

# State Violet Growers to Hear Writer

Kathy Ziska, Farmington social correspondent for The Observer and an enthusiastic gardener and flower arranger, will be guest speaker at the Eighth Annual Show of the Michigan African Violet Society.



The show, expected to draw 50 to 60 visitors from all parts of Michigan, will be held at the Farmington Masonic Temple, with a business meeting and a noon luncheon at the Salem United Church of Christ.

Mrs. Ziska, a member of the Hill and Dale Garden Club, will speak on floral arrangements for African violets and report some history and little-known facts about this favorite house plant.

Mrs. Boyd Fairfax, 23825 Farmington Road, past president of the society, said the day-long meeting would begin at 8 a.m., when exhibits of African violets and related plants will be accepted at the Masonic building.

Registration will close at 10 a.m., and four national judges will rate the exhibit while the society holds its business session and luncheon.

The violet display then will be open to the public after 1:30 p.m.

Darrell Taylor, of Lansing, is current president of the Michigan society.

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THIS GROUP, SNAPPED during the Stevenson High workshop, was deep in discussion. Among the educators sitting around the table were Stevenson Principal Jay Formosa, Stevenson teacher Jack Hudnut and Dick Grills, a Bentley team teacher who served as a resource person.



PLANNERS OF A WORKSHOP that explored new teaching methods at Stevenson High School were, (from left) Mrs. Sarah Dick, assistant principal John Schulz, and Mrs. Marguerite Abramatis. The two women teach social studies at Stevenson and set up the workshop.

## Held Three Saturdays

# Teachers' Workshop at Stevenson High Helps Prepare for Modern Methods

At Livonia's Stevenson High, teachers have been teaching teachers to teach students in exciting new ways.

The school, which is considering a switch to flexible scheduling and team teaching for some of its program next year, has just completed a three-Saturday workshop to get members of the staff acquainted with the advantages and pitfalls of the new methods.

Plans for the workshop were devised by a social studies teaching team, Mrs. Sarah Dick and Mrs. Marguerite Abramatis.

They suggested the workshop idea after a number of members of the Stevenson faculty indicated they would be interested in trying some of the flexible scheduling ideas now in effect at Franklin High School.

Such a system, involving large group instruction, small group instruction and independent study, helps the high school students learn more self-reliance and covers a broader scope in their studies. But it involves quite new

teaching methods.

So Mrs. Abramatis and Mrs. Dick worked out the workshop sessions, which took place April 8, 15 and 22.

In planning and preparing for the workshop, they held firm to two basic ideas.

They felt that teachers wanted a practical workshop based on the actual trials and successes in operating these specific methods. And they all so believed that in Livonia there were many teachers capable of teaching these new ideas because they had pioneered them in their own classrooms.

While primarily aimed at giving direction to Stevenson teachers who are keenly interested in practicing this new method, the workshop has representative attendance from the

staffs of Bentley and Ladywood high schools. The total number attending the Saturday sessions runs from 50 to 56 teachers.

With the help of Glenn McAdam, John Schulz, and Dorothy Bentley the Stevenson ladies were able to identify those teachers within the Livonia system who are doing new and exciting things in education. All those invited to set as resource people responded enthusiastically.

Talented resource people came from all three Livonia public high schools. From Bentley they were Dick Grills and Billy K. Pate. From Franklin came Mrs. Virginia Myers, Mr. William Nickles, Mrs. Julia Smith and Dean Waldfoegel.

Stevenson's representatives were: Carolyn Tushis, Larry

Christoff, Ivan Kemp, Arthur Anderson, Mrs. Dick, Mrs. Abramatis, and John Schulz.

The Central Office of Livonia public schools also provided key educators in Glenn McAdam and William Moorhead.

# Livonia Club Re-elects President

Mrs. John Federspill was re-elected president of the Livonia League of Women Voters at a recent annual meeting of the LWV at Hillside Inn.

