

The lively needle

Picnic treasure eludes quilt buff

One of the untapped treasure troves of American quilts is the lawn of Meadowbrook Music Festival during summer concerts.

The grass is covered with goodies and the only problem is to separate the quilts from their owners who are blithely munching fried chicken without a suspicion that they're sitting on big bucks.

A typical scene goes something like this: My Mike is struggling with the wine cork. I'm trying to get to-mato aspic onto plates. Our guests are watching the proceedings with amusement.

It is becoming all too apparent that the tomato aspic has been snuggling up to the hot casserole a little too long and we are in danger of sending an avalanche of soft jelly down the hill.

I FINALLY give up and look around. There, not six inches away, is a gorgeous Pickle Dish quilt. It looks as if it were made around 1880-90, the colors haven't faded and the piecing is really good.

I pretend to have a violent confrontation with the aspic and bend down to study the binding. No machine stitching. It's original and not badly worn. Probably worth about \$300.

"Mike, I hiss, 'look at that quilt!'"

"Hub?" The cork has broken inside the bottle. He is otherwise occupied.

"That quilt. It's a good Pickle Dish."

"Mary Kay what are you babbling about? Can't you see that I'm busy with this damn cork?"

THE GUESTS are becoming interested and I enlighten them on the finer points of Pickle Dish quilts. The foursome sitting on the quilt are beginning to suspect that they're the subject of our conversation. They look at us in a not-too-friendly way.

We all glance elsewhere simultaneously — like four innocent Rockettes. I go back to the aspic.

By
MARY
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DAVIS



The foursome unpack their dinner and begin setting up. I am glad to see that they don't have any catsup or spaghetti sauce which might spill on the quilt. They do however have a gallon jug of red wine what might bear watching.

The light is golden, dinner is edible, and our conversation around ways of buying the Pickle Dish quilt out from under the foursome.

"You can't do it now," mumbles my female guest, "it gets too cold after dark. They'd freeze."

Y.L.B.E.T.I could get it for \$100.

"Do you have \$100 with you?" Mike is always the practical one.

"Well, of course not, but..."

"What would you think if somebody came up to you at Meadowbrook and offered you a hundred bucks for a ratty old quilt? You'd think they were nuts."

The general consensus is that there is no way for me to get that quilt and still remain a lady. We chortle. The foursome by now are generating hostile vibes.

One of them straightens out his legs and over goes the Gallo.

A red flood washes down the hill, missing us but saturating the party below. The foursome and their downhill neighbors turn quite red and, as they hop and caper over the soggy quilt, my guest whispers, "I bet you could get it for \$10 now."

Graphologically speaking

Printing shows complex person

Dear Ms. Green,

I have read with interest the analysis you write for your column. For many years people have been commenting on my unusual handwriting. Sometimes, when asked to write my signature on a form, etc., the person will look at it and say, "Oh, no, don't print, write." I explain that it is my handwriting.

Would enjoy hearing what you have to say about my handwriting.

J.F. — Berkley

Dear J.F.,

From the total picture of your print-like script, I see you are a rather complex person who strongly desires to be understood by others. You are unassuming and there is little pretense in your makeup. You tend to be quite an introverted person. You are probably more comfortable at home than in crowd.

Diabetics' classes to begin

A series of six classes for diabetics will be held from 7:30-8:30 p.m. Mondays beginning July 30 at the Oakland County Health Division, 1200 N. Telegraph Road, Pontiac.

The classes for diabetics and their families are sponsored by the Oakland County Health Division and taught by a registered-dietician and a public health nurse.

Topics to be discussed include the nature of the disease, dietary management, medications and suggestions for coping with every day problems.

There is no fee for attending the classes, but classes are limited and it is asked that those interested please call the Oakland County Health Department, 858-1394, and register before July 26.

A written statement from the diabetic's physician is required for attending the classes and should be presented at the first class session.

You have a need for independence and try to protect your innermost feelings at all times. You wish to get the facts before committing yourself emotionally and this sometimes frustrates others who are less restrained. Nevertheless, you refrain from impulsive actions and are apt to be cautious in relationships with others. You carefully consider the consequences of your actions before becoming involved.

Your signature tells me that others probably see you as more self-assured than you actually feel within. In fact, I feel very concerned about the way you seem to underestimate yourself. Your needs for positive reinforcement were not fulfilled in your early life.

You have a sensitive nature. You are able to feel with others (light pressure of the writing).

This writing tells me also you have a

resourceful mind and good intellect. You are a practical person. Remarkable concentration is here. Whatever you are doing, be it work or play, you are able to devote all of your energies to the task at hand (small size and simplification).

Neat and orderly (precise t crossings and i dotings). You are very observing and ever aware of details.

I see some literary talent here — perhaps poetry. I think you enjoy it and, perhaps, even write some (shape of your d's and g's).

If you have a question about your handwriting write to Mrs. Lorene C. Green, a certified graphologist care of this newspaper on a full sheet of white unlined paper. Write in the first person singular. Age and handedness also are helpful.

By
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GREEN



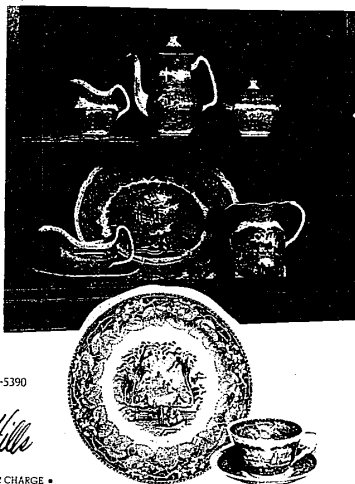
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Blood pressure topic of Red Cross classes

The Southeastern Michigan Chapter of the American Red Cross is offering one-session courses designed to teach methods to monitor blood pressure.

One of the sessions is scheduled for 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Wednesday,

July 25, at the Oak Park Regional Office, 25900 Greenfield, Oak Park.

Pre-registration is required. Call the Oak Park Office (968-2253) or the West Bloomfield Office (334-3575) for information.



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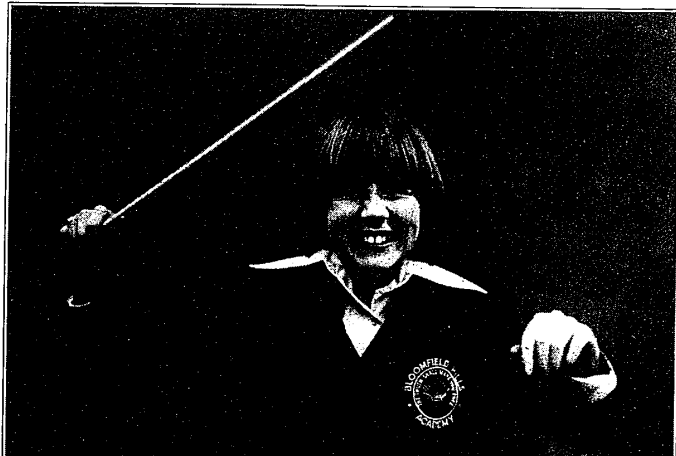


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