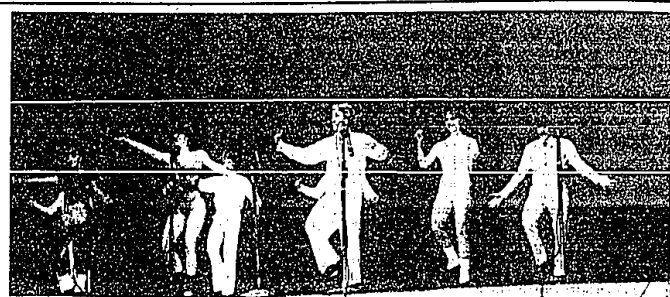




National Music Week

Paul Barber, at left, leads the Farmington Community Band in concert at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 8, during National Music Week festivities. At right, The Fame Performers, a group of teen-age



singers, dancers and musicians, take the spotlight at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 9. A total of 18 concerts make up the musical celebration in 12 Oaks Mall, Sunday through Saturday, sponsored by the Milford and Farmington Musicales.

Small space garden worth a try

Home, sweet home. Green Valley, Ariz. was tops, but you can't beat the reverence we all have for home.

One day I was driving way back in the desert "bush" to see the home of a well known artist. Up and up we drove, surrounded by mountains. At last, we went down a gravel road to a snug home overlooking beautiful mountains. Out came a beautiful woman to show us paintings done by her deceased husband, and we sat down to chat with Maryanne Broadhurst who told us that she was from Northern High School in Detroit. Her last name was Brotherton then. She later became a famous newspaper columnist in New York City. The desert seemed to be filled with people with area connections. At the end of the road where I visited Maryanne Broadhurst, the local residents with the homes on vast acreage decided they should have an emergency medical facility.

A SURVEY revealed there were doctors, nurses, and other talents in the



down to earth

Alice Burlingame

bush." So a small facility was built, and now there is support helicopter service to Tucson hospitals.

It was so refreshing to meet these people who face life ad live on their own resources in this isolated part of the world, enveloped by mountains.

What a joy to look forward to a Michigan spring. Each spring the horticultural writers dream up new angles for belt gardens. This year it is "square foot gardening." This technique requires only 20 percent of the space for each plot with a walkway around its circumference for servicing.

In each plot you plant only one crop

with the plants close together. Climbing crops are grown vertically in one-foot square plots. This idea assures you of good growing for leaf lettuce, spinach, radishes, beets, cabbage and other vegetables.

Students show their art

Art work created by students in Mercy High School is being moved to the Fisher Building and the New Center One Building for art shows that will run through Monday, May 14. This will be the ninth consecutive

I think I'll give it a try. BUT RIGHT now, get out your clippers and stroll around your grounds. Are there sprouting branches on your flowering crab which need pruning? I put my cuttings in a vase of water for early flowering.

It isn't time to rake, even on a nice day. Remember, don't rake until you've had three good days of temptation. You will do more harm than good.

Give your rhododendrons and azaleas some acid fertilizer. This is a good time to buy your needed grass seed, fertilizer and top soil.

year the students have been invited to display their work in the Fisher Building lobby. The exhibit expands this spring to the New Center One atrium lobby. The buildings are on Grand Boulevard, west of Woodward.

The student show will feature nationally acclaimed work in various scholarship programs. National awards will be given to approximately 90 student artists from Mercy this year. All of the work on display is for sale. The show includes pieces of all media.



retirement memos

Margaret Miller

Legend of retirement

When Joe and I retired, one of the cherished new possessions brought to Florida was a framed piece of counted cross-stitch done for him by a longtime colleague, Jeanne May.

Jeanne carefully selected appropriate quotations, meticulously stitched them into neat lines, listed the source on the back of the finished picture and added the information that she had put many lines at the top and bottom "because I always make waves."

Her framed needlework is a thing of beauty and displayed as such. It's a great conversation piece when old and new friends visit.

But it's the words she picked that keep growing on you. With more than a year of retirement behind us, we find them increasingly appropriate and increasingly appreciated.

SO, FOR THOSE who may be wondering what retired life can be about, let me quote the legend that hangs on our wall. I'll open look on the back to include the sources.

"Let joy be unconfined." (Byron) "The lines are fallen unto me in pleasant places." (Psalms) "Lhude stug cu-coo." (Anonymous, c. 1250) "From the crown of his head to the sole of his foot, he is all mirth." (Shakespeare) "Good

company, good wine, good welcome." (Shakespeare) "Walk free." (Walt Whitman) "I only ask that fortune send a little more than I spend." (Oliver Wendell Holmes)

"Better loved ye canna be." (Scottish song) "A pun is a noble thing per se." (Charles Lamb) "I loaf and invite my soul." (Whitman) "We will cheer you all the time." (Northwestern U. fight song) "I never was so happy since the hour I was born." (Turkey in the Straw) "All the gods go with you." (Shakespeare) "Far from the madding crowd's ignoble strife." (Grey's Elegy) "A merry heart." (Proverbs) "Slumber is more sweet than fall." (Tennyson) "Hallelujah, I'm a bum." (Anonymous, c. 1907).

FROM THE beginning joy to the final hallelujah, with a nod in between to pleasant places, cucous, loafing, puns and the wise words of Mr. Holmes, we can still look at our cross-stitched masterpiece and say amen and right on.

Thanks again, Jeanne. Your words are almost as beautiful as the ocean's. Margaret Miller was Suburban Life editor for Observer Newspapers for 18 years. She and her husband have retired to Florida, where she writes Retirement Memos.

Library establishes memorial collection

The Farmington Community Library has established the Mildred Droege Memorial Collection in honor of the women who worked as a librarian here from 1951 to 1971, and was head librarian from 1959 to 1971.

She was a community leader and

well known in the Farmington area for her many activities here.

The library board has donated the first \$500 to establish the collection, which will be supplemented by donations from family and friends.

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