

Do it yourself terrarium

If you like to keep your green thumb in practice year round, a terrarium can be your own miniature greenhouse. It's a fun way for children to learn about plants, and terrariums are easy to make and to maintain.

Easy-to-follow instructions are given in a new Johnny Horowitz book called "Make Your Own Terrarium." A free copy may be had from Consumer Information, Pueblo, Colo., 81008.

The tips on how to make your own terrarium include advice on:

Container—Use clear glass contain-

ers (not green or brown, they obscure the light) that can be sealed to ensure proper moisture for the growing plants.

Gravel and Charcoal—Cover the bottom of the container with at least one inch of moist gravel in which you've mixed pieces of activated charcoal. The latter is a woody plant, use rich soil taken from where the plants are found. A household plant needs a soil mixture of equal parts of garden soil and sand. If you're planting cactus, you'll need a mostly sandy soil and more sunlight.

Plants—You can use moss and lich-

ens for ground cover or even gravel of different colors. The latter, of course, are native plants, wild flowers and ivy.

Water—Once you've put the plants in the soil, sprinkle or spray them with tepid water and cover the terrarium with a piece of glass. Remember to keep a moist, but not a soggy atmosphere for your plants. A fine beading of dew (fog means too much and you should remove the cover so some water can evaporate. No moisture in sight means not enough water.

Temperature—The woody terrarium will need to have a cool, room temperature. A house plant one will tolerate house temperature between 60 and 70 degrees.

Make Your Own Terrarium (free) is one of the 230 selected Federal publications listed in the current edition of the Consumer Information Index. Published quarterly by the Consumer Information Center of the General Services Administration, the Index is available free from Consumer Information, Pueblo, Colorado 81008, and from Federal Information Centers located throughout the country.

and Adel's Laughing Song from Johann Strauss' "Die Fledermaus." Morelock will perform Johannes Brahms' B Minor Rhapsody, Opus 79, No. 1. Program announcer is Charlene Slabey. Joyce Bigelow is tea chairman.

The public is invited to the program but is asked to call Sue McCallum, 478-0126, for reservations.

The Farmington Musicals is affiliated with the National Federation of Music Clubs.

MRS. JACKSON, accompanied by Morelock, will perform "Il Mio Bel Foco" by Benedetto, the Jewel Foco from Gounod's "Faust" and "La Canzone Di Dorotea" from Puccini's "La Rondine." She will also sing "Quando Men Vo" from Puccini's "La Boheme"

has been guest soloist with the Oak-

way Symphony Orchestra, the Detroit Symphony Chamber Orchestra, and the Detroit Concert Band. She is a member of the voice department faculty at Livonia's Schoolcraft College.

Morelock, of Ann Arbor, is also on the Schoolcraft faculty. He is in charge of the keyboard department there and initiated a training program for piano teachers. He has a masters degree in music from the University of Michigan

and has studied in Vienna as well as at the Aspen School of Music in Colorado. He has performed recitals in the Detroit area and has appeared with Detroit Symphony Orchestra chamber ensembles.

On those evenings, from 8 until 11 p.m., the club headquarters in the

city of the Birmingham Grand Trunk Western station is jammed with railroad enthusiasts from all over Oakland and Macomb counties.

SOMETIMES MORE THAN 11 trains are run on the one hour and 15 minute circuit. The scale trains observe a normal schedule in which they carry out business at each of the seven stations just as a real train would on an all-day trip from Detroit to Durand and back again.

The trains have a scale speed in excess of 100 mph, and accidents can happen. However, despite the current trend in disaster entertainment, accidents are never staged. As one member put it, "We're toyed around with \$100 locomotives."

Despite their obvious dedication to trains, most members haven't been working on the railroad all the time today but come instead from a variety of fields.

"Our members range from veterinarians to library aides," one member said. "We've had almost every kind of professional at one time or another."

MODELERS ARE TIRED of their creations being labeled "cute" and themselves being regarded as grown-up kids playing with toys. Model railroad has become a prestigious hobby, not to mention a good investment. Model trains, especially antique ones, have appreciated in value tremendously in recent years, according to collectors.

While membership in the South Oakland County Railroad Club has stabilized at 25, members say there is a very large model railroad population in metropolitan Detroit. Model Railroad Club members number about 25,000 nationwide, but "Model Railroaders," the field's primary publication, has over 100,000 subscribers, which gives a more accurate idea of the popularity of the hobby.

The South Oakland club welcomes anyone with an interest in model trains and a desire to work with them. Age limitations are set — junior members must be 14 years old and senior members at least 18. Junior

Southfield nursery seeks new students

The Southfield Cooperative Nursery, incorporated, has openings in the class that meets on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9 to 11:15 a.m.

