

m. m. memos

Conversational rambles can take amazing turns at the family supper table. So I repeat one sequence to stretch the imagination.

It started with Miss Eight, who had been examining a catsup bottle while munching on her hamburger. The catsup was a house brand of one of the big grocery chains.

"Why do they say the address is in Cincinnati when the store is right near us," she asked.

"I guess that's the location of the store's headquarters," I explained. "But I know that company has its big milk and ice cream company in Livonia."

One of the other girls thought that would be a fun place to work.

But our current dieter disagreed. She thought it would be a bit rough on fat Livonians.

That led to a remark that someone had seen two very obese ladies in a store located in the small community where we recently vacationed, and someone else commented that it seemed many well-padded individuals live in small towns.

Miss Eight was back with the remark that a certain very slim acquaintance of ours must always have lived in a city, "because she's so skinny."

At that point, our visiting grandma joined in. She quoted a jingle she had learned as a girl:

"Sin, sin, sin.
A needle and a pin.
A skinny and a fatty,
Spells Cincinnati."

You don't believe it? Neither did I.

-Margaret Miller

Homemaking Arts Take Spotlight

The Community Arts Building will be a beehive of activity at the 1970 Michigan State Fair, Aug. 28 through Sept. 7. In fact, it's a beehive right now as staffers prepare for the various exhibits, shows, programs, and demonstrations of special interest to women.

Premiums already have been established, special prizes lined up, notices sent out to exhibitors, and demonstrations and programs arranged.

Next order of business is receipt and judging of entries.

FROM MONDAY, Aug. 17, through Thursday, Aug. 20, needlecraft and other handicrafts, canning and preserving entries; and county fair exhibits will be received.

On Thursday and Friday, Aug. 20 and 21, the permanent flower exhibits will be set up. On Tuesday, Aug. 25, baked goods and candies will be received.

With the exhibits judged and in place, the department supervised by Marie L. Harding will be ready for the opening of the fair on Friday, Aug. 28. Then the beehive will become even more active.

IN THE EXHIBIT HALL, a slowly revolving stage has been added. "Activities in the

Her Quilts Bloom In Garden City

All seasons of the year, Mrs. James T. Fletcher of Garden City lives in a flower garden. The flowers — sweet peas, roses, apple blossoms, sunflowers — bloom on the scores of quilts Mrs. Fletcher turns out in her spare hours.

This year, for the first time, Mrs. Fletcher is entering one of her creations in the State Fair. It is the sweet pea pattern, with multi-hued flowers alternating with green leaves in a ring design.

"I'VE BEEN QUILTING as long as I can remember," said Mrs. Fletcher, mother of four sons and a small daughter.

"I guess I've made 150 or 200 of them — I lost count. My mother made a lot more than that and my grandmother quilted too."

Mrs. Fletcher said she likes the applique method better than piecing. She sews her flowers onto white cotton squares and then puts the squares together, sometimes by hand but recently more often by machine.

The quilting is done by hand, though, on a frame Mrs. Fletcher uses.

Jaycee Group Seeks Coupons

The Livonia Auxiliary is participating in a drive to collect coupons for kidney machines. Those wishing to contribute Betty Crocker coupons should send them to Mrs. Donna Naidow, 28614 Richland, Livonia, 48150.

All Michigan Jaycee auxiliaries are co-operating with General Mills to help persons with kidney disease.

Round-Up Time For Glass

By MARGARET MILLER

Ladies, don't jam those disposable pop bottles into your bulging trash cans. And save your milk bottles, pickle bottles, peanut butter and vinegar and mouthwash jars and the hundreds of others your family accumulates.

You'll soon have the opportunity to spare the trash can and do your bit for conservation by turning those bottles in for recycling.

The Plymouth branch of the American Association of University Women will sponsor a Glass Roundup during Plymouth's Fall Festival Sept. 11 to 13 on Pennington Avenues across from the post office.

ALL KINDS of bottles and jars will be collected, following the precedent set several months ago in Ann Arbor. They will be sorted and sold to the Owens-Illinois Glass Co., of Toledo.

The round up in Ann Arbor netted 129,348 pounds of glass.

Mrs. Joseph Uhl, heading the Plymouth collection, is hoping this area can match or top that figure.

MRS. UHL is local chairman for the AAUW committee LIFE. That stands for Let's Implement Favorable Environment, and the committee members feel that cutting into the mountain of trash glass will help advance that goal.

Working with Mrs. Uhl and other AAUW members will be students from the ecology group People for an Environment Progress (PEP). Others interested in helping may call Mrs.

Uhl at 555-1976.

Bottles will be received at the collection point, the site of the burned-down P and A Theater on Pennington Avenue.

Booths will be open from 3 to 8:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 11, and from 10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 12 and 13.

All glass turned in should be clean and without caps or lids. Workers will sort the glass by colors for the glass firm, which pays a half cent per pound.

AFTER BUYING the glass, Owens-Illinois grinds it to make cullet, the term for the glass waste product. This can be used by the company either in powder or liquid form.

While the company uses only 15 per cent cullet in its glass-making process, a representative said that up to 50 per cent could be used.

Cullet melts at a lower temperature than the basic raw materials of glass manufacturing — sand, limestone and soda ash — and aids in the fusion of these materials.

Thus it lowers the operating temperature of the glass furnace.

Cullet also can be used in the manufacturing of bricks, spread as fill on sandy beaches and mixed with asphalt to make a new paving compound called "glasphalt."

IN THE PAST, the Toledo company has used only its own rejects for cullet or bought used glass from citizens where plants are located.

Since the success of the Ann Arbor glass drive, the firm said it had decided to set up permanent collection centers throughout the country, including one in Ann Arbor that will open soon.

An Owens-Illinois spokesman has further predicted that soon every glass manufacturing plant in the nation will begin its own glass collection program.

MRS. UHL pointed out that glass collection drives like the one the AAUW is sponsoring



START OF A COLLECTION — Plymouth AAUW members and student ecology workers have begun gathering glass bottles for recycling. They'll have a vacant lot open for glass contributions during the Plymouth fall festival, Sept. 10 through 13. From left are Mrs. Evelyn Miller, Jim Neal, Jim Jabara and Mrs. Mary Uhl. (Observer photo by Vince Witek)

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QUILT ENTRY — Mrs. James T. Fletcher holds up the sweet pea pattern quilt she'll enter in the Michigan State Fair. (Observer photo)