

A 'Wild' Garden Grows -- With Careful Attention

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Special Writer

"This used to be a neighborhood dumping spot," said Mrs. F. R. Hobeisel as she pointed out a jack-in-the-pulpit growing in her backyard "wild" garden at 698 S. Evergreen St., Plymouth.

What was once an eyesore has been transformed into an oasis of natural beauty, literally carpeted with flowers in Spring. "We had to spend a lot of time picking up empty bottles and cans, but each year now, more wild flowers seem to come up."

WHEN MR. AND MRS. Hobeisel purchased their wooded lot four years ago, they decided to keep the backyard "wild," reminiscent of the woods of northern Michigan.

There are large beech and maple trees, huge red and white oaks, ash, basswood and elm. It is a remnant of an old forest that once covered much of southern Michigan and is what the botanists term a "beech-maple climax forest," the end result in a long series of plant communities that successively occupied the area starting perhaps when an ancient glacial lake filled in to become a bog, then a meadow, then a brushy field and finally a hardwood forest with beech and maple trees predominating.

Native plants have been encouraged to grow and spread and the evergreens and ground covers are arranged skillfully so that they blend with the wild plants. Paths, covered with a thick layer of wood chips, wind between the trees, making it easy to get close to the various wild flowers as they come into bloom.

Outstanding are the large white trillium, one of Michigan's most beloved wild flowers. These dramatic beauties, with their three white petals and three bright green leaves, are in bloom for many weeks. Then before they fade away they turn a soft shade of pink.

MOST OF THE spring flowers are blue. The first to bloom are the pale blue hepaticas. Next come the violets in pale blue and deep purple as well as yellow and white. These are soon followed by blue wood phlox and orchid toned wild geraniums.

Mrs. Hobeisel had introduced some plants of Virginia blue-bell (mercurialis), and these have multiplied successfully and formed large drifts of beautiful sky-blue flowers. The myrtle and ajuga planted as ground cover also have blue flowers.

This melange of blue flowers set against a background of tender spring-green foliage makes a combination that is cool and serene. As the season progresses the greens become rich and deep and there are fewer wild flowers in bloom.

ALL THROUGH the year the garden is enlivened by bird songs--woodpeckers, black-capped chickadees, even a pine siskin. Some are passing visitors, but others are permanent residents. Hobeisel has tucked bird houses and feeders into

nooks and corners. A favorite feeder is a shallow pan attached to the top of an old stump near the back door. On a winter morning dozens of birds flock to this feeder.

Mr. and Mrs. Hobeisel have recognized the unique character of their lot and have

utilized and enhanced the natural features to be found on their site. They have created a "wild," but by no means uncared-for, garden. The result is charming and refreshingly "different."



MRS. F.R. HOBEISEL displays Virginia bluebells in her "wild" garden.



DAINTY WHITE FLOWERS of miterwort (or bishop's cap) grow at the base of an old stump.

Romantic News



Arney - Planck Rites Held in Ann Arbor

The First Unitarian Church of Ann Arbor was the scene of the May 12 wedding of Cheryl Mae Planck and James William Arney.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Planck, of Loveland Avenue, Livonia, and the bridegroom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. L. Merl Arney, of Southfield.

A reception at Northland Inn followed the rites.

The bride wore a floor-length empire gown of cloud white tulle, with bateau neckline and trumpet sleeves edged in embroidered, chantilly lace.

The gown had an A-line skirt and detachable train.

Her bouffant veil of silk illusion was held in place by a flower headpiece.

Nymph green linen gowns with machine 1960 bows and tiny veils were worn by the attendants. Carla Planck was maid of honor for her sister.

Another sister, Sheila Planck, and Kay Arney, sister of the bridegroom, were bridesmaids.

'Convenience' Means Sales Will Soar

'Convenience' foods will increase in popularity in the future, contend Michigan State University scientists.

Researchers say that consumers will be demanding more built-in services in their meat purchases. Therefore, more ready-to-cook, convenience "heat and serve," or "boil-in-bag" type of meat items will be made available.

They expect 80 per cent of the meat sales in 1980 will be in the convenience or prepared form.

The ultimate in convenience is afforded by food vending machines, but the MSU scientists say the service offered by these machines may be a mixed blessing. They point out that one effect machines have had is to encourage place-meal eating.

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Brides-To-Be



JANET CLARK

Mr. and Mrs. Garel Julson Clark, of 13 Mile Road, Farmington, announce the engagement of their daughter, Janet Lila, to Charles Maull IV, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Maull Jr., of Culver, Ind. Both are working in Chicago. A late summer wedding is planned.



CAROL TESCH

Mr. and Mrs. James F. Tesch, of Glenview Avenue, Farmington, announce the engagement of their daughter, Carol Gay, to James W. Nesbitt, son of Mr. and Mrs. James D. Nesbitt, of Bay City. Both are students at Central Michigan College. An Aug. 26 wedding is planned at St. John's Lutheran Church.

Salary Offers Up For Grads

Average salary offers to June graduates are up \$50 a month from last year and there is an eager market for holders of degrees in all fields, according to Richard J. Nisbet, director of placement at Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti.

"Relatively small graduating classes, the draft and the attraction of graduate school, coupled with a strong economy, make for a continuing imbalance between supply and demand," Nisbet said.

He admitted that the employment needs of heavy industry in the Detroit area are somewhat less than in other years but said this slack has been more than taken up by the service types of business and industry. At the same time, government civil service recruiting efforts have been intensified.

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