

Stefansson Gives Talk at Cranbrook

Vilhjalmur Stefansson, famous Arctic explorer, writer, and scientist, was the guest speaker in a program given at the Cranbrook school auditorium Wednesday night at 8 o'clock.

Stefansson has been endorsed by several famous men as the greatest Arctic explorer of all time. Among these are Lowell Thomas, radio commentator; the late Admiral Robert E. Peary, himself a great Arctic explorer; and the late President, Theodore Roosevelt.

His explorations have won him many medals from such organizations as the Canadian Government, National and American Geographic Societies, Geographical Society of Paris, Explorers' Club of New York, and the Royal Geographic Society of Great Britain.

Gardeners' Corner

(This column is conducted for The Eccentric's readers by Mrs. Marc J. Patten, Box 146, Bloomfield Hills. Questions on gardening matters may be addressed to Mrs. Patten and they will be answered in the Gardeners' Corner as directed by mail.)

HOUSE PLANTS

So much is written about house plants during the winter months, one is left with a sense of confusion. However, the whole matter boils down to two things: watering and room conditions. The first is so easy if you know how. Too much water is worse than too little. A plant recovers from a slightly wilted state and is the same as before, but a plant that is too wet shows it in the color of the leaves (light yellow, green), and takes weeks to come back if it ever does. Water only when necessary; it is easier said than done by the beginner. A pot that needs water gives a hollow ring when hit with the knuckles. If your knuckles can't take it, a wooden stick will do, but a real green house man will use his knuckles until they are bruised. Drainage helps prevent sogging, frequently by covering the plants when you dust or vacuum.

THE BIRMINGHAM (MICH.) ECCENTRIC—THURSDAY, JANUARY 11, 1940

New J. B. Priestley Novel Received at Baldwin Library

By LINDO MOORE. None but J. B. Priestley could take such incongruities of character and events, put them together so casually and make a delightful novel. His new novel, Let the People Sing is a novel in a novel, with Timmy Tiverton, famous variety clown, forgotten and broke in a small town. What with one thing and another, including his accidental bombing of a statue, Timmy found himself in the company of a famous Czech professor, a fugitive from the Nazis, how this strangely assorted group was instrumental in making the quiet old town of Danbur—lose its tenacity, the cost of installation of the Old Market Hall, makes a tale well worth the reading. Full of chuckles and a novel filled with a slightly-exuberant vein, this is a novel recommended for that reason.

PENNY POSTCARDS

The first step in planning next year's garden is to spend several winter evenings reading and studying garden literature. Some of the time will be spent on books borrowed or bought, some on magazines, but you can find more than your money's worth in another kind of material—the kind that comes to you for the price of a penny post card. Arm yourself with a pack of cards and glance the columns of any home magazine or similar section of a newspaper and you will find such items: "Send for this book on pruning today." Catalogue free. Need I say more? Choose a few general catalogues from well-known seed houses and then if you have a garden hobby send for a few booklets about it. If you have difficulty finding the ones you need, you can find more than hundreds of pamphlets available from the Federal Department of Agriculture at Washington. If you have never gone shopping with a post card, buy ten cents worth of cards tomorrow and try your luck.

MEETINGS

Garden Center Lectures—Alger Museum, Thursday, Jan. 11, 2:30 p. m. "House Plants," Mr. Frederick C. Kidner. McGregor Library, Highland Park, Jan. 16, 8 p. m. "Color in the Shade," Miss Georgia Haerr.

National Farm and Garden, Bloomfield Hills, Branch, Annual Meeting, Monday, Jan. 15.

Schermerhorn Will Appeal His Case

James Schermerhorn, Jr., 12 years old, of Franklin, will appeal his drunk driving conviction on a Highland Park justice court last Thursday, it was indicated when Schermerhorn posted the necessary bond.

FREAKS UP PRIZES

BAD AXE (MFA)—Huron county farmers won prizes with fresh farm products in a local contest recently. Among the exhibits were a 3 1/2 pound potato, a pumpkin, the cost of installation of yellow dent corn weighing 19 ounces, a 26-pound ear of corn, and a four-foot narrow squash.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENT

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STATE OF MICHIGAN

In the Matter of the Estate of John Baldwin, Deceased. Arthur E. Moore, Judge of Probate. In the Matter of the Estate of James G. Parkison, Deceased. Arthur E. Moore, Judge of Probate.

Choosing a Modern House

By R. Myerscough-Walker. A guide through the perplexities that beset a buyer in these days of "modern" functional architecture. Pictures of modern houses, with their plans, features, materials, would reveal of value to bewildered house-hunters.

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Eight New Homes Approved for City During December

Building permits for eight new homes were approved by the City Building Department during the month of December. The permits are as follows: Melvin McCracken, 687 Davis, wreck and rebuild a two-car garage, cost \$50. Robert W. Appell, 163 Merrill Street, a two-story frame house, cost \$22,000. Builder, Seymour & Schuman. A. E. Blakeslee, 531 Oakland, a two-story brick veneer house at 1319 Latham boulevard, cost \$28,000. Builder, Blakeslee-Hunt Co., Detroit. T. Bennett, 757 Covington, Detroit, two-story frame home at 1024 1/2 Fern, cost \$29,000. Robert E. Townsend, 276 Hazel, a two-story frame house at 1537 Buckingham road, cost \$7,000. Builder, G. C. Waggoner, 529 Henley Drive.

Two Persons Hurt, Woodward-Lincoln

Two persons were bruised in a crash last Thursday afternoon at Woodward and Lincoln avenue involving the cars of Frank Mackinville, 792 Chain street, and James C. Bray, 216 Alfred Street, Detroit. Mackinville was driving east, crossing Woodward, when struck by Bray's car, going south on Woodward. Two persons riding with Bray were hurt. Ruth Bray, 24, received a bruised shoulder, and Ada Kramer, hurt her head when she hit the wind shield of the car.

Announcement . . .

Mrs. Win. G. McBride, who has carried on the business of the McBride's Tea Room, 121 West Maple St., since her husband's death four years ago, is now retiring from active management and has turned the business over to her sons.

Clifford and Kenneth McBride

Mrs. McBride wishes to thank you all for your past patronage and hopes that you will continue to patronize the boys, who will endeavor to serve and please you as she has in the past. Thank you. MRS. WM. G. MCBRIDE.

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Better Light boosted STOPPING POWER of this window 46%! A millinery shop made a test on the effectiveness of improved shop window lighting. By using colored lighting for general illumination and white spotlights on the merchandise, the attracting power of the window was increased 46%. A similar test in a shoe store produced even more startling results. By doubling the general illumination and using a spotlight in the center of the window, the attracting power was increased 81% and the featured shoes were quickly sold out. Perhaps better lighting can increase the effectiveness of YOUR windows. Detroit Edison engineers will gladly help you find out. They will make a lighting survey without charge and offer helpful suggestions where needed. Call your Detroit Edison office. The Detroit Edison Company.

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