ART STUDENTS INVITED TO ENTER POSTER CONTEST

Art students of parochial high schools in the Detroit Archdiocese, which includes Farmington students enrolled in Detroit Catholic schools, have been invited to enter in a poster contest promoted in the interests of the Scouting Exposition at the State Fair Grounds May 13 through May 15.

Six cash prizes are being awarded covering first, second and third places and three honorable mentions. The contest was approved as an individual student project, by the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Carroll F. Deady, Archdiocesan Superintendent of Schools.

The contest ends Wednesday, May 5, and all entries will be judges shortly after by a committee of three advertising men, and representatives of the C. Y. O. and Scouting.

A special booth has been reserved at the Exposition to display a large number of posters including the six prize winners during the three-day show.

Posters may be vertical or horizontal in design, about 14 by 20 inches in size. The theme and message should encourage attendance at the Exposition scheduled as the "Biggest Scouting Show in the World", including 450 display booths, 20,000 participants and eight stage shows, two each on Thursday and Friday evenings, and two each Saturday afternoon and evening.

Two of Windsor's finest groups will add an international flavor to the affair, and many nearby Scout Councils such as Ann Arbor, Port Huron, Flint, Monroe and Toledo are sending large delegations.

Tickets are already on sale and many groups have sold their quota and received additional supplies. The last Exposition of this type, held in 1949 at old Convention Hall, was an overwhelming success.

Brauns Relate Current Conditions, Customs In The Netherlands

This is the first of a series of feature articles on Europe today. The series will cover various countries of Europe, including the conditions and customs of the people. They are being written for The Enterprise by Mr. and Mrs. Konrad F. Braun.

Konrad F. Braun is the son of Karl Ferdinand Braun, professor of physics at the University of Strassburg. Born in Tubingen, West Germany, Mr. Braun was educated at Strassburg. He emigrated to the United States in 1912, where he was employed in an uncle's firm which financed importers and American manufacturers of textiles. This firm later merged with Commercial Factors Corporation, where Mr. Braun became vice-president in charge of credits. Mr. Braun retired in 1949 to give more time to travel.

Ruth Emerson Jackman Braun was born in Peabody, Massachusetts and was educated in New England public schools and Radcliffe College. She spent one year with George Pierce Bake at Yale Drama School and made several trips to Europe to study theatre and dance. Mrs. Braun worked in the New York theatre as designer, and was later self-employed as designer of interiors.

The quiet of the large cities is but one sign of the moderation of the people of the Netherlands. The women particularly are conservative in their dress. Even in The Hague, where more attention is paid to style than in Amsterdam (about twenty-five miles away), the extremes and the sudden baseless changes of fashion are little heeded. The women of the cities wear soft, often somber colors, little jewelry, and that little appears inherited. There is no display in clothing and there is practically no make-up. As a lady from The Hague quite definitely stated, "Of course, there are women of a certain class who wear make-up, but ladies do not."

Superficial observation might lead one to believe that Netherlanders are not restrained in the amount of food they eat, but acquaintance with the taste and the quality of their fare convinces one that they are very restrained in not eating more. Food and cooking standards are very high.

Most basic foods — fish, meat, eggs, dairy products, fruit and vegetables are produced locally and housewives demand that they be fresh. At one time the fisherman made his catch in the very early morning, not far from shore, and went to his bed to sleep while his wife continued with fish and boat through the canals into the town and sold the morning's catch to the housewives at the canal side. Today boats are larger and fish are found farther at sea, and there are middlemen. But the middlemen are still distrusted by the older "Vrouwen", to whom a fish, if not still alive, must show signs of very recent demise.

Fruits and vegetables are grown just outside the cities and are brought in fresh from the fields every morning by wagon or barge. To be considered edible, carrots must not exceed two and a half inches in length and spinach must have spread not more than its first four leaves. New potatoes are preferably the size of crab apples. Youth, freshness, and natural fertilizers are sold to be responsible for the greater flavor of whatever is grown on Dutch soil.

