

OVER-YEAR IN PLANNING

Four Local Garden Clubs Unite To Give Christmas Flower Show

By BETTY FRANKEL

When the Christmas Flower Show, being presented at North Farmington High School by the four Federated Garden Clubs of the Farmington area, opens to the public on Saturday, Dec. 5 at 2 p.m. the spectators will find themselves amidst a glittering array of holiday decorations...

The west lobby of North Farmington High School and the gymnasium will have been converted into a fantasy-land of plants and fresh evergreens, shimmering baubles, sparkling decorations, and softly flickering candles. The walls of the gym will be lined with garlands each holding a flower arrangement designed around a Christmas theme. Tables will be set for holiday parties, and decorations will be suspended from above.

MAGICAL and enchanting through the effect may be, the show did not come into being through any wizardry or alchemy. Rather it is the result of much planning and work on the part of all four garden clubs presenting the show. The Botford Garden Club, Farmington Garden Club, Forest Park Garden Club, and the Hill and Dale Club include over 250 members who have all combined their efforts and their talents to create this show.

The idea came into the mind of the executive board of the Farmington Garden Club, the oldest garden club in the area, to have a project that would combine the efforts of all four of the Federated Garden Clubs of the Farmington area. It was soon decided that this could best be done by presenting a flower show, and it was decided that a Christmas show would be of most interest to the general public.

The presidents and a representative from each club met to discuss the idea. Mrs. Joseph E. Crotty of the Botford Club, Mrs. H. F. Brown of the Farmington Club, Mrs. Richard Crotty of the Forest Park Club, and Mrs. Joseph E. Ziska of the Hill and Dale Club took the information back to their respective clubs which voted to accept the idea.

PLANNING then began in earnest, with Mrs. H. F. Brown being chosen chairman of a committee of 20 members. Preliminary work was taken up by a committee headed by Mrs. John A. Secrist. The talents and abilities of the members of the clubs were assessed and the various types of exhibits and educational displays were decided upon.

The staging committee, chaired by Mrs. K. Trombley, began work almost as soon as the schedule committee. Their first task was to secure a place to hold the show that would have ample floor space for exhibits, adequate parking, and be easily accessible to the public. It was decided to hold the show early in December, on a weekend, so that more people would be able to attend. On Nov. 11, 1963, Mrs. Trombley made arrangements to use the gym at North Farmington High School. The Board of Education was most cooperative, even rescheduling a basketball game so that the gym would be available on the pre-

Gill Road PTA Has Open House

With the additions to Gill Road School now completed, parents visited the school last week at the open house, and viewed the displays and projects that the children had made. It was also an opportunity to visit not only their children's rooms, but also the new addition and new kitchen which is now in full time use. One of the most interesting features of the new addition is that the windows in each classroom push outward and become fire escapes if the need should ever arise.

MRS. EUGENE Hildebrandt, president of the P.T.A., held a business meeting consisting of the bazaar report, the bazaar was held Nov. 29, in the new addition. This was the first time such a project had been undertaken, and the general membership had all worked hard to make it a big success that it turned out to be. Miss McCarty, principal of Gill Road, welcomed all those who attended and presented the teachers of the school who acted as hosts and hostesses. Refreshments were served during the evening. Mrs. Hildebrandt announced that there would be an executive board meeting held Dec. 5 at 8 p.m. at which it is hoped that all of the members of the board will attend. John Clifton sells Insurance Phone GB. 4-511

DURING THE summer the staging committee worked out a floor plan allotting space for the exhibits and planning the decorations that will be on view during the show. After the preliminary planning was done Mrs. Trombley began accumulating the various items that will be needed for staging the show. As she searched for five emerald green slipper satin table cloths, she also found all the trypic panels, innumerable boxes and pedestals she felt as though she were on a super-saver's list.

Mrs. Joseph Pietro is chairman of the judges committee. She arranged for twenty-one accredited flower show judges to come to the show. The arrangements and horticultural entries. They will be coming from Groesse Pointe, Groesse Hill, Lansing and Detroit. All entries must be in place by 10 a.m. of the Saturday morning the show opens. Then, with all people except the judges and the clerks who will record their decisions, the judges examine the entries and bestow their red and blue ribbons on the deserving.

