

Down to Earth

Seasonal visits renew interest

A visit to Meadow Brook Hall to see an early American Christmas can give you a renewed enthusiasm for our heritage. This visit has the ability to have you banish all problems and enjoy the intended non-commercial purpose of Christmas.

For those who are newcomers to our area, Meadow Brook Hall is the cultural and conference center at Oakland University. The Hall is easy to reach by following the

scenic route of Adams Road out of Birmingham or you can travel I-75 and get off at signs for the university and follow directional signs.

There is a price of admission to assist in covering maintenance of the Hall. As you enter the Great Hall you are greeted by an immense tree with large styrofoam balls trimmed with narrow red ribbons with two miniature American flags stuck into each ball.

There are also vivid red apples with red, white, and blue roping. Blue bows sprayed with silver glitter complete the welcoming picture.

Hundreds of poinsettias are placed throughout the hall. One tree had circles of popcorn strung on narrow gage wire to form wreaths with red bows to accent the green.

Bob Mounsey, the famous win-

dow designer from Jacobsons created a tree trimmed with large white snow flakes, red velvet bows, with large silver and red balls, gifts were appropriately wrapped and blue Italian styled bulbs lighted the tree.

In the ballroom, the Pointe Orchid Forum created a beauty spot at floor level using two stone massed fountains with a spectacular showing of rare orchids. This part of the total display should beckon orchid enthusiasts.

On the other side of the large ballroom was an immense two story Christmas tree which was at least 14' wide. On it was a collection of rare, Christmas antique small art pieces from all over the world, set off with appropriate lights.

I spent lots of time trying to figure out how "this spectacular creation" was moved into Meadow Brook Hall. All of the rooms in the mansion had hundreds of holiday accents.

Call Meadow Brook Hall, 377-3140, for the hours of visitation. It is always open on Sundays from 1-5 p.m.

GREENHOUSE NEWS: Many of our readers have a greenhouse on their Christmas list. The University of Kentucky has done considerable testing on this subject and have published "Greenhouse Coverings," Agricultural Engineering Publication AEN-10, Lexington, Ky., 40506.

Fiberglass is 4.4 times more efficient for retaining heat and 70.8 times as efficient as polyethylene. Fiberglass is so efficient that ventilation and fans are important part of the construction to keep the air moving.

A hint for those who are buying a gift for a devoted gardener, indoors or outdoors, give them a metal file with folders so they can grow in their interest with new ideas.

Club Circuit

SENIOR CITIZENS SOCIAL CLUB of Farmington, will postpone its Dec. 26 meeting until Friday, Jan. 9. The club meets in the First United Methodist Church social hall, Warner and Grand River.

SENIOR CITIZENS DROP-IN CENTER meets every Monday and Wednesday, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Masonic Temple, Grand River and Farmington Road. Guests are asked to bring a sandwich for lunch. Coffee and dessert are furnished.

FRANKLIN KNOLLS WOMEN'S CLUB will host Grace Perdue, of American Airlines, at its next meeting, set for noon Wednesday, Jan. 7, in St. Colman Church, 32500 Middle Belt Rd., Farmington Hills. The meeting will carry a bi-centennial theme and is open to all women interested in joining the club.

FARMINGTON WELCOME WAGON will hold its next regular meeting at 30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 8, in the Farmington Community Library on Twelve Mile Road. Speaker for the evening will be William H. Loney who will show travel slides of Russia.

Membership is available to all persons who have lived in Farmington or Farmington Hills for less than one year. The January meeting is open to those eligible residents.

The club is involved in civic and social activities. The last fund-raising project, a garage sale, was successful in raising money which were donated to the Farmington Area Advisory Council.

The social activities for members include bowling, tennis, golf, a gourmet club, craft groups, bridge groups, a yearly dinner dance, and regularly scheduled events for couples. Club membership is restricted to a period of two years.

Zapke-Murray vows exchanged

Marilynn Murray and James Paul Zapke were married Nov. 25 at St. Hugo of the Hills in Bloomfield Hills.

Parents of the couple are Elizabeth Murray of Orchard Lake and Elwin Murray of Bloomfield Hills and Mr. and Mrs. Frances R. Zapke of Sarasota, Fla., formerly of Farmington.

The bride wore an ivory satin and lace gown.

Both are graduates of Michigan State University. The bridegroom is an ensign in the Nuclear Power Program of the U.S. Navy.

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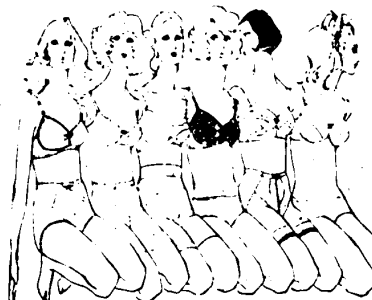
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