

## Forest Park News

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Attendance was small at the March meeting of the Forest Park Homeowners Association on Tuesday, March 18. The budget was accepted as presented by the committee. Membership dues were established at \$8. for general and \$32. for pool membership for the year. The Association is seeking a new street representative for North Ontario because Art Saure, who formerly held that post, has been transferred to Kansas City, Missouri, by his company, Barry Smith's swimming instructor, has been hired to be the pool director for the summer.

A potluck supper with food supplied by the members to the special guests and their husbands, will be an interesting part of the next meeting of the Garden Club. The speaker for the evening will be Alfred Goldner, president of the Michigan Association of Nurserymen, and his topic will be the use and care of evergreens. This event will occur on April 7, at 7 p.m. in the Farmington Savings Bank Building. Those planning to attend should contact Ed Schmidt, GR. 6-2623.

THE EASTER EGG hunt for

the small children of Forest Park will take place at 9 a.m. March 23. Children will be divided into the following age groups as follows: 2 years and under, 3 years old to 5 years old and 5 years old to 7 years old.

More on the approaching Spring Dance: Your street representative now has the ticket and there is only a limited number. The table decorations, which will be colorful and original, will be done by the Creative Art Director of the Garden Club, Emma Lou Cardell, of Inkster Road.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Bathey of Ontario celebrated her birthday last Friday by taking her dinner at the Roostertail Restaurant. They also enjoyed the special dinner prepared by the restaurant.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hamilton, of Nine Mile Road celebrated, on the occasion of the baptism of their son, Chris and Greg, with a small dinner party.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Oliveto of S. Brandon have just returned from a vacation in Las Vegas.

## Set Clarenceville Library Dedication

The Botsford Elementary School Library will be formally dedicated, Sunday, April 5, to the memory of Lucille Halsted Olson. The dedication program, commencing at 3:30 p.m., will be held in the multi-purpose room at the Botsford Elementary School.

Following this tribute to Mrs. Olson, the plaque will be unveiled in the library in the presence of Mrs. Olson's family and professional associates, all of whom will have a reserved ticket.

The remainder of the afternoon until 5 p.m. may be spent viewing the school and partaking of refreshments. The public is cordially invited to attend.

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## Timely Tips on GARDENING

By Betty Frankel



Planning is an important part of good gardening. Just as a chain is no stronger than its weakest link, a garden or yard can be no better than the plan on which it is based. New homeowners should have a plan before they buy or plant anything. These plans should be tailored to fit the needs and the personality of each individual family.

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First decide how the yard is to be used, and locate the service areas, entrance areas, recreation areas, and circulation patterns. Plan plantings, paving, fences, and other features that will make these areas functional. They must be useful and serve their purpose well. Then, careful attention to detail will assure beauty as well as utility.

Plan on shrubs or fences to enclose the area for privacy. Locate one or more trees to provide summer shade for a patio or play area. Include flowers for colorful accents. If the family enjoys gardening as a form of recreation, plan extensive flower beds and a vegetable garden. Otherwise, limit these so the yard will not become a burden.

Plan before purchasing. Know what effect is desired and select plants that will do what is wanted. Use plants that grow well under the conditions of light, moisture, soil, and wind that they will be exposed to.

## Grand Council Fire For Camp Fire Girls

A Grand Council Fire for Camp Fire Girls of Oakland County was held at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, March 22, at Southfield High School. Approximately 350 girls participated in the colorful ceremony.

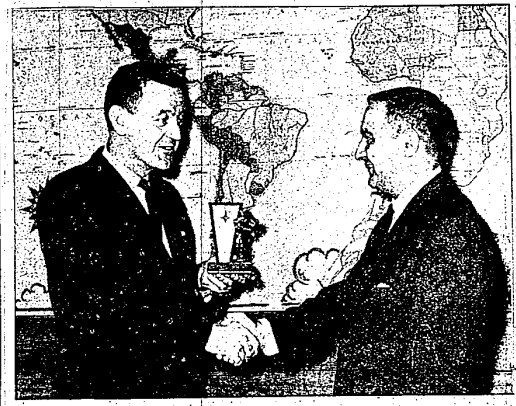
Recognition was given for special achievement including a National Life Saving award to Cathy Duckett who saved her brother and alerted the rest of her family when a fire destroyed the family home.

