

City kids learn about farm at day camp

The wonders and delights of country life in a natural farm setting is offered at Upland Hills Farm Day Camp with the pick-up point for Farmington area residents at Farmington Community Center.

Children from 5-12 years old can experience healthful summer play activities while gaining meaningful farm knowledge under the professional guidance of skilled educators.

The day campers participate in all aspects of farming: care and feeding of animals, gardening, haying, interspersed with hay rides, nature crafts and study, riding, swimming, boating, fishing, folk singing and dancing.

There are two, four, six, or eight week sessions to choose from, from now until Aug. 17. Campers board a bus each weekday morning at 8 a.m. and return about 4:30 p.m.

The staff is under the supervision of Knight and Dorothy Webster, both of whom combine broad agricultural training and years of teaching experience.

Interested persons may call the center, 477-8404 for registration, or stop by, at 24705 Farmington Road and pick up a brochure with detailed descriptions of Upland Farm Day Camp.



Youngsters at Upland Hills Farm Day Camp hitch a ride on a hay truck off on another summer adventure. It might be milking a cow, or observing the growing confidence of a newborn calf, or tending a garden.

New furniture alternatives

Room for Design



by Gloria Cohen

A well-informed shopper seeking home furnishings should become familiar with man-made materials in furniture. If they are used where they serve a definite function for you, they may often be a better choice than wood.

For some purposes, such as for table tops that get hard usage, plastic may serve better and be more durable than wood.

Vinyl veneer has the look and feel of wood. Vinyl is the term most often used for plastic surfaces. Veneer is a thin layer of wood or plastic glued to the surface of a thicker backing.

Vinyl veneer needs no wax, stain, or varnish. It resists scratches, most household liquids and is easy to maintain. The veneer of wood, or it may be either a vinyl that simulates wood grain through a photographic process, or a combination of both.

Plastic is also used on the face of furniture pieces where intricate carving is often simulated. While plastic on flat surfaces can be a practical and wise choice, plastic, simulated hand-carved pieces should be avoided since they smack of pretense.

MANUFACTURERS and salesmen

don't refer to these pieces as plastics but as vinyl veneers, high-pressure laminates, or molded components.

Some understanding of furniture marketing methods will be helpful in making a purchase. For instance, a furniture group is a large ensemble or collection correlated by the same design. A group may include suites for bedrooms, dining rooms, and living rooms with many extra pieces.

The advantage of purchasing from a group is that pieces are coordinated and additional items are available at any time to complete your starter set.

However, there is a danger here of a look-alike feeling that may become monotonous. I would advise you to avoid doing rooms where everything matches. Such rooms lack interest and personality. True, it is made easy for you when you see such suites set up in model rooms in stores. You can order one from column A and two from column B, but does your room show any individuality or expression of design? A mixture of pieces, thoughtfully coordinated will create a much more pleasing environment over the years.

There is a trend toward "fun" furniture for moderns today, described best

as cushy, mushy marshmallow pieces in upholstered furniture. There is some emphasis on leather look coming back strong, along with the natural woods and chrome and brass with glass. These are being produced in mass numbers in prices that are within everyone's range.

ANOTHER IMPORTANT innovation on the market for today's young moderns is ready-made furniture that comes from the factory pre-finished and ready to be easily and quickly assembled. It is either curly or clean-cut, flexible or rigid. It is lightweight and can be easily moved and stored in very little space. It is fun furniture that serves many purposes for people on the move.

These ready-mades are available in a number of different items. For example, three pre-finished boards come in a flat cardboard box, two sections for a base and one for a top. Presto. You have a table. Add other pieces to make bookshelves, a divider, or a bench. These pieces are around in lacquered colors or natural.

Flat-packed decorator cubes come in a variety of colors of vinyl wood-grain finish. You groove them together, and have a coffee table or an end table. Tack and interlock them to form a storage wall or a free-standing room

divider. Top a single cube with a cushion for extra seating. Turn a number of them into a bench against a wall.

THREE CONTOURED pieces of polyfoam covered with polyfoam and canvas become a chair or a chaise. Bunching pieces fit snugly together to form a group around a table. They can be lifted with one hand.

Bunk beds are available for quick and easy assembly by means of a skillfully made slotting system. The frames at the ends will serve as ladders.

Fashions in furniture will come and go, and it is good to keep abreast of new items that suit your lifestyle. Some useful and versatile "fun" pieces can be very helpful to fill in when needed. They are also great items for second or vacation homes.

But when you look for a substantial piece of wood furniture to fit into your overall plan, don't be in a hurry to buy. If your first purchase is well designed, it will give a lifetime of satisfaction. I have mentioned the temporary and later too-away type of furniture, and that which is permanent and here to stay. There is a place for each.

Social dancing, disco class, begins June 28

The latest dance steps — or a renewal of the graceful dance steps of yesterday — are being taught in Farmington Community Center by Ricky Dove.

The dance instructor and choreographer invites all comers to join the five session class beginning Thursday, June 28, to "Social and Disco" beginning at 7:30 p.m. or "Disco Plus" at 9 p.m.

East session is \$22 per person, with registration taken at the first class, or by calling the center, 477-8404. Singles as well as couples are welcome.

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Carillonneur salutes holiday

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The second annual free recital will pay tribute to America and its musical heritage. Programs will be at the front door of the church or across Lone Pine in the Cranbrook Gardens booth.

Included in selections honoring Independence Day will be "My Country 'tis of Thee," "God Bless America" and "The Star Spangled Banner."

Carillon bells will also ring out with the rousing "Washington Marches, I, II,

and III," "Dixie," "You're a Grand Old Flag" and "Yankee Doodle."

Also on the holiday program will be "God Bless America," "The Battle Hymn of the Republic" and "America the Beautiful."

An afternoon highlight will be a duet arrangement of John Philip Sousa's "Stars and Stripes Forever," played by Ms. Buchanan and her son, Brian, a Michigan State University student.

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