Let's get the youngsters involved

Meetings of garden writers are wonderful places to meet interesting people. That's where I ran into Eddle Rhoades, a garden writer from Georgia who sent me an article be wrote for a men's garden club publication describing a program he had developed for young people. He did it because he was concerned that his club want's providing community educational services for young people. "As you know, children today don't have the luxury of visiting Grandma and Grandpa on the farm to experience atture and gardening first-hough me said in his article. "Yeen though me said in his article. "Yeen though control to the proportunity to enjoy the pleasure of gardening."

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servation theme, balloons with "Discover the Pleasure of Plants" printed on them and free seeds (for organizations with an educational gardening program) are available.

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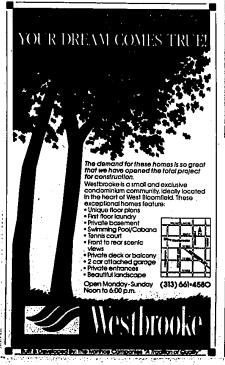
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Editor's note: Marty Figley just received the 1988 Garden Writers Award, Newspaper Division, Great Lakes Region, for her column on hostas, published Aug. 27, 1987. Con-cretification.



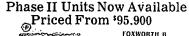
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