

A Garden Walk In Park Place

By BETTY FRANKS
Park place in Plymouth is aptly named.
It is a short street that faces



THE GARDEN WALK gave Mrs. Rasbolt a chance to show off some of the shells she and her husband have accumulated in their scuba-diving excursions. Here young Emmy Bournias, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Bournias of Plymouth, examines one of the specimens.

a wide park-like mall and is lined with majestic old trees. Contributing to the park atmosphere are the well groomed lawns of the homes on the street. Emerald turf runs smoothly from one yard to the next, accented here and there by an ornamental tree or shrub.

Three adjacent gardens on Park Place made one of the top stops on the Garden Walk sponsored by the Plymouth branch of the Woman's National Farm and Garden Association Thursday.

In all, there were nine gardens on display in the area, and visitors had their choice of viewing them by day or under the lights during evening hours.

For a dollar ticket you could see not only the Park Place gardens that flowed into one another, but a lovely wild flower setting, a Japanese garden and a carefully planned formal garden.

But Park Place offered the most viewing for the least walking.

Near the center of the block is the long, low bluff brick house of the Edwin Schraders. An

unbroken sweep of Morion blue grass lawn surrounds their home which is set off by a simple, dignified foundation planting of Japanese yews, and cranberry cutneasters, with a clipped hedge of yononkhus erecta surrounding the front entrance.

THE PLANTINGS in the back yard are dominated by beautiful crabapple trees, now in full bloom. There are several large Elyi crab trees with vibrant deep pink flowers, and a Hops crab with delicate pink blooms.

The crab trees are planted in long beds that are separated from the back border of shrubs by a grass path. Beneath the trees and shrubs along this path Mrs. Schrader has planted a mixture of flowers and vegetables in what she terms "true English garden style."

It's an unusual but delightful sight to find stout stalks of asparagus poking up through a ground cover of strawberry leaves.

PATIOS PLAY an important role in other gardens on Park Place. Both the James O'Day garden and the Elvin Taylor garden have patios that are an integral part of their garden design.

Mrs. O'Day's cement patio and raised redwood deck are brand new as are the plantings around them, but the rest of the garden is graced by mature trees and shrubs. The unusual juxtaposition of old and new is the result of a fire that gutted the O'Day home three years ago. The home was leveled and rebuilt on the same foundation.

Mr. and Mrs. O'Day also had replanting to do. Much of the disturbed area around the house is covered by deck and patio that jut out from the house at an interesting oblique angle that gives a definite contemporary slant to the area.

The paved patio is punctuated by several planting beds. One contains a young Crimson

King maple tree just coming into leaf, and pink and white tulips.

Another has been made into a rock garden.

The Elvin Taylors' poured concrete patio with its gently curving contours is a key part of their total garden design.

In this garden, the form of the beds, walks and patio are as important as the plants. The sweeping curve of a bed of banked runners along one side of the garden plays against the angle of a gravel path that swings around the opposite side of the yard and against the opposing curves of a large planting bed extending into the center of the yard. The garden has the optical tension and flow of a contemporary work of art.

The keynote of all these Park Place gardens is functional design planned for pleasant outdoor living. Each has a good basic plan enhanced by attractive plants and meticulous grooming. The gardens combine simplicity and elegance.



TALL TREES frame many lovely views in the terraced garden of the Robert Rasbolts. Here Mrs. Rasbolt, right, shows some of the plantings to Mrs. John Birkelbaw and Mrs. James French, both of Plymouth.



EVERGREENS, TULIPS and flowering crab trees bring color to the curved beds in the Taylor yard.



DWARF IRIS, daphne cneorum and grape hyacinths highlight the patio rock garden of the O'Day home.

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Dr. Levy To Catholics: 'Be Rotten To Bigots'

"I call it my 'rotten-enough philosophy,'" said Dr. Burton Levy of the state Civil Rights Commission.

"You hear so many rotten, bigoted jokes and comments in our nice, white middle-class communities that go unchallenged. The nice people have been much too quiet much too long."

So Levy's philosophy is: "If someone is rotten enough to make a bigoted statement in a group of people, I'm going to be rotten enough to cause him some embarrassment."

The "rotten-enough philosophy" was one of several ways to bring about change in racial attitudes and behavior which Levy outlined Tuesday in Livonia before a group of Catholic religious lay persons.

Levy is director of the community services division of the Michigan Civil Rights Commission. His division's 12 offices assist local public officials and private groups in dealing with civil rights problems; it also directs police-community relations and "tension control" programs.

His audience were several hundred persons selected from 36 parishes in Western Wayne County to take part in an eight-week "Project Commitment" sponsored by the archdiocese of Detroit. The suburban group meets in Madonna College in Livonia.

Underlying Levy's "rotten-enough philosophy" is the idea that people will do what is expected of them and will conform to accepted behavioral patterns, even though they may grumble while doing it.

By attacking bigoted comments, he reasoned, people can change community standards for the better.

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OBITUARIES

MRS. JANE WINTER
Services were held May 13 at Heene-Sundquist Funeral Home for Jane Winter, 82, of 32595 Shadyridge, Farmington, the Rev. Robert N. Sawyer, of the First Presbyterian Church of Farmington officiating.

Burial was in Glen Eden Memorial Park.

Mrs. Winter was born June 3, 1884 at Worcester, England. She died May 12 in the Bloomfield Convalescent Home.

Surviving is a daughter, Mrs. Robert J. (Opal) Walker, of Farmington Township.

GUY P. HANCOCK
Services were held Wednesday, May 17, at the Casterline Funeral Home, Northville, for Mr. Hancock, 77, who died May 14 in St. Mary Hospital after illness of two months. Rev. Robert Spradling officiated. Mr. Hancock, of 713 Blunk St., Plymouth, was a retired employee of the Wayne County Road Commission and had lived in Plymouth 23 years after 18 years in Northville.

He is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Phyllis Halstead of Plymouth and Mrs. Marguerite Stoltzoff of Livonia; two sons,

Thomas Hancock of Arusa, Calif., and John Hancock of Garden City; one brother, Ernest Hancock of Grand Rapids, and 12 grandchildren. Burial was in Oak Grove Cemetery, Milford.

ALBERT LEGOWSKY
Albert E. Legowsky, of 11449 Cavell, Livonia, died Friday, May 12, following a long illness, in Wayne County General Hospital.

Mr. Legowsky was born August 5, 1895.

Services were held Monday at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home in Redford, Rev. Hutton officiating. Interment was at Woodmere in Detroit.

Surviving Mr. Legowsky are sisters: Mrs. Clara Turewitz and Mrs. Mildred Krieger.

MARK A. MENKE
Mark Allen Menke, born April 22 to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Menke, of Detroit, died May 9, following a brief illness, in St. Carmel Medical Hospital. Graveside services were held May 11 at Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens, in Rev. Victor F. Halbock, of Grace Lutheran

Church, officiating. Funeral arrangements were made by Thayer Funeral Home.

Surviving are a sister, Michele; a brother, Michael David; and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Griffiths, of Detroit, and Mr. and Mrs. Fred G. Metke, of Farmington.

MRS. HARRIET A. BURRELL
Services were held May 19 for Mrs. Burrell, 83, of 50160 Cherry Hill Rd., Plymouth, who died May 16 in the West Trail Nursing Home after a long illness. Rev. R. E. Niemann officiated at the services at the Schrader Funeral Home. Burial was in Cherry Hill Cemetery.

Born in Superior Township, Mrs. Burrell was a lifelong resident of Plymouth. She is survived by her husband, James; five step-children, nine step-grandchildren, and 13 step-great grandchildren. The step-children are Everett Burrell of Livonia, James Burrell of Cherry Hill; Mrs. Alex (Alice) Labadie of Ann Arbor; Mrs. John (Alice) Gustafson of Wayne, and Mrs. Leslie (Betty) Freedle of Cherry Hill.

Breakfast To Honor McDonald

A fund-raising breakfast for the 19th District GOP will be held at Kingsley Inn, Birmingham.

The purpose is to raise funds to equip McDonald's 19th District office in Farmington. The committee is headed by Robert G. Smith, an account executive with Durr, Brother & Co., an advertising agency.

Smith said the congressional needs private resources to equip the office and provide congressional newsletters.

U.S. Sen. Robert P. Griffin, R-Mich., will appear at the breakfast with McDonald.

Tickets at \$20 each are available from Smith's office.

Realtors Featured In Special Section

The Observer Newspapers next Wednesday will publish a 24-page special tabloid section on real estate in suburbia.

The section will include articles on housing and other land developments in western Wayne and southwestern Oakland counties.

Advertisements have been purchased by members of the United Northwest Realty Association, a 1,700-member group which handles about three-fourths of the market sales of real estate in this area.

Now headed by Richard Elsea of Elsea Realty, the present UNRA is the product of three earlier associations—the original UNRA, founded in 1919 when northwest Detroit was experiencing a post-war boom; the Western Wayne Board of Realtors, chartered in 1952 to cover the area outside Detroit; and the Western Oakland County Board of Realtors.

The UNRA and Western Wayne groups merged in 1959; the Western Oakland group joined in 1961.

Key features of the UNRA service, according to Elsea, are these:

A multi-list service. A member agent has exclusive rights to a listing he has obtained for 24 hours; then it goes to all members of the UNRA, thus widening the seller's contacts and the buyer's opportunities.

A code of ethics. To join, a person in the real estate business must agree to the terms of the code, have a good reputation and pass a UNRA examination.

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