir Director at Midwest Music Conference in Ann Arbor.

Currently, she is teaching conducting at the School of Music at U-M, is assistant to the University Choir, assistant conductor of Michigan Youth Choir in Ann Arbor.

Persons wishing further information are asked to call Sadie Young-blood, 344-9751.

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By MARGARET MITTA

This space is going to the cats this week because two felines worthy regarded by members of our club have proved of adventurous pals.

The first is the grey half Persian that has wanted us for the last seven or eight years — one been back.

She had done very well, we thought, in moving to a new residence. She was enthusiastic outside but sticking close to her new home and showing no interest in an attempt to wander.

That was until her family left on vacation and our youngest daughter, the one member left, didn't realize the cat went out the door on a rainy Friday morning.

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I asked her, and she started then and there to tell me and kept it up all evening. We had a slight communication gap, however, so I still don't know what all the meowing was about. I was quite glad to have her doing it at home, now [illegible]

The second story concerns a young gentleman cat who now makes his home with our theological student daughter. He's a passenger cat and lives next door to the church where she is serving and I'll let her better report his episode of note.

"Last Sunday I was preaching about the lost sheep parable and in the middle of the sermon my own lost sheep came strolling up the center aisle, one to one.

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"Dear [illegible] Thank you for your sermon [illegible] Love, Tiger."

"Tiger spends 3 weeks with American Ballet

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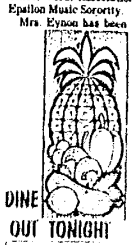

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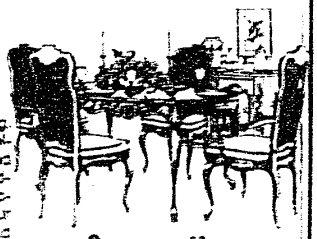

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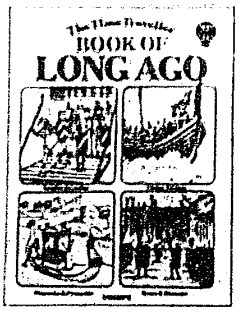

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