Also elected as officers for 1967-68 were: Mrs. James Callow, first vice president; Mrs. William Dayton, second vice president; Mrs. Leon Martin, secretary, and Mrs. Wilson Bass, treasurer.

Newly-elected directors include: Mrs. King Adamson, Mrs. Thomas Lawson, Mrs. Jay Lively, Mrs. Emil Pullick, Mrs. Winthrop Sears, Jr., and Mrs. Earl Thomas. Also serving on the Board of Directors next year will be Mrs. John Burgess, Mrs. Robert Hughes, and Mrs. Edwin Jeakle.

Elected to the 1968 Nominating Committee were Mrs. Donald Murch, chairman; Mrs. Richard McGeorge and Mrs. Howard Young.

The League of Women Voters is a non-partisan organization open to all women citizens, 21 years of age or older. Call Mrs. Wm. Dayton, membership chairman, 427-3433, for more information.

# Observer WORLD of WOMEN

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MRS. CABOL PYLES, president of the Livonia Cooperative Nursery, presents her group's \$50 check to Mrs. Ed Shaw, acting president of the new Westland Cooperative Nursery. The money will be used for equipment.

# Livonia Nursery Gives \$50 for Westland Co-op

To give its best wishes and help buy equipment, the Livonia Cooperative Nursery has donated \$50 to the newly established Westland Cooperative Nursery.

The gift was announced by Mrs. Carol Pyles, president of the Livonia group.

In separate sessions, three and four-year-olds attend the nurseries, which are non-profit organizations with the goal of bridging the gap between home and elementary school.

Half-day classes are taught by a qualified teacher assisted by mothers, who also handle administration to keep costs at a minimum.

The Westland Cooperative Nursery meets at Timothy Lutheran Church on Wayne Road at Joy Road. Mrs. Fred Dennis, 281-3419, is taking necessary dripping.

applications for fall, 1967, for both the three and four year old groups.

The Livonia Cooperative Nursery convenes at Rosedale Presbyterian Church. There are no vacancies for the fall, 1967, session. However, names of four year olds may be placed on the waiting list by phoning Mrs. Russell Swanson, GA 2-8538.

Applications for three year olds to be put on the waiting list are being taken by Mrs. John Lannom, 427-5728.

## Painting Tip

When painting a chair or small table it is best to turn it upside down and paint the legs first.

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# Bugs About Antiques

How the Flea Market got its name is explained by one of the antique dealers putting on the fifth semi-annual one at Roma Hall May 7.

"I understand," reports manager Don Schaeper, of Roseville, "that in open street markets of France many different wares were used to be sold—antiques, new items, used clothing.

"Sometimes within the folds of these garments, fleas were found, hence the name Flea Market."

Schaeper said there would be very few fleas, but plenty of antiques and not-so-old inexpensive items at the Roma Hall market, to be open from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.



FASHION DESIGNER BILL BLASS approved completely the simplicity of the costume Mrs. William Soellner of Northville wore to the Northville Town Hall luncheon last week. Mrs. Soellner, hostess chairman of the event, told the speaker of the day she had made her outfit and sews many of her own clothes. "Marvelous—a wonderful way to express yourself," commented Blass.

## Sisterhood Theatre Party Features "1,000 Clowns"

The Sisterhood of Temple Beth Am of Livonia will hold its annual theatre party, Saturday, May 13 at 8:30 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center in Detroit.

The award winning comedy "A Thousand Clowns" will be presented by the Center Theatre. For tickets and more information call GR 6-1831.

## Guild Plans Dinner

The St. Francis Guild will hold its annual pot-luck dinner at 4:30-6 p.m. Sunday at the St. Raphael Catholic Church Hall, Garden City.

Ladies of the guild may bring their husbands, friends, and relatives, a guild spokesman said. Further information may be obtained by calling Mrs. Donna Darnell, GA 2-3185.

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