

Farmington Garden Club Hold Picnic Hike May 2

Farmington Garden Club members donned hiking clothes for the May 2 meeting. They assembled at the Conservation Headquarters in the Proud Lake Recreation Area on Wiscom Road at 10:30 a.m. to hike through the woods. "Lefty" Thornton conducted the tour and members took picnic lunches.

In case of inclement weather, the group plans to meet at 1 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Mahlon Bradley, 3326 Oakland Avenue in Farmington.

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The Distaff Side...

By Jerry Wendt Women's Editor

Kings and Queens have vied with each other for the privilege of visiting there. The great and famous of the world had been honored by an invitation and they had come from near and far. There was always an air of mystery about the mansion and its occupants. Story after story had circulated the rounds but no one was ever really sure.

Newspaper people were utterly verboten and armed guards patrolled the grounds. To everyone's knowledge, no member of the press had ever been inside its boundaries.

You round a turn in the woods and unexpectedly Fair Lane stands before you. You are immediately struck by the fact that it is in the style of an Italian villa. The Fords were so unmistakably American and simple in their tastes that the duplication of an Italian noble's home at first seems incongruous. But you observe at once the wisdom of their choice. The style lends itself to wide porches which surround the house and afford a view of the magnificent sweeping lawns and gardens which form the setting.

Monday, April 25, unbelievably, the Observer dined in the very dining room of the fabled Fair Lane. The Women of Fair Lane were giving a luncheon to introduce their "Evening in Romany."

The Women of Fair Lane are doing a magnificent job of restoring the mansion and making a visit through it a memorable experience.

Their touch is everywhere as you cross the rolling lawns and enter the great hall with its gorgeous hand carved paneling. All the rooms give an impression of light and air.

Today, more than ever people are evidencing an interest in the home where the richest man in the world once lived. The Fords, despite their great wealth were not people who merely used their home in between trips or as a place to entertain lavishly. They were ruled by a deep love of family and you still sense the memory of a warm, happy, family life in the atmosphere.

In the dining room, the casement windows open out on the gardens. Clara Ford, whose benign countenance looks down from an oil painting would have been very proud of the appearance of the dining room.

In tribute to Jocelyn Kreiger and her gypsy orchestra, the tables were centered with violins which had been constructed of paper-mache and were filled with enormous sunshine-centered daisies.

After luncheon, Jocelyn gave an interesting view of gypsy life. She and her orchestra will present their music for an "Evening in Romany" on Sunday, May 22. The English and Blue Gardens will be on display and there will be performances at 7:30 and at 10 p.m.

Jocelyn, a beautiful woman with a sparkling manner is the wife of Byron Kreiger, an Olympic fencer. She has the distinction of being the only woman leader of a gypsy orchestra in the country. Although not a gypsy by birth she has been adopted by the tribe and it is her desire to bring about a revival of the true gypsy music.

She gave a fascinating glimpse of Romany life as she explained the customs of the people. Their race is Gypsy, but they are musician gypsies, not travelers or fortune tellers.

The gypsy musician adopts the music of the country of his ancestors. However, he is proud to keep his gypsy heritage.

A gypsy keeps his own song throughout his life. Whenever his friends hear it, they know the gypsy is experiencing a moment of deep feeling. At his death, his friends gather at his grave to play his favorite song.

It was a true gypsy evening at Fair Lane. As it is impossible to program the music the concert will consist of music from around the world, performed mostly impromptu by the gypsies led by the emotion of the violins and the cymbal. NEVER AGAIN will the music be heard played exactly as it is that evening.

If the thought of gypsies at Fair Lane seems unusual, Mrs. Reid Watson, one of the members of the Executive Board of the Women of Fair Lane reminded the audience that the cymbal, was the favorite instrument of Henry Ford.

Sometimes, in death a person accomplishes the goal toward which they have constantly striven in life. The gentle Edsel always wished to share moments of music and culture with everyone. Maybe somewhere, Sunday evening, he will be enjoying the lovely "Evening in Romany" along with everyone else.

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Mothers Club Holds Final Meeting May 9

Final meeting of the Rosary High School Mothers' Club for the 1968-69 school year will be held on Monday, at 7 p.m., in the school cafeteria.

A fashion show will be presented by Rosary girls who will model clothes they have made. Elections of officers will be held during the business meeting.

SANDRA SKOG
Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Skog, of Maryland Avenue, Livonia, announce the engagement of their daughter, Sandra to Jim Fisher, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fisher of Harvey Avenue, Wayne. A July 9 wedding is planned.

Lutheran Ladies Hold Election

Lutheran West Ladies Guild will hold its spring election on May 9 at 8 p.m. in Lutheran West school at 8181 Greenfield Road in Detroit.

Membership is open to all parents of students, faculty, alumni and any other ladies interested in the progress of Lutheran West.

The Guild provides support to the Library, Home Economics, Audio Visual, Guidance, Art Department and Cafeteria.

Guild sponsored projects for the 1968-69 school year under the direction of President Mrs. Elmer Engel, were a smorgasbord dinner, Hudson's fashion show, luncheon and card party, Awrey's night, Mr. and Mrs. Ward party and the rummage store, which is located at 5040 Joy Road in Detroit.

If you are interested in this project call Mrs. Ruth Spier VE 8-8240. Tickets are in demand such as clothing (men, women, teens, children), household equipment and many more clean and useful articles.

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