

Hill and Dale Garden Clubbers Wind Up Year With Awards

By Jerry Wendt
This has been a banner year for Hill and Dale Garden Club. They have won several awards and have wound up the year by winning four awards for their Garden Therapy Group.

The Observer takes a special pride in these awards because we have followed the progress of this group from its very beginning. Last fall, club president Kathy Zitzka told us of the program the Garden Therapy Group had in mind. A group of girls were going to work with the Special Education classes in bringing happiness into the lives of the exceptional children in these classes.

On November 18, we created the mythical character of "Johnnie," to symbolize all the children in these classes who had been frustrated watching other children bring things home, and through these ladies, had at last been able to bring something home. Throughout the year, the women visited the classes, using their own ingenuity and such commonplace materials as bleach containers, dried seeds, twine, etc. Every holiday was commemorated. On Thanksgiving, the pumpkins were hollowed out and filled with mums, Christmas, mobiles and tree wreaths. St. Valentine's Day red paper hearts had containers with ivy; St. Patrick's Day, a potato pig, and Easter was celebrated with baskets of daisies, filled with flowers.

This labor of love was rewarded this month when they were awarded the following prizes: District 1, for the outstanding program in District 1; Michigan Award of Merit (state award) for evidence of outstanding effort and accomplishment; Federal Department Store gave honorable mention for Civic Improvement; the following red and green rosette was awarded to them from the Federated Garden Clubs for an outstanding Christmas show. The red and green rosette was also won by three other Farmington Clubs who participated in the Christmas show. "Johnnie" was the theme of Christmas; Farmington Garden Club, Redford Garden Club, and Forest Park Garden Club.

How does it feel to be the president of such a successful group? "I feel great," laughed Kathy Zitzka, who had wound up the convention and awards by giving a birthday party for her daughter Michelle.

"It has been a most satisfying year, and the girls did everything. I'm very proud of them." This Kathy modestly disclaimed any lion's share of the credit.

Garden Therapy Chairman, Nancy Pfaffid reflected that the awards were "the frosting on the cake." "The real satisfaction was in helping these children. It is impossible to describe the joy we have had in working with them."

Nancy also thanked the Observer. "We have appreciated the publicity and encouragement you gave our efforts. Clippings from your paper were included in the book we submitted for the award."

Next year looks promising. There are now 30 members and two new classes have been added to their schedule. "Johnnie" and his friends will have another interesting year ahead of them.

Scots Prepare For Big Picnic

The St. Andrew's Society will hold its 116th Scottish Picnic and Highland Games at Bob-Land on Thursday, August 19. The Society was founded in Detroit in 1849, and every year since, it has sponsored this event to help perpetuate some of the customs, games and memories of Scotland.

The picnic is always held on the third Thursday of August, and usually the weatherman has cooperated 100 per cent.

This year there will be 30 events of piping and dancing. The Society will attract about 300 contestants, many of whom will enter multiple events. The dancing competition will include: highland fling, sword dancing, shien trees, jig and sailors hornpipe. The piping will cover strathspeys and reel and the marches.

Competitors will come from Ohio, Pennsylvania; New Jersey, New York, Illinois and from the Canadian Provinces. A few seasons ago, a Chinese lass from Winnipeg, won all the honors in her age group. All competitors must appear in proper Highland costumes.

Both Noble, one of the winners in past years, has won over 150 medals and 28 trophies. In 1964 she won first place in the highland fling, sword dance and shien trees at the International Festival of dancing at Edinburgh. She also won the British Junior Overseas Championship.

The St. Andrew's Junior Pipe Band has won many championships in Open Competition, and will be on hand for the parade on Aug. 19th, and to furnish music for the dancers.

Woman Appointed for Oakland GOP Fund Drive

Dale A. Peet, Oakland County Republican Party Chairman, announced the appointment of Mrs. Edward T. Downs (Nancy) as the 1965 Neighbor-to-Neighbor Finance Chairman.

Mrs. Downs has long been active in politics and civic affairs. She began her political involvement in 1957 when she organized the Beverly-Franklin Republican Women's Club to help canvass her township for Republican voters. In 1962 she served as Precinct Finance Chairman and in 1964 was Neighbor-to-Neighbor Chairman for the 65th Legislative District and she has been selected State Convention Delegate on three different occasions.

Currently Mrs. Downs is Secretary for the 18th Congressional District Committee, and President of the Beverly-Franklin Republican Women's Club. Her civic activities include PTA, Cub Scouts and Brownies.



