

Reporters Pay Visit to Famous Iris Garden of Addie Sly

Spacious Grounds
At West Maple
Real Beauty Spot.

By KATHRYN UMPHREY.

Such a well known garden as the Addie Sly's at West Maple has proved to be too strong a temptation for Mrs. Marc T. Patten, Eccentric Garden Editor, who, when she was casting around for some place to go last week, is 194. She is the retiring president of the Iris Association of Michigan, and her collection of irises is practically famous. Many of the finest types are sent to her before they are put in catalogues, and she has almost all of the best things, and of course a good representation of all irises, new and

CONTRAST
There's a soft shabby yellow, just back of the pond. Where? In many hours and dreams. In the plump of the grasses of which I am fond I recline with the flowers by the stream.

Their sweet, spicy fragrance lends a charm to the spell. That quickens the beat of my heart. And the throat of the thrushes with jingling notes will sing to me. 'Till I raise from my dream with a start