

Grass roots conservation starts here



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The Farmington area's newest garden club, made up of 6 to 14-year-olds, added another six to their membership during a Christmas in July celebration.

"Future conservationists is what I'm hoping for," said Penny Stairs, adult advisor for the junior gardeners, who are sponsored by Hill and Dale Garden Club.

President of the group is Danelle Janeczak, of 28217 Killarney, who, with her board, directs projects that the members choose.

Potted plants, wall hangings made from dry wood, paper roses, flower clippings and other nature-related items, brought to the party for a gift-exchange, showed where some of the interest was, following the lead of the parent club.

Meanwhile, the juniors are collecting grasses this summer for a fall session in grass weaving and flowers that will be pressed.

"The format is as close to the senior club as we can make it now," Mrs. Stairs said, all leading up to the charter that will make the group an official affiliated chapter of the Federated Garden Clubs of Michigan.

THE JUNIOR club is the latest project in the way of expansion for Hill and Dale, which has racked up a long list of awards for community improvement, flower shows, roadside development and—most outstanding—for the work done in garden therapy.

Service will be a big part of the junior club's activities, though members have not yet chosen a project.

"That will be up to them," Mrs. Stairs said. "Maybe they will help by brightening up nursing homes. Maybe they will help us keep up the gardens

here (at Farmington Community Center). Maybe they will instigate something we never thought of. I have no idea of what they can handle. We've never done this before."

While she spoke, a couple members of the group were picking up black walnuts on the Farmington Community Center grounds. When Karen Garms was asked what she was going to do with them, she answered "I don't know, but we'll think of something when we get home."

Her response, Mrs. Stairs commented, was not unusual. "Most of the children that are drawn to a club like this can work pretty well with their hands."

MRS. STAIRS said talk about starting a junior group has been an off and on thing on Hill and Dale's agenda that didn't take hold until she was chosen to write a schedule for a Christmas flower show.

She included a spot in her schedule for members' children and grandchildren to exhibit and came away "amazed at what these youngsters came up with."

This summer she invited all comers into her home for club meetings.

Come fall, the current group will be divided into age groups, and as the club progresses, meetings will become more formal.

Youngsters in the junior group do not have to have parents who are members of the senior group. There is no age restriction, either.

John Hovanessian, the junior's publicity chairman, will take inquiries on membership at 474-5770.

Vice-president of the juniors is Mary Kaye Stairs, of 24135 Farmington Road. Treasurer is Mary Cardaccia, of 26300 Orchard Lake Road, and secretary is Shelly Hawkins, 24143 Elizabeth Court.



Heather Wallace and Mary Cardaccia share the miracle of a sprouting plant. The youngsters are members of the Junior Gardeners, the newest garden club in the city, launched by Hill and Dale Garden Club in an effort to help mold future conservationists. (Staff photo by Allen Schlossberg)

To protect the young

Burn Center offers first aid measures

Two-year-old Lisa ran happily across the beach to the circle of stones with sand piled inside. Then she was screaming, her hands charred from charcoal still smoldering at 800 to 900 degrees, that had been buried under a thin layer of sand.

That was three years ago. Today Lisa (not her real name) still returns to Children's Hospital of Michigan for reconstruction of her hands, although some fingerprints have been lost permanently.

Summer pastimes hold hidden hazards of accidental burns for many children, warns Dr. James R. Lloyd, a pediatric surgeon who is director of the Burn Center at Children's Hospital, the second largest children's hospital in the nation.

"The average age of children brought to the Burn Center is four to five years, an age when they still need close supervision," says Dr. Lloyd, who has been a member of the hospital medical staff for 15 years.

"Parents who are aware of potential burn hazards can prevent their children from suffering pain and often disfigurement," he said. "Many have told me, 'I never dreamed this could happen,' but a moment's forethought could keep a summer outing from becoming a tragedy."

Dr. Lloyd cautions that danger surrounds the small child, even at home.

A little-known danger of motorcycle riding, for instance, is tailpipe burns, caused when a child riding behind the driver touches his legs to the hot exhaust. In addition to beach fires which are not drowned before being covered with sand, danger is inherent in the backyard barbecue grill. Adults who use gasoline to start a fire sometimes cause an explosion from the rapidly expanding fumes.

The same is true when burning brush piles. Or a parent may add starter fluid to speed a slow charcoal fire. The flames can travel up the steam of fluid to the can, creating an explosion as well as fire.

Small children may stumble and fall into a hot grill placed on the ground. Young Joe suffered extensive burns when he fell onto a grill, searing both

arms his back, one leg, a hand and part of his face.

Young burn victims also have been treated at Children's after touching dry ice packed around ice cream containers or grasping hot camping lanterns and hurricane lamps. Others have needed care after getting into paint stripper used outdoors, for electric burn from lights strung at backyard parties where the loose plug was in contact with damp ground.

The list goes on and on. A busy mother puts her young infant outside in the shade, forgetting that the sun may move to glare directly on the baby's tender skin. Gasoline spilled on cement while refueling a lawnmower exploded when a child dropped a metallic object into the puddle, creating a spark.

Burns from these and a variety of other causes last year brought 600 children for treatment in the Children's Hospital Emergency room. Some 234 were serious enough to require hospitalization.

Parents tend to underestimate the seriousness of burns to a child," says Dr. Lloyd. "A burn that covers half the head and face of a one year old affects 8.5 per cent of his body. A child's head is much larger in proportion to his body than that of an adult."