MRS. JOHN KING, in charge of the conservation exhibit, Mrs. J. Pasfield and Mrs. D. Jewsbury, chairman of the garden therapy exhibit, Mrs. K. Willoughby, chairman of landscape design, and the many others who are in charge of special exhibits have been busy preparing their displays. Mrs. H. Frankel and many other garden club members have been helping the Junior Gardeners to prepare for their part in the show which is to be judged in the same manner that the adult exhibits are, but according to age categories.

The Junior Gardeners will exhibit arrangements in age from eight to fourteen, ceramic containers of their own making, bird feeders, door decorations, and Christmas corsages, as well as gourds, sun flowers, and other plants they have grown. Now as final plans are being made for this gala display, Mrs. H. F. Brown extends an invitation to all residents of the Farmington area to visit the flower show to gather a wealth of ideas for unusual Christmas decorations, to learn how to

WESTLAKE NEWS

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Nominations for the election of new officers were taken at Sunday night's meeting of the Westlake Village Homeowner's Association. Those placed on the ballot by a nominating committee were: a and the general membership were: President, Arnie Wells; Vice-President, David Carlisle, George Jarmu, Treasurer, Mike Guiffrey; Recording Secretary, Pat Schaefer; Corresponding Secretary, Joan Freudenburg.

Other nominations in writing were accepted by the committee within the next two weeks. The election is scheduled for December 13, at Shiloh. The names of the candidates have been printed and distributed to the street representatives. They are available now.

ARRIVING in the midst of our first real snow this past weekend was Mrs. A. E. McLachlan of London, Ontario who was visiting her granddaughter Betty Bonn and husband Jim of South Section. Pressing on to bigger and better snowstorms were Mr. and Mrs. Phil Stewart who drove from Marion, Illinois, to quick visit Mrs. Stewart's mother, Mrs. C. W. Hack, and then on to South Roxana, Illinois.

Phil Hilliker and Al Zanke of Astor Drive ventured forth into the wilds of Cheybonay recently and captured some dandy colds but unfortunately no deer. First grader Cindy Morgan is off the sick list and back to school full time now after her bout with encephalitis and pneumonia. Cindy is the daughter of Faith and Al Morgan of Glenmore.

Thanksgiving Day guests at the Pollocks on Sleekton were Dave's mother, Mrs. Jack Pollock, his brother Phil, both from Dowagiac, and Mary Ann's sister Mrs. Nancy Redenius and son Mark. Nancy will be spending her vacation with the Pollocks before returning to practice-teaching in Kalamazoo.

Birthday greetings go to Brenda Zanke, age 2 on Nov. 20.

Civil Rights Speaker Here This Friday

The public is cordially invited to the program sponsored by the Women's Association of the Universalist Unitarian Church of Farmington, Warner and Thomas Streets, on Friday evening, November 27, at 8:30 in Adams Hall. Mrs. Clara Jones, head of the Hubbard Branch of the Detroit Public Library, will speak on the subject "Civil Rights As Seen by a Negro Woman." Mrs. Jones has the distinction of being the first Negro to be honored by the Library. Questions from the floor will be welcomed after the address and refreshments will be served in the old church which was built in 1853 and served as a link in the Underground Railroad. A Century or more has passed since the brave Abolitionist, Sojourner Truth, journeyed to Farmington where her impassioned pleas for the liberation of the Negro were heard. Nov. 24, Dec. 3, 10

Early Bird Bridge Play Conducted Weekly

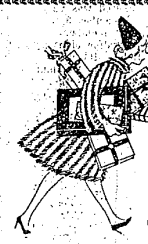
Early Birds of the Farmington Duplicate Bridge Club, held a monthly MP game Thursday, Nov. 19. The Howell movement was used, producing four pairs of winners. First place went to two Detroit women, Mary Lynn Sheehan and Charlene Janke, second place to Angie Hamilton, Walked Lake, and Larric Snaveley, Union Lake; third place to Joan Koln and Mona

Lipson, both of Livonia and fourth place to Fern Freeman and Phyllis Day, both of Farmington.

The "Y" has a nursery for pre-schoolers of 2.5 years old. There is a small fee of 50 cents per child, plus their snack lunch. The children are in the hands of Mrs. Pavey, while the parents enjoy their duplicate bridge game. The nursery has proved successful for the parents taking advantage of it thus far.

Mrs. R. J. Cranston Attends Convention

Her visit also included a trip through the Elliott Paint Factory, an established paint manufacturer of 80 years experience. On display at the Conrad Hill Convention Hall were many new products in the paint industry. Cranston Paint Shop has been serving the area for 11 years.



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