

ABOVE — This charming miniature screen was fashioned by Mrs. Agnes Gronlund from burlap panels decorated with grape designs, the product of a handful of lilac velvet buttons.

LEFT — Wilford Rivard, designer consultant at Project House, adds the artistic finishing touches to a child's desk which has been antiqued in a rubbed red finish.

RIGHT — This landmark weathervane stands at the entrance to the large storage barn at Project House, 40491 12 Mile Rd. The barn is crowded with antiques of every size and shape.



Shop Accents The Artistic

A verse of scripture perhaps describes best what goes on out at Mrs. Agnes Gronlund's Project House. "Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with your might." And that is just what's happening in every corner of the 140 year old house, two large barns and a small upholstery annex at 40491 W. 12 Mile Rd.

Five workmen are employed on the premises, and motherly Mrs. Gronlund feeds them a hot, hearty meal each midday. Her furniture finisher is Wilford Rivard who drives to the establishment each day from his home just across the Canadian border. Besides doing the artistic finishing work on the wood furniture pieces, he is a consultant to designers around this area and comes up with the specialized items they sometimes need to complete decors ordered by their clients.

Mrs. Gronlund's daughter, Mrs. Helen Rudman of Algonac, also drives over from her home three days a week to assist her mother, particularly with spinning and weaving projects. Mrs. Rudman raises English sheep dogs and from their combings is saving material to spin into a very unique yarn which will be combined with sheep wool to fashion what her mother predicts will be a "fabulous" rug.

NO MATTER WHAT Mrs. Gronlund's eye falls upon, it seems to suggest limitless creative possibilities. Her artistry is evident in the cabinets full of hand-painted china, hand-painted antique lamps, small hand-made screens and dozens of other objects waiting about the property for just the proper destination.

She is so busy that a 16 hour day is fairly normal. At

the time of the Enterprise visit, she was expecting a shipment of French furniture on which she would turn loose her artisans.

Canning and rushwork are specialties of the house including the rare spiderweb caning. Mrs. Gronlund deprecates the fact that such old arts learned by her back in Sweden and under her talented mother's tutelage in Illinois, are disappearing from the modern scene. She would like to help with their revival and that of spinning, weaving and other vanishing techniques as well.

When the Fisher Building was remodeled, Mrs. Gronlund bought many of the materials which were being discarded. When she remodeled the larger barn, she used the beautiful hand-carved colored glass panels as barn windows, and many other unusual features were incorporated into its construction.

When fine weather comes, she plans to use the barn for setting up model rooms of her antique furnishings.

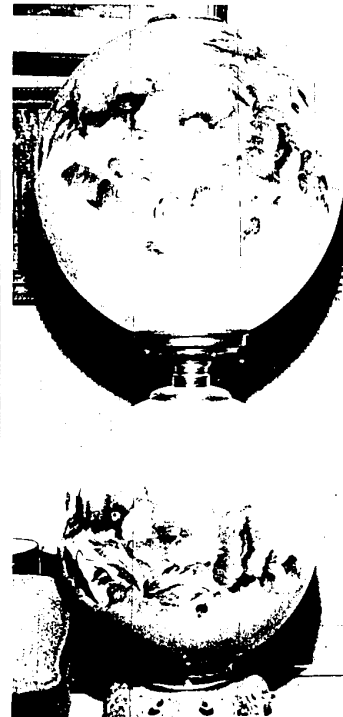
RIGHT NOW, SAYS MRS. Gronlund, the greatest demand is for accent pieces such as corner cupboards, commodes, pretty chairs, desks, suspension rockers and like articles. These she keeps in stock in plentiful supply.

Moving from Bedford about four years ago, the Gronlunds (her husband was then living) took over the home of another famous antique dealer, Charity Crooks. Interior decoration courses at Oakland University continue to add to the knowledge of the Project House owner and help her to serve the community in her self-chosen role.

Mrs. Gronlund could make an antique lover out of the Wright boys — Russell and Frank Lloyd, that is.



MRS. AGNES GRONLUND is the gracious and talented mistress of Project House, and the lamp beside her has been painted by her own creative brush.



THIS HODGEPODGE of articles is typical of the treasures to be unearthed at Project House. Featured here are an old rocker which has been reupholstered in bristol blue velvet, a gilded frame with touches of blue, and a swatch of rich upholstery fabric.

Wood Creek Farms

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Zar and Barbara Reader visited Chicago, two weeks ago. Zar flew out on Friday as he had a paper to give at the Dental Society meeting. Barbara enjoyed visiting with the wives, the pleasant luncheons, a complete and well deserved change.

Barbara has been very busy preparing for the eighth annual membership tea given by the Farmington Women's Republican Club of which she is president. Marian Lam, second vice-president, was her very able chairman. It was held Tuesday at Independence Green and was a very delightful affair. Billy Petersen, Chairman of the State Republican Committee, was the speaker. There was an excellent attendance.

Diane McGrath was married January 14 in St. John's Episcopal Church, Royal Oak, to David Lawrence Graham. David is the son of the Ivan

S. Gramms of 13 Mile Road, Farmington; he is a graduate of Farmington High School and is with the air force stationed at Luke Air Force Base near Phoenix, Arizona. The couple are living in nearby Glendale, Arizona.

Hans and Geneva Rogind flew to St. Louis last Saturday morning. Hans went to play his favorite game of badminton. Geneva went to visit a cousin she has not seen in many years so had not met his wife and children. They had a very pleasant two days.

Ed Myers, who graduates from North Farmington High School in June, has made his college choice. He applied at five colleges and was accepted by every one. So that left the final decision right up to him. He has chosen Western College in Kalamazoo.

Ed is not only a fine student but also a good athlete. He is a member of the Farmington Flyers. Recently they flew to Knoxville, Tenn. for a game returning that very, very foggy Sunday, January 22. They circled and circled Metropolitan Airport and finally had to go to Cleveland, just one of the trips they have taken but one with a little added excitement. But his hockey ability makes him an extra-attractive candidate at our colleges.

Alan Jay Goldman was the recipient of a National Science Foundation Award of \$100. He completed his research paper in zoology. "The Effects of Caging on the Activity Patterns of Small Mammals," was the title of his paper which is now on file in the laboratory of vertebrate biology at the U. of Michigan.

Two widely known antique authorities, Godfrey Moore and Beverly Cresser, will be at the appraisal booth throughout the four-day show. Hours will be from 1 to 10 p.m., Thursday, March 9, through Saturday, March 11, and from 1 to 9 p.m. on Sunday, March 12.

Show visitors may bring in their own antiques to determine their worth and authenticity for the nominal fee of \$1 per item. Size and weight alone will dictate the only restrictions on items to be appraised. If the owner can carry it into the Armory to the booth, it will be appraised.

Lapeer Chapel To Benefit From Appraisal Booth

Turner On Carrier

Navy Lieutenant David A. Turner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel B. Turner of 2168 Algonquin, is a member of Navy Reconnaissance Attack Squadron (RVAH) Nine, flying from the attack aircraft carrier Ranger.