Adults responsible for children should keep in mind these simple first aid measures for burns:

1. Put out the fire and get the child horizontal so the flames don't flare up on the face and hair. Smother the flames with a blanket, tablecloth or coat; use a hose or swimming pool if nearby. Roll the child on the ground if

none of these are available.

2. Compresses wrung out of cool water, or cool water applied directly on the burn, will usually relieve pain. Do not use ice—it can cause frostbite. Ice can be used to cool the water applied to the wound. A water temperature of 55 degrees is good.

3. Remove the burned clothing. If some clothing is adhering to the burns, cut around the stuck portion and do not try to remove it.

4. Wrap the child in a clean sheet, tablecloth or blanket, keep her warm and dry and get emergency care. If a doctor's office is closer than a hospital go there first.

Skilled medical care is necessary to replace lost body fluids, reduce pain

and prevent infection, even before the wound itself is attended to. At Children's Hospital 12-bed Burn Center the highly trained burn team includes physicians, nurses, occupational and physical therapists, social workers and dietitians.

Dr. Lloyd feels strongly that any child who has suffered a burn should be seen by a physician. "A burn involving the entire arm of a child represents 10 to 15 per cent of the body area. That is considered a major burn. Even small burns can be life-threatening if they are deep.

"The most serious burns are those on the hands, face, feet and genital area. Hospitalization is always recommended for these burns."

Children's Hospital 2d largest in U.S.

Children's Hospital is a voluntary, non-profit hospital whose doors have opened to sick and injured children from Detroit, Michigan and abroad for 82 years.

A staff of some 600 physicians specialize in 50 categories of pediatric medicine and surgery, and provide complete health care for children from birth through adolescence.

The second largest children's hospital in the U.S., it has earned a national reputation for excellence. It is a regional center for newborns who are in trouble after birth, and a referral center for children with rare or unusual diseases or injuries. A partial list of specialty services at Children's includes:

A major burn unit supported by psychiatric and rehabilitative programs; An oncology service for long-term care of children with malignant tumors; The principle kidney dialysis unit for children in the state; An appraisal center for comprehensive diagnosis and followup of children with multiple handicaps; A regional poison control center which provides parents in a seven-county area with first aid information on poisonings 24 hours daily, seven days a week.

Founded in 1896 as the Children's Free Hospital Association with a seven-bed ward in Harper Hospital, Children's merged with the Michigan

Hospital School of Farmington 40 years later and assumed its current name. In 1971 the hospital occupied its new \$29 million, 310-bed building in the Detroit Medical Center. It is the sole pediatric teaching facility for Wayne State University School of Medicine, with the entire pediatric facility of the medical school located full time at Children's.

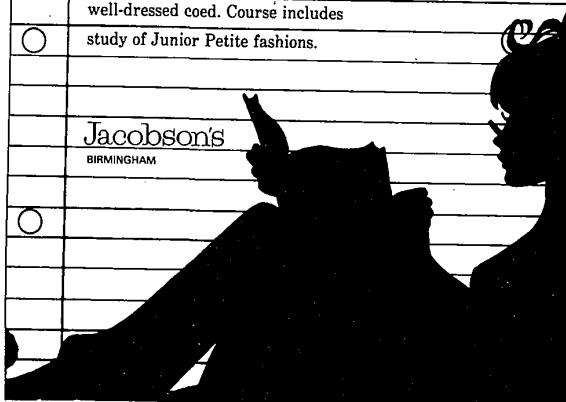
The hospital is governed by a 55-member board of trustees who serve without pay.

Key figures for 1977:
Inpatients: 13,881
Emergency Room visits: 65,571
Clinic visits: 62,864
Surgical procedures: 7,220
Neonatal surgical procedures: 140
(Neonatal means the first 30 days of life)
Cardiac surgery: 333
Calls to the Poison Control Center: 21,834
(Seven county area)
X-ray procedures: 59,256
Laboratory tests: 681,764
Neonatal intensive care patients: 288
Outpatient kidney dialysis: 570
Burn unit patients: 234
Number of beds: 320
Medical staff members: 600
Physicians in training: 84
Nursing students: 800
From other institutions who take pediatric training here
Personnel: 1,300 approximately.

Miss J Fashion Show

An elective course on Back-to-Campus Wardrobe Building and Fall Fashions, Thursday, August 10 at 7:00 p.m. A crash, in-depth study of new dress and accessorizing ideas of special interest to the fashion-minded Miss J. Open enrollment, formal modeling in the Miss J Department. Attendance mandatory for fall's well-dressed coed. Course includes study of Junior Petite fashions.

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Stimulating discussions offered here

Denise Moll's suggestion for perking up the last month of summer is to start reading Kingston's "The Woman Warrior." Those who do will be prepared to enter in the adult discussion on the book, set for 7:30 p.m. Aug. 17 in the Farmington Community Library on Liberty.

The branch library sponsors the discussion groups, which meet each month on a Thursday morning, by publishing the next book on the schedule about a month beforehand.

The schedule deviated some this summer, with a few special events and some discussions in the evening. The last offering took place when the film, "What You Are is Where You Were," was shown.

The viewers then talked about the film and its idea of personality development, designed to help understand and deal with value judgments, and how the value process is affected by family, friends and media.

The book selections are always made so there is much room for individual interpretations and opinions to be aired.