

## Down to earth

# Old apple tree had 267 rings

If you feel weary after a Fall of raking and raking leaves, think of the poor apple tree felled in the U.S.S.R. which had 267 annual rings and would produce as much as 180 lbs of fruit per year.

Think of all of those seasons since the time of Peter the Great when it had to court the bees with beautiful flowers, then produce all of those bushels of fruit annually. Its longevity has been attributed to its slow growth (at a high altitude) and the bright mountain sun.

As snow has arrived remember that salt will damage the grass next to the driveway and walks. Use ammonium sulfate instead and it will control the ice as well as fertilize.

**THERE ARE MANY** followers of Jerry Baker in this area. He suggests saving your coffee

grounds and that three cups of grounds will be good food for your acid loving plants.

Among this category of plant are rhododendrons, azaleas, pieris Japonica, etc. He also claims that 2 tablespoons of household ammonia will sterilize a cut when pruning.

Grass on our property has an important role in our good living. As an illustration: A blade of grass uses the rays of the sun as its source of energy, grass synthesizes carbon dioxide, water and minerals to promote green growth.

In the process, it takes the pollutants out of the air, filters out dust particles and gives off oxygen in return.

**GROWING GRASS** on a 50'x50' plot releases enough oxygen to



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meet the needs of a family of four. This story will encourage you to plan a good lawn for 1975.

Many of you have a greenhouse on your wish list. Your columnist has enjoyed "this luxury" for at least 15 years. What a joy to continue your love of plants indoors during the winter months (we have "sticks" for seven months).

My advice would be to plan on a

greenhouse large enough for a small table and chair so you can wallow in the pleasure of possession. The size of a breakfast room is good.

If you study a catalogue it will cost you between three and four times as much as the quoted "picture" price before you get your water, electricity, automatic heating control and heat, plus the automatic ventilator, yes, and add shelving and go cautiously on permanent benches.

Of course if a member of the family is an engineer your total cost is less.

In a greenhouse, plan on a temperature between 45 and 50 degrees F. This choice means you have to consider plants which are listed for cool greenhouse culture. There are many in this category.

## Carillonneur will perform

Christ Church Cranbrook Carillonneur Beverly Buchanan will present a special carillon concert of Thanksgiving music at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday (Nov. 27). The concert will precede the 8 p.m. Thanksgiving Eve service at the church on Church and Lone Pine roads.

Mrs. Buchanan will perform the Sinfonia to Cantata No. 29 ("We Thank Thee Lord") by J. S. Bach;

Fantasia on "Kremsner" ("We Gather Together") by Johan Franco; and Prelude on "Nun Danket" ("We Thank Thee All Our God") by J. S. Bach.

She also will play three hymn preludes including "Claudius" ("We Plow The Fields and Scatter"), "St. George's Windsor" ("Come, Ye Thankful People, Come") and "Dix" ("Praise to God, Immortal Praise").

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## Auditions scheduled

Franklin Village Junior Players are holding open auditions Monday and Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. at the Franklin Community Church, Franklin, Michigan for their first mid-season show, and their first variety show.

This show, to be set in a coffee house atmosphere, is a new venture for this group.

To be directed by Joanne Slesinski, a veteran of both the Franklin Village Players and Franklin Village Junior Players; the show dates are tentatively set for the first week in February.

Miss Slesinski will be aided by Kelly Pino, who will be assisting with choreography.

Mrs. Kathy Pullum, formerly a music teacher at West Maple Junior High, will be assisting with the musical numbers.

## Artists club shows work

A juried exhibition of 49 art works will be part of the 11th annual Farmington Artists Club fall exhibit which opens Friday at the Farmington Public Library, 32737 W. Twelve Mile Road.

The juried portion of the show, which will be an exhibit of works by the 100 members of the club, is a first.

It was juried by Ruth Loring Jones, The Pontiac Creative Arts Center and Patricia Quinlan of Wayne State University's art faculty.

The hours of the show are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday and Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday.

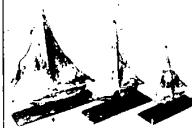
## Artist due at reception

Johanna Haas' second one woman show at Peggy de Salles' Little Gallery, Birmingham, will open with a reception to meet the artist, Sunday from 4 to 7 p.m.

Mrs. Haas has traveled and studied internationally in Germany, Austria, Italy, and Canada. She studied with the famed Oscar Kokoschka and "The School of Vision" in Salzburg, Austria.

She is represented in public and private collections internationally and in the United States. She is a graduate of Wayne State University.

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