To be eligible, a child must have reached the age of three by Dec. 1, 1974.

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Railroad buffs work on models

By CAROL HASKIN

Johnny Mercer immortalized the Alhambra, Topeka and the Santa Fe and Glenn Miller rendered the Chattanooga choo choo unforgettable. In its own small way, the South Oakland County Model Railroad Club is doing the same for the Grand Trunk Western Detroit to Durand run.

The small way consists of a scale model of that stretch of track, complete with miniature replicas of the Port Street station in Detroit as well as the stations in Birmingham, Pontiac, Holly, Fenton, Gaines and Durand.

As any model railroad will attest, a model railroad is never finished. Members of the South Oakland club have been working on their model for

20 years now and modifications continue.

Part of the fun of the modifications is the expansion of reality. A few short scale miles from the Fort Street station, the track curves around towering pine-covered peaks that put Colorado to shame. In the same vicinity, Royal Oak has been gobbled up by a black gulleted tunnel.

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Every member has a similar specialty. Some do benchwork, building

NOTICE

CITY OF FARMINGTON

—1975

DOG LICENSES

DOG LICENSES are now available at the Farmington City Hall, 23600 Liberty Street, Farmington, Michigan. Licenses are issued for one year from January 1 through December 31, at a cost of \$2.00 for each dog 6 months old or older.

CERTIFICATE OF VACCINATION FOR BABIES, signed by an accredited veterinarian, must be presented when applying for license. This Certificate must show vaccine as being effective through the date of application.

NEDRA VIANE, City Clerk
City of Farmington

Public January 2, 1975

CITY OF FARMINGTON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

A regular meeting of the Farmington City Council was called to order at 8:10 P.M. Monday, December 16, 1974. All Councilmen were present. Also present were City Manager Dredman, Capt. Byrnes, Director Jones, Attorney Kelly and Clerk Viane.

Minutes of previous meeting were approved and minutes of other boards were received.

Council was in agreement with the City of Ferndale and supports their resolution to oppose the Michigan Criminal Justice Commission's draft report on Criminal Justice Goals and Standards for the State of Michigan as it exists in its present form, and that further study be given by the Michigan Criminal Justice Commission to the areas of major concern expressed by the Michigan Municipal League in their position paper dated October 30, 1974.

Council supported the resolution adopted by the City of Southfield relative to repealing that portion of Section 4 of Act 397 of the Public Acts of 1921, the Zoning Enabling Act of the State of Michigan, to extend the right of protest to the adjacent properties within 100 ft. of property considered for rezoning, and further that the legislative vote required to amend the zoning map be changed from three-fourths to two-thirds vote of the Council.

The month of January was proclaimed "NATIONAL VOLUNTEER BLOOD DONOR MONTH" and all residents are urged to volunteer in providing life-saving blood to those in need.

Council accepted the low bids as recommended by the Contract Manager for various phases of the construction of the Municipal Building addition as follows:

Masonry Westwood Carpentry 4 7,546.00
Scaff. Glass Schroeder Glass 2,827.00
Drywall Theo Products, Inc. 2,850.00
Ceilings Milburn Company 1,275.00
Flooring Intra-Stat 1,769.00
Terrazzo Marado Company 1,349.00
Painting J & W Paints 2,739.00
TOTAL \$22,955.00

Ordinance C-379-74 prohibiting Left Hand Turns from Westbound State Street into the Farmer Jack Food Market Parking Lot was introduced.

Ordinance C-371-74 amending the boundaries of the Historic District was introduced.

Ordinance C-386-74 — Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicating Liquor and Narcotic Drugs was adopted, effective ten days after publication.

City Manager Dredman submitted a Progress Report on the lawsuit between the Estate of Frederick E. Searle, deceased, and the City of Farmington.

Walled Lake Chrysler, Inc. was awarded the bid for (1) Plymouth 4 Door Sedan, in the amount of \$2,850.00 plus tax.

Council approved the extension of the Cab Service for Senior Citizens to include week-end service.

The following financial reports were received and filed: 1973-74 General Fund, Federal Revenue Sharing and Highway Funds, Water Supply and Sewage Disposal Fund; and 4-Months Ended October 31, 1974 Report.

Public Safety Report for November, 1974 received and filed. Council was concerned about citizens not removing snow from their property within a reasonable length of time after a snowstorm and urged residents to comply with the city ordinance as soon as possible, to avoid receiving a violation notice.

Council approved the Monthly Bills as submitted — \$2,316.63 General Fund; \$875.00 Water & Sewer Fund.
Meeting adjourned at 9:30 P.M.
RALPH D. YODER, Mayor
NEDRA VIANE, City Clerk
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