

HOME EC GIRLS IMPROVE IN APPEARANCE

Improving their looks and personality is the aim of the Home-ec 1 girls. They have been studying hair styling and shampooing. As a practical application of this unit, several of the girls are working on their classmates by giving shampoo, facials and applying make-up correctly.

Finished with the closest accessory unit, the Home-ec 2 girls started on earing for clothing, such as washing sweaters and pressing skirts. They will give a demonstration of this unit to the Home-ec 1 girls and the seventh and eighth graders.

They also made the attractive and amusing window display on F.H.S. basketball teams of the early 20's. If any of the towns people can identify some of the unknowns, we'd be pleased to see you. Oh yes, the girls also polished the rest of the trophies the school has won.

—L.L.

CLARENCEVILLE SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS ADVANCE

Clarenceville Methodist Sunday School begins a six weeks advance to last from February 27 through April 2. The goal set is 250 by Palm Sunday. The slogan for the advance is "Win Them One By One."

A huge red and white sign with that slogan on it stretches all the way across the front of the church, and the hymn, "Win Them One By One" is the theme song, and is to be sung at every Sunday School service.

The advance got off to a good start last Sunday, with a good attendance, and much enthusiasm. If you see a lot of folks wearing tags with "250" printed on them you will know they are Clarenceville Methodist Sunday School folks. An award will be given each Sunday to the person bringing the most new people.

Everyone is invited to join the crowd and come to the Sunday School, Cambridge and Grand River, Sunday mornings at 10:00 a.m.

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Students Learn Snake Technique

We had one of the most interesting assemblies of the year last Thursday. It was about different reptiles, but mainly snakes.

The speaker was from the "Reptile Gardens" in Kentucky. He had some live snakes which he displayed while he explained about their markings and what to do in case of a snake-bite. He instructed the students on how to distinguish a poisonous snake from a non-poisonous one. Here's his advice:

"If you see a snake sometime when you are walking in the woods, get down on your hands and knees and crawl slowly up to it. Look directly into the snake's eyes; and, if the pupils of its eyes look like a cat's eyes, then it is poisonous. If not, you have nothing to worry about."

—B.A.

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HOURS:
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Friday—5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Saturday—2:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Journey in the Dark — Martin Flavin. In a sensitive and full-dimensional portrayal of American life, Martin Flavin has created a memorable character. By turns admirable, pitiable, tough, noble, weak, futile, and brilliantly effective, a lonely man going nowhere in the dark, Sam Braden mirrors thousands like him who have put their familiar stamp upon the American way of life.

He wanted wealth and he got it. He wanted to belong to the social world in which the Wyatts moved so easily, and in time he did. Most of all, he wanted Ellen Wyatt, and this too he achieved, but only after a fashion. To explain this average man who had wanted success above everything else, and who achieved an enviable degree of it and yet never escaped from the prison of his loneliness, Martin Flavin takes the reader back to the friendly, democratic world that existed along the Mississippi in the Eighties, to the influences which shaped the boy and fixed the pattern of the man. Most important, perhaps, were the Wyatts—Ellen and her cousin, Nellie. Everything he later became, bore directly upon his childhood relationship with them, was measured by the standards they fixed.

Journey in the Dark, in its characters, its scene, its mood, Mr. Flavin has written a book which has its roots in the best tradition of the American novel. The story of Sam Braden's life is in a way, the story of America—a statement of its values. For Sam is typical of an age and segment of American society—a common man whose strength and weakness are the stuff of humanity everywhere.

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U.S. Foreign Policy — Walter Lippmann. All of Mr. Lippmann's adult years have been in contact with the foreign policy of the United States either directly or indirectly. This book is a must for all persons desirous of an enlightening view of the world today. Some of its readers quote as follows:

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Economical Soup Stretches Meat



Now hamburger appears in a filling soup dish, suitable for dinner when served with an ample salad and a hearty pie for dessert.

One pound of ground meat is extended to serve 8 in Hamburger Vegetable Soup. This recipe requires little time to prepare, compared to most meat soups. A dash of prepared mustard adds its own good flavor, while potatoes and glassed vegetables make this soup a filling meal. Only part of your jars of carrots and peas is needed, and the remainder may be stored in the original container for another meal.

1½ tablespoons fat
1 pound hamburger
1 teaspoon pepper
1½ teaspoons salt
1 teaspoon prepared mustard
1½ cups diced turnip
1½ cup sliced onion
2 cups bottled tomato juice
½ cup water
2 cups diced potatoes
1 cup glassed sliced carrots
1½ cups glassed peas

Melt fat in a large saucepan. Add hamburger and cook over low heat, stirring occasionally for about 12 minutes. Add salt, pepper, and prepared mustard. Add turnip, onion, tomato juice, and water. Cover, bring to boiling point over high heat, then simmer for 45 minutes. Add potatoes, carrots and peas. Cover and simmer for 15 minutes. Serve very hot.

LOCALS

Mrs. Roy Furchette returned home from Seattle, Washington, after an absence of 14 months. Her husband is now stationed in Texas as an Aviation Cadet. Mrs. Furchette was formerly Leona Brovage, and was a graduate of the class of 1941 from Farmington High School.

Famula Nordway was the guest of First Sergeant Arthur Fellinski at the Mid-Winter Festival at St. Johns Military Academy, Delafield, Wisconsin, last week from February 18 through the 20th. She was chaperoned by Sergeant Fellinski's sister, Gertrude, and her husband, Lieutenant DeForrest Malloy.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Taylor and children spent Saturday with Mr. Taylor's mother and sister in Grosse Pointe.

A VIGOROUS ORNAMENTAL FOR SMOKY AREAS

By The Master Gardener

To the average dweller in a large city the atmosphere in the residential areas seems just as clear, and healthful to humans and plants as any other locality. But many large cities and the territories immediately surrounding them are in what is known as "smoke belts." Gases, soot and smoke contaminate the air, not sufficiently to be noticed by the average citizen, but just enough to be harmful to certain vegetables and flowers. As one physician explained it to me, the rays of the sun are not nearly as beneficial when they pass through this blanket of smoky atmosphere.

Some of the cities located in such "smoke belts" operate trial grounds in which they test plants before planting them in the city parks in any quantity.

One very common ornamental that can be easily grown in the most congested and contaminated areas is the Allantus, or Tree of Heaven. Seemingly no conditions are too adverse to check its growth.

It is most often used in its natural form, as a tree. But I wonder how many gardeners know that it can also be used as a shrub, by the simple process of cutting the trunk off at the desired height; then the resultant eye shoots springing from the trunk immediately below the cut form a small bush or tree somewhat resembling the low-growing symas. I have seen a border of All-

antus so treated around an office lawn in an industrial section where no other shrubs have been induced to thrive. Replacement after replacement was made until this idea was hit upon, and all who see these grounds admire them.

Why not try this idea if you live in an industrial section where you have tried to grow all manner of trees, shrubs and hedges but without success?

One precaution—the staminate flowers of the male tree have a strong offensive odor. This objection is not true of the female tree, however.

Please understand that this tree has some undesirable features such as seed-peeling, undesirable odor of foliage if crushed, and naked trunk, but still its ability to adapt itself and make healthy growth in difficult areas far outweighs these disadvantages. Far better to have an Allantus than no tree at all, say residents of such industrial areas.



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