BILLIE S. FARNUM played host on a tour in Washington of a Redford Township family, the George Pooleys of Kinloch. (l-r) George, Gertrude, Jo Ellen, Pooley and Congressman Billie Farnum.

Township Contest Picks Top Basketball Shooters

Six Redford Township youths, led the Midget boys, while Tom Starkey of Jefferson, was runnerup.

Pam Rubenscheidt, 18501 Olympia, represented Claude Allison Park, and took top prize for Midget girls. Karen Kaymilowski, 18560 Arnold, representing Manning Park, was runnerup.

In the Junior boys division, Urban Rice, 12920 Beech-Daly, representing Manning Park, won top prize. Dan Henry of Claude Allison Park and Jerry Cook of Westland shared runnerup honors.

Mary Jackson, 18248 Indian, represented Westland, and took the Junior girls prize, while Lynn Smith, 14361 Fenton, represented Phoenix Park.

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Farmington Country Club Dresses Up for Champagne-Dinner Dance

Guests arriving Saturday night at the Farmington Country Club found a beautifully decorated room awaiting them. Champagne Dinner Dance Chairman Mr. and Mrs. Robert Smith, and their committee members Mr. and Mrs. Armand Qualterre, and Mr. and Mrs. Sturgis Gregory had been hard at work transforming the ballroom into a fairyland.

The chandeliers had all been draped with garlands of tiny flowers and miniature lights, topiary trees were stationed, at the doorway, and pink and white streamers (the dance colors) were wound around the pillars. Buffet tables lined with elegant cocktail foods were against the wall, and on the wall were painted huge bunches of gold grapes and a champagne goblet outlined in gold.

A definite party mood prevailed and a gay note was struck by an actual champagne fountain which supplied the guests with cocktails. Each female guest was given a corsage of baby orchids.

The patio and porch had been strung with Japanese lanterns and many of the guests elected to take their cocktails outside on the patio. Following the cocktail hour, dinner was served at individual tables which had been set around the ballroom.

A lively orchestra provided dance tunes and the guests danced until the wee small hours.

Seen here and there among the guests were the Robert Hasebines, the Eugene Lottis, Robert Mullins, John De Mares, George De Mares, Ken Fugos, Robert Morris, Fred Bayers, George Rabers.

The guests all were party garb and black and white seemed to be the choice of many of the smartly dressed women. Dance Chairman Mrs. Robert Smith wore a white sheath and Mrs. Armand Qualterre wore a white beaded top over a black sheath skirt.

Livonia Girl Scout Round-up Reports

(Editor's Note: Livonia Girl Scout Lou Ann Wyllys is attending the Girl Scout Senior Roundup in Farragut, Idaho. The following is her report.)

By LOU ANN WYLLYS
Tears of happiness ran through the New York Central Station as 96 girls from Livonia, Redford Township and Detroit prepared to leave for Farragut, Idaho, the site of the 1963 Girl Scout Senior Roundup.

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The eight of us were not taking the extra day's trip through Yellowstone National Park.

Janis at myself were members of that eight, while Wendy was going to Yellowstone.

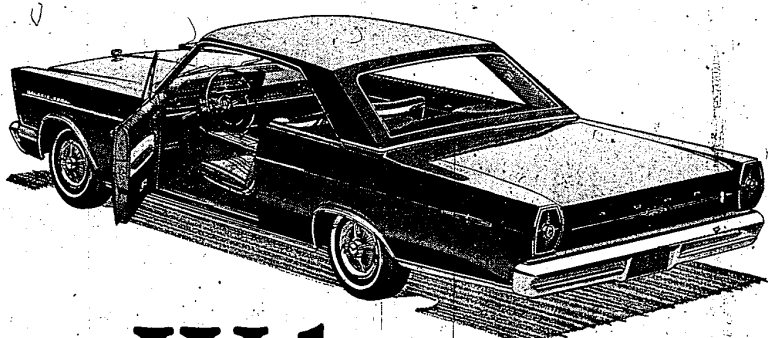
Our Pullman cars were fun. None of us had ever been in one before. We spent two days and nights in our pullman rooms.

We went through cities that were big and strange. St. Paul, Minneapolis, Bismark, Billings, Helena, Missoula, and many others which we had never seen before.

We saw parts of Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota, North Dakota, Montana and Idaho.

When we arrived at the site we checked in and found 5,000 girls of mountains, pinetrees and sheer beauty.

We found our area with 24 other girls. Eight came from New York, eight from West Virginia and eight from Wisconsin.



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