

Governor Announces New Michigan Week Event

Outstanding business and cultural leaders from around the world will be invited to a "World Preview of Michigan Week," Governor George Romney announced.

Michigan Week itself runs from May 15 through May 21. The "World Preview" events will be held from Tuesday, May 10, through Monday, May 16.

Dale J. Sellers of Detroit, president of the Greater Michigan Foundation which administers Michigan Week, said the World Preview has been approved as a new special event this year. General chairman of Michigan Week is Paul Penfield of Detroit Edison Company.

Those invited to attend will be guests of Michigan business firms and other organizations with interests in international trade and friendship. It is expected that 20 to 30 individuals from various nations will be invited to participate.

Governor Romney said the plan is to include Nobel Prize winners, educators, labor leaders, industrialists, authors, musicians, publishers, and government officials.

The tentative program calls for the guests to arrive in Detroit on Tuesday, May 10, and to be greeted by members of the various host organizations.

Gov. Romney will hold a reception for the guests, their hosts, and committee officials.

On Wednesday and Thursday, May 11-12, the visiting notables will be taken on a flying tour of the state, and assigned to show them "Michigan on the move." They will visit industrial plants, universities, farms, mines and private homes.

Friday through Monday, May 13-16, the guests will take part in activities developed by the host organizations. These will be appropriate to the interests of the individual guests and most will take part in the communities of the hosts.

Climax of "World Preview" activities will be an International Dinner presented by The Economic Club of Detroit in Cobo Hall, with all guests and sponsors participating.

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"When the Homemaker Service agency began last April, its work was primarily in the poverty areas of the City," said Ogden.

"But with the rapid acceptance of the Service and recognition of the need it fills, expansion of the program is being planned."

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Americans Spend More on Clothes Despite Boos

Americans spent over \$33 billion on clothing and shoes in 1964. And expenditures are expected to increase in the future.

The figures are based on a series of personal consumption expenditures from the Department of Commerce. The 1964 figures were the highest in the history of the series, which started in 1929.

The figure was seven per cent above the 1962-63 figures and four per cent above the previous all-time peak in 1929.

"Part of the increased purchase of clothing is a result of rising incomes, and part of it is related to the increasing proportion of the population being in the younger age groups," explained a Michigan State University clothing specialist.

Jean Schubel, specialist with MSU's Consumer Extension Service, added, "The proportion of 15-to-24 year olds was up from 13 per cent of the total population in 1959 and 1957 to 15.3 per cent in 1964. It is expected to increase to 17 to 17.5 per cent by 1970." This increase in the number of young people in the population should increase purchases still further, since young people buy most of the clothes.

The price level for apparel rose 1.2 per cent from September 1964 to September 1965. The biggest increases were in men's and boys' apparel. According to trade reports, prices of men's suits will rise five to ten per cent more by the next fall season.

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Area Nurseries Slate Exhibits At Garden Show

Five nurseries from the Observer area will have major displays at the third annual Flower and Garden Show of Michigan, March 26 through April 3 in the Coliseum and Dairy buildings at the Michigan State Fairgrounds.

They are Tashnick-Parkview Nursery, 14201 Telegraph; Bermuda Park Plaza, 14301 Telegraph; Skandia Landscaping, 25450 Orangelawn; Thomas Nursery, 14925 Middlebelt; Livonia; and Folker's Nursery, Cherry Hill and Middlebelt, Garden City.

At least 15 major gardens, each with a distinctive theme, will be on display in the show. In addition, amateurs will compete in flower arrangements, florists will have their own section, and a number of special features are planned.

The show will be keyed to the gardener. All flowers and plants will be labeled, and experts will be on hand to answer questions.

The Greener Side of the Fence will be the theme of the Tashnick-Parkview display. Shown will be two patios connected by a bridge of railroad ties. Behind the bridge will be a long, narrow pool with a waterfall and larger pool at each end.

A number of unusual shrubs will be included in the exhibit, including the cutleaf Siberian peashrub, which looks like a miniature willow in bush form. Others will include the weeping crabapple, holly, golden elderberry, aralia, and pentapodium.

The Bermuda Park Plaza exhibit will have Winter Symphonies and "Living in Bermuda" as themes. The main feature will be the imaginative use of flocking material produced by the firm. It's something like the fuzzy stuff you see on Christmas cards.

In the winter scene, flocking on shrubs will resemble snow. A snow apple tree also will be shown. On the Bermuda side, a fountain with dancing lights and music will be featured.

Skandia Landscaping will present an exhibit built around the theme, "Universal Friendship Through Gardens." The goal: to show that gardeners throughout the world have much in common, and that much can be learned about other countries and peoples by studying their gardens.

Three gardens will be shown, one typically American, one European, and one Japanese. They will be designed to flow together rather than as separate entities, and will be distinguished by plant varieties and statuary.

Thomas Nursery will show one patio for lounging and one for barbecues. The background will be an ornamental fence following the shape of the patio, with evergreens along the fence. Of the lounging patio will be a garden with fountain, and plantings of flowering shrubs, azaleas, and rhododendrons.

Folker's Nursery will have an exhibit keyed to the theme, "This Could Be Yours." Everything in the display is available on the local market and possible to duplicate in home gardens in the Detroit area.

Included in the display will be much shade trees as the red maple, sycamore, birch, plank, and the myriophyllum. A pavilion will be shown along with a new innovation in home waterfalls made in California of fiberglass. Joining in producing the show, for the first time, is the Michigan State Fair Authority, in cooperation with the Flower and Garden Show of Michigan, Inc. According to Walter A. Goodman, State Fair general manager, a number of other organizations also are involved. These include the Metropolitan Detroit Landscape Association, the Michigan Department of Agriculture, the Michigan State Extension Service, the Allied Florists of Metropolitan Detroit and more than 250 garden clubs in the area.

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