

# Rotary Anns Will Meet Foreign Exchange Students

The Rotary Ann-March luncheon meeting will be held on Thursday, March 16, at 12 noon at 30325 W. Six Mile Rd. This is one week earlier than the regularly scheduled meeting date.

Program chairman, Esther Friedrichs, will present two foreign exchange students. Cindy Connonthira from Thailand is an American Field Service student attending Bentley High School. She is living with the Harold Niles family. Catalina Lopez, a student from Chile and she is sponsored by the Youth for Understanding Program. She also attends Bentley High School and is living with the J. L. MacDonald family.

For guest reservations or cancellations, members may call Olive Cattorini at 425-8359 or Marlene Allen at 427-3094.


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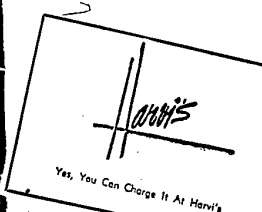
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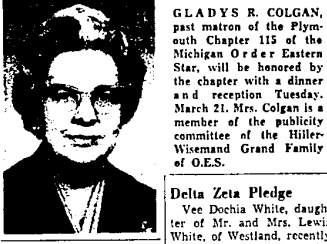
**SMALL SUZIE KLINEC** shows her dad, Ronald Klinec, how much fun it is to paint when she attends North Livonia Cooperative Nursery at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church. The nursery has been holding Sunday afternoon open house sessions to give fathers a chance to visit. For more information about the nursery's fall session, call Mrs. Richard Close, 427-1406.



**RECENTLY RETURNED** from a two-week Hawaiian vacation are Mr. and Mrs. Clark Gill of Westfield Avenue in Livonia. Bernice Gill won the trip when a group of saleswomen she manages sold over \$80,000 in toys for the Playhouse Co. Mr. and Mrs. Russell Bell, Mrs. Gill's parents, accompanied them on the tour to celebrate Bell's recent retirement.



**MRS. ELIZABETH A. KIRWAN** of 19189 Inkster, Livonia, a clerk-spist of the U.S. Army Tank-Automotive Command at Warren, receives a Sustained Superior Performance award presented by ATAC Chief of Staff, Colonel Harold B. Gibson Jr. Mrs. Kirwan has been employed at the ATAC for five years.



**GLADYS R. COLGAN**, past matron of the Plymouth Chapter 115 of the Michigan Order of Eastern Stars, will be honored by the chapter with a dinner and reception Tuesday, March 21. Mrs. Colgan is a member of the publicity committee of the Hiller-Wiseman Grand Family of O.E.S.

**Delta Zeta Pledge**  
Vee Dochia White, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis White, of Westland, recently pledged Delta Zeta sorority at Northwest Missouri State College, Maryville, Mo. She is a freshman majoring in art.

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## Over the Back Fence

By BETTY FRANKEL



With this issue THE OBSERVER begins a new column on gardening. The writer, Betty Frankel, is a veteran gardener and a member of the Farmington Garden Club. She also is Farmington Township representative on the Beautification Council of Southeastern Michigan.

"If winter comes, can Spring be far behind?" I don't know who first came up with that wise saying, but he must have been more patient than I. Officially Spring arrives next week. At the "vernal equinox," as it is called, day and night are equal and as the season progresses the days get longer. This is all very fine for a start, but what I'm really waiting for is the first balmy day with the scent of warm, moist earth, a bee buzzing into the crocus cups, and Spring peepers chorusing from the ponds.

Every day I check on the tufts of crocus leaves poking through the ice by my front door, hopefully inspecting the silvery buds. This year I've missed the winter aconits (Erythronium) that bloomed by the house where I used to live. I felt so smug about having flowers blooming in winter. Whenever the snow drifts melted away, little rosettes of deep green leaves were shining a gain at the damp earth. Before February ended petals would spread open, glinting like gold in the sunshine — so brave and joyous.

My consolation this year has been a luscious pink azalea. The variety is "Pinky" — what else? No matter what shade, or size, azaleas bring a bit of Spring into a house.

Forced branches also help to create an illusion of Springtime. It's so easy to do. Cut branches of forsythia, flowering quince, crab, or pussy-willow and put in a container of water.

An armful can be stuffed into a big old pitcher, a single branch with an interesting curve can grace a tall bottle, or a Japanese-style arrangement can be concocted from three slender branches in a low, flat bowl. Within a few days the buds will start to expand and soon you'll have a bouquet. Don't wait for Spring — stage your own special preview.

"Spring Planning and Clean-Up" was the topic of the day at the regional meeting of the Beautification Council of Southeastern Michigan held on March 7 in Dearborn Heights.

Thirty-five communities were represented at the meeting. Representatives included: Mrs. Edmond Garvey and Henry Grape from Garden City, Mrs. William O. Anderson from Livonia, Paul Nowak from Plymouth, Robert Witt and Mr. and Mrs. George Streleck from Farmington, Mrs. Ralph Frederick and Mrs. Richard Frankel from Farmington Township, and Mrs. Beatrice Carlson from Northville.

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# Sorority Picks New President; Installation at Boat Club

Mrs. R. G. MacDonald, of Livonia, will be installed as president of the Detroit area alumnae chapter of Alpha Chi Omega at the sorority's annual spring luncheon at the Detroit Boat Club.

The program for the afternoon will be a book talk, "What America is Reading," presented by Miss Virginia Leonard of the Grosse Pointe Library.

Mrs. MacDonald succeeds Mrs. William McDonough, also of Livonia, who has served as president for two years. Also serving on this board are Mrs. M. G. Friedman of Livonia, and Mrs. Gail W. Nau, of Farmington.

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