Butter has a texture and a delicacy of taste forgotten in the United States since butter-making moved to Chicago. Dutch butter is unsalted, uncolored, unadulterated, and unexcelled. Any new Canaan housewife who has time to spare after her daily duties as cook, chambermaid, waitress, shopper, nurse, governess, and chauffeur and who can wheedle a quart of thick, sweet cream from some local cow, can easily make something which tastes like Dutch butter. It will take ten minutes to beat the cream, five minutes to wash the butter, two minutes to drink the butter-milk (neat) and it will cost over a dollar and a half a pound.

Straws in the Netherlands Winds

In the center of Rotterdam, which was blasted flat by the Germans, new building has been enormous. Some American firms are already established there; others are taking sites for new factories.

Prominently displayed in the book stores along with Don Camillo are Dutch translations of Schweitzer, Spengler, Ortega y Gasset, and Toynbee and the newer critique of the latter three. "The Picture of the West", by the Hollander De Beus.

Chair seats are about an inch higher than ours and chair backs are straighter.

Amsterdam supports one of the best opera companies in Europe. The medium-priced house is usually sold out. Best seats cost about one dollar fifty.

The last of the great caissons, used to close the breach caused by the floods of last spring, are being towed into place.

The present rat-catcher of Haarlem has a second floor office in the Dam Street. His name is A. Goetz.

Pigeon-sized gulls, orange-footed scavengers of the canals, circle quietly over the dark, still waters, while white-tailed jets describe shrieking arcs in the sky above.

Merchandise in the shops seems to be of high quality, from clothes to wooden ware, precisely cut and finished.

Konrad F. Braun
Ruth Emerson Jackman Braun

Cranbrook Drama Group To Stage 'Family Portrait'

"Family Portrait", a full-length dramatization of the life of the family of Christ, by Lenore Coffee and William J. Cowen, will be presented by Ergasteria, Cranbrook School drama group, on April 23 and 24 at the school in Bloomfield Hills.

Dealing with the last three years of Christ's life, the play takes as its theme "a prophet is not without honor but in his own country and among his own kin and in his own house" and elaborates in terms of an ordinary family which acts and speaks as families do today.

Often discussed in connection with the Passion Play at Oberammergau, "Family Portrait" at Cranbrook School will have an all-student cast directed by Carl G. Wonnberger, head of the English department.

American women bought 679 million pairs of nylons last year, and the industry can prove that they bought more for glamor than for durability. In 1947 only 21% of the production was of the sheer variety. Now it approaches 80%.

"Easter Frolic" Workshop Slated For Children Sat.

"Easter Frolic" is the theme of a workshop to be held for Detroit Public School children at the Children's Museum, 5205 Cass, at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, April 10.

Students of art education at Wayne University, under the direction of Mrs. Freda Harrington, will show the children how to make rabbits, ducks, chickens and other capering creatures.

Parents and group leaders wishing to learn the techniques used at this workshop may meet, after they leave the children at the Museum, at Wayne's art education department, 100 W. Kirby, where instruction on an adult level will be offered.

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Representatives Meet To Plan For Michigan Week

Representatives of business, industry, education, labor, civic and government organizations met at Wayne University last week to map out plans for the Wayne County observance of Michigan Week, May 2 - 8.

The special week is being organized in an educational effort to promote broader public appreciation of the resources and accomplishments of Michigan. It is sponsored by Greater Michigan, Inc., a non-profit organization devoted to the state's betterment, assisted by the Economic Development Department and other state agencies. County committees are being formed throughout the state.

Heading the Wayne County committee is Dr. Clarence B. Hilberry, president of Wayne University.

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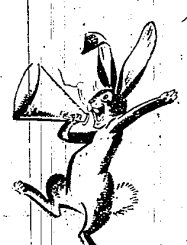

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