OKIKI GIRLS taking part in the ceremony were Denise Schenkel, Mary Leslie Carrier, Carol Anderson, Patty Wilson, Mary Steiger, Mary Evelyn Cindri, Monica Waite, Lisa Frobbie, Connie Kustion and Suzanne Kull.

Mrs. Marvel Steiger is leader of the Okiki group. The Scribe is Suzanne Kull.

"A man with six children is better off than a man with six million dollars. A man with six kids doesn't want any more." — G. W. Assgaard, Lake Mills (Ia.) Graphic.

To carry a care to bed is to sleep with a pack on your back. —Haliburton



THE AREA CHAPTER of Toastmasters International has awarded its Best Speech trophy to Norman Skeirik (right in picture), 21450 Birchwood, Farmington, who competed in the March 21 speech contest in Detroit. Vice-president John Mohan (left), 16422 Surrey Rd., Livonia, is awarding the cup. The awarding of the cup is the

authorization of Skeirik to compete as a representative of the local club in the Detroit contest. The Toastmasters Club welcomes men who want to improve their public speaking to join. Meetings are on alternate Mondays at Hillside Inn at Plymouth.

# ★ SPRING HOME IMPROVEMENT GUIDE ★

## Five Primary Elements Needed To Assure You Good Concrete

Five primary elements go into quality concrete: (1) good materials — sand, gravel, cement and water; (2) proper proportioning of these materials; (3) thorough mixing; (4) skillful placing and finishing; (5) proper curing.

All of these elements are important. If one element goes awry, the quality of the concrete will also go awry.

Because of rigid specifications laid down by various governing bodies, the materials must meet certain quality requirements. So it is in the proportioning of these ingredients that most poor concrete comes about. Concrete is made to a recipe — just like a cake.

The recipe varies, depending on the use to which the concrete is to be put. However, there is one general rule that will apply to almost all concrete: the less mixing water used, the stronger the concrete. Some water, of course, is needed to activate the cement to set off the chemical reaction that turns dry ingredients into durable concrete.

Most of the ills that beset concrete — structural failures, chipping, cracking, flaking — result from the use of too much water. And the temptations to use more water than necessary are mighty persuasive: The concrete flows into the forms much more easily; it goes farther — and thus costs less; it's easier to work, and easier to finish. Almost everything about it is easier — except the main

enane problems that begin to appear in a few years on surfaces that should be trouble-free and maintenance-free for much longer.

Why is too much mixing water dangerous? Simply because water is not compressible and none of the other materials used in the concrete can fill the space occupied by the water.

Thus, if more water is present in the concrete than is needed for the hydration of the cement, the materials will evaporate, leaving voids in its place. The more excess water in the concrete, the greater the number of voids and weakening. Voids that will appear after curing is completed. And these voids mean trouble to the owner of the concrete.

That's why it is absolutely essential to restrict the amount of mixing water to the rigid specifications prescribed for your concrete.

**Good Concrete Requirements**  
Four absolutes should be specified in the concrete that will be used in the flatwork about your home:  
(1) There should be at least 6 sacks of cement per cubic yard of concrete in severe climates where concrete will be subjected to freezing and thawing and 5 sacks per cubic yard in mild climates.  
(2) There should be not more than a 4-inch slump in the concrete. Slump is a measure of the consistency of the concrete and the term refers to the distance a standard cone of concrete will settle or "slump" when measured. A 4-inch slump concrete will give a good, workable mix. A stiffer mix would be more difficult to place, although it would be easier to finish. A wet, soupy mix, on the other hand, will not give durable concrete.  
(3) Coarse aggregate (gravel) should have a maximum size of 1 inch in diameter.  
(4) The concrete should contain 6 per cent entrained air to provide greater durability and workability.

"A man's good breeding is the mix society, against an overrich, chandry man." — John Maverick, Berryman (Kan.) Republican.

## Good Concrete Very Important For Good Jobs

There is almost no excuse for poor concrete. There are, however, reasons for poor concrete work that cannot afford to skimp on the inclination of many quality workmanship that goes into its building — to cut corners. No matter where else you curing.

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