Old Homestead

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Honors have been flying thick and fast around Old Homestead of late. Two of our young high school students have been chosen as foreign exchange students for the summer. Terry Simmons to go to Holland, Gail Gaiser to Germany.

Flo Zeglen's picture was in a daily paper for heading a church committee for this area.

Grace Bulman and Jeanne Lee received blue ribbons for their floral arrangements at the recent Home and Garden Show held at Cobo Hall. Their garden club (Hill and Dale of which Grace is currently president) already has a permanent trophy for winning the most awards in three consecutive shows and this year received another which they can try to make their own after two more years of outstanding contributions. Nice going, ladies.

Walter Bemb was a blue ribbon winner in the regional fair with his woodworking project, a really professional-looking Colonial lamp-table combination.

New association officers have been elected for the coming year, and word is out that it's dues-paying time. Consider this still another reminder. President for the coming term will be Don Greenbury; vice-president, Clyde Kennedy; plans and restrictions chairman, Harold Lundquist; maintenance, Doug Edwards; treasurer, Doug Brown; secretary, May Haler; auditors, Allen Hale and Therese Gibes; social chairman, Joyce Herberholz. We are particularly indebted to Joyce for reviving this chairmanship which was really missed last year. Please call her at 476-4729 if you are willing to assist her in any way with the planned activities for the year.

Sis Campbell who is president of the Sunday night bowlers would like to remind her wood splitters that they should assemble by 8:30 p.m. on April 9 for a sort of summing up meeting. The big banquet blast is on the calendar for April 29.

The pinochle club had a lobster dinner at Phil Borst's and picked up their lobsters live and kicking so that they could have a pre-dinner race if they so desired.

John Pheney is at home recuperating from a particularly miserable cataract operation. We wish him a speedy return to good health and spirits.

There always seem to be a few spring changes in the resident personnel. This year there's a For Sale sign on the lawn at Qualnes' and a Sold sign on the Haler property. And there are still some new houses rapidly nearing completion.

Art and Rose Gruenwald just returned from a fabulous vacation which focused on Hawaii but also included San Francisco and Las Vegas. Their movies of our gorgeous new island state almost make one willing to swim over and take a looksee. Except for a few rainy days, the trip sounded like an adventure in paradise.

Rose and Art said that they had to fight the calories all the way, but they looked like happy travelers. A few of the celebrities at Vegas while they were there were Tony Martin, Louis Armstrong, Robert Goulet, Juliet Prowse, Jerry Lewis, and they said that Phyllis Diller was the most hilarious character they had ever encountered.

THE DAN O'DONNELLS of 31997 Lamar were among those who had Easter breakfast at Northland's Coach and Four. Erin Maureen, 5, in the forefront of the picture was enchanted when she won a live bunny and promptly named him Sniffles Jr. Beside her, receiving a bunny hug from the giant host is Erin's brother, Danny, 8. Dan Sr. is next to Brigid, 10, and that's Mrs. O'Donnell in the Easter bonnet.

Art Auction At Cranbrook

The auction of art works by students of Cranbrook Academy of Art is a traditional event.

It began nine years ago when the students, sympathetic to the plight of an Hungarian artist, determined to sell their art works to help him.

Members of the Studio Council organized the sale which was so successful it was decided to continue it to help other less fortunate fellow students.

This year the event will be held at 7:30 p.m. on April 1 in the Galleries of Cranbrook Academy of Art, located in Bloomfield Hills. Objects may be previewed beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Timely Tips on GARDENING

By Betty Frankel

Does your landscaping need to be modernized? Just as fashions in clothing change, styles in landscaping change, too, although by no means as quickly. The clothing of the horse and buggy era is no longer suitable to our jet age and the landscaping of that leisurely by-gone time no longer fits our present pace and mode of living.

LANDSCAPING is an ancient art, almost as old as the art of gardening, itself, and every ancient religion had a tradition of a mythical garden paradise. In fact, the word "paradise" is a Persian word meaning walled garden. The first gardens were around desert oases and provided a link between the spiritual and physical needs of man. In effect they were his private paradise.

The earliest recorded gardens were in Egypt. Because the climate was so hot and dry, shade and water were both important features. Water was used as a symbolic representation of the river of life and as the actual source of fertility through irrigation.

These were formal gardens with a central canal or tank of water with trees and flowers planted on each side to represent an idealized oasis. A similar symmetrical pattern with a central water feature and an enclosing wall became the formula for Persian, Arabian, Indian and other near Eastern gardens.

IN ASSYRIA, the home of another ancient civilization, a different style of landscaping developed. Assyria was a densely wooded country and here the idea of paradise was of a well stocked lush hunting forest. Here the gardens were large and informal and became the ancestors of the park.

Greeks and Romans through their conquests learned about the oasis gardens and brought them back to the Western world. They built their houses around a central garden court with a dominant water feature.

The plantings around the temples consisted of groves of trees. When the Moors conquered Spain, the oasis garden tradition was brought to that country and some truly great gardens were produced in that style.

With the fall of the Roman empire, the western world entered the Dark Ages. It was a time of fear and insecurity and superstition. People feared the natural world and hid themselves behind thick walls. Small walled cloister gardens were developed around monastaries and around the castles of noblemen. These were places to grow food and places for contemplation.

THE RENAISSANCE saw a new frame of mind. People had become inquisitive and expansive. The discovery of gunpowder made the walled fortified castle obsolete. This fostered country living and villas became the vogue. In Italy, the villa gardens were formal and geometric but with a sculptured feeling because of the hilly terrain. Terraces and water were important garden features. In later years the villa gardens were designed to be naturalistic and rustic and romantic.

Unlike Italy, France was relatively flat but heavily wooded, so French Renaissance gardens developed along different lines. They became magnificent display areas designed to serve crowds of formally dressed courtiers.

Long alleys were cut through the forest and large basins of water and jetting fountains were important features. Bedding plants were set out in complicated patterns which showed to best advantage from upper windows of the adjacent palace or house.

England went through similar stages of walled gardens and later formal, geometric country gardens. However eventually there was a revolt against the formal and country houses were surrounded by naturalistic, park-like areas.

WHEN AMERICA was settled the garden styles of Europe were brought here. New England and New York saw the establishment of small dooryard gardens in the tradition of English cottage gardens. The formal English style was better adapted to the Southern plantations. Florida, California and the Southwest had Spanish influenced gardens with walled patios.

These differences have persisted to some extent. Our garden themes are therefore derivitive and there is no real typical United States style. The English cottage gardens have contributed the idea of a flower border, and the English manor house contributed the idea of an open area of lawn as sweeping and extensive as possible and surrounded by trees and shrubbery.

Until recently, landscaped gardens were only for the very rich or for public buildings. Most Americans lived in the country and did little to embelish their homes. A white pine and a shrub rose might be planted along with a bed of lily of the valley and some day lilies by the out-house.

BY VICTORIAN times, more people lived in cities and the front porch generally had a billowy row of bridal wreath spirea and in the very center of the front or side lawn was a round or star-shaped bed filled with canna. Also there was often a tiny pool with a fountain such as a little girl holding an umbrella from which the water dripped. Then rose gardens became the rage and after that rock gardens were "in" and many yards had a rock pile with sedum and moss phlox.

There's been a mass movement to the suburbs and a great new interest in outdoor living. Land is costly and people want to be able to use their land and not merely just have it. Patios, decks, swimming pools, privacy screens, easy maintenance raised flower beds are but a few of the features to be found in contemporary gardens.

Is yours an oldfashioned garden because it suits the style of your house and your mode of living? Or is it old fashioned because it's a sentimental copy of grandmother's garden?

Take a good look at your yard and a long look at the family activities and likes and dislikes. Perhaps your landscaping needs updating.

Girl Scout News

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Cadette 317, Fred Monroy leader, had the opportunity of having Mrs. Preble, gym teacher from Farmington Junior High, attend a meeting on March 16. She gave them a start on their social dependability challenge by showing examples of good grooming and good posture and the correct way to sit, stand and walk. They would like to thank her for the time and effort taken to help them.

This troop is also planning a camping trip to Lapeer sometime in April.

Junior 271 which meets at Kenbrook School, Betty Hare and Mrs. Harriet Strom co-leaders, had an investiture and rededication to welcome two new girls into the troop, Debbie Clark and Kelly Harvard. This was a candlelight investiture, which is very lovely and very impressive. After working hard on this the girls decided on a real fun day and made plans for a roller-skating party on Friday, March 31.

The troop will be going camping at Brighton in May and have been busy learning the required skills for this. Mrs. Hare has just completed the camperafter course so that she will be prepared to help the girls. Also in the planning is a Girl Scout mother-daughter banquet that will take place April 26 at Roma Hall. All the girls from Kenbrook and St. Fabian's will be in on this. Mrs. Hare is chairman and she will be letting us know more about this party later on.

Troop 6 Juniors from the Sarah Fisher Home, Mrs. Vivian Erickson and Mrs. Lib Duncan co-leaders, have been working on their Art-in-the-Round badge. They made art objects of clay and had a display of their handicraft at the recent investiture. They also made masks of papier mache at Hollowe'en and are planning to learn wire artcraft and one other form to complete their series for the badge. Also in the planning is a trip to Glick's pottery studio here in Farmington so that the girls can learn about the potter's wheel and other things of interest.

This troop is sponsored by the Women of the Moose of Farmington, who help the troop financially, provide refreshments for special events and also help with transportation and personnel when needed. In the near future, the Women of the Moose will be presenting the troop with the American and troop flags. This sponsorship is a mutual one and the troop will be making corsages for the upcoming mother-daughter banquet being given by the Women of the Moose.

Troop 659 Junior of Flanders School, Mrs. Elaine Jenson and Mrs. Jo Hanes co-leaders, are planning a May 26 weekend at Cedar Lake. To prepare for this, the girls have been learning to build fires and do lashing and will be having a backyard overnight camping experience at the home of one of the girls in the near future. One of their leaders has just completed her camperafter course and will be available for her own troop. When a troop goes camping they are required to take along a first aider and a camperafter so these courses are almost a necessity for the leaders.

On March 20, (Scout Night at the PTA) the girls of this troop had a display of badge work so their sponsoring organization could see what was being accomplished.

At the recent Girl Scout birthday party Troop 659 dramatized the Girl Scout promise "A Girl Scout Is Loyal." To do this they wrote words to the music of "King of the Road" and sang this for the other Scouts and guests.

Cat Show Set At Danish Hall

Most cats bring home mice, but the cats entered in the Cat Fanciers Second Championship Cat Show will bring home ribbons, rosettes and trophies instead. Scheduled for Saturday, May 6, the show will be held at the Danish Brotherhood Hall, 22711 Grand River, and will be judged by four prominent, licensed judges under the rules of the National Cat Fanciers Association. Dr. John H. Richardson, who is well known in this area, will be the veterinarian.

In addition to classes for adult pure bred cats, neuters and spays, there will be special classes for kittens, 4 through 8 months of age, and for the household pet variety. (Household pets are those cats whose ancestry is unknown and mixed.)

Entries will be accepted through April 8 and entry blanks and further information can be obtained from the show secretary, Mrs. Lydia E. Dzbanski, by calling Luzon 1-7877.

Making their debuts at this show will be Princess Tameeko, a seal point Siamese, and her daughter, Marie's Sukee-Yaki, a blue point Siamese, whose sire is the retired 1959 All Mid-Western Frost Point Male Siamese, Sr. Ch. Tap-Toe Bolero. Tameeko and Sukee-Yaki are owned by Mrs. Marie Mutschall, of 25339 Westmoreland Drive.

The show will be open for public viewing from 10 a.m. through 6 p.m.

OCC Police Program Is Certified

The basic police training program being conducted at the Oakland Community College Academy through April 14 has been certified by the Michigan Law Enforcement Officers Training Council, OCC President John E. Tirrell announced today.

Bufe indicated that jurisdictions which have passed a resolution or ordinance stating that they will adhere to the standards of the Council will be eligible for reimbursement of up to one-half of the salaries of the trainees for a maximum of 130 hours and up to one-half of the living expenses incurred by those trainees who are required to be away from their residence overnight while receiving training.

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For the first time in many years there will be no real contest for a seat on the Farmington City Council due to the fact that only the incumbents have filed for this office.

The only contest involved is to decide which of the present councilmen will be elected for a four year term and who will be elected for the two year term. The two men receiving the most votes are the ones who will serve the four years.

I have served two four year terms on the Farmington City Council and will again appreciate your support in the coming April 3 election.

REMEMBER, voting is a privilege. Use it. Cast your vote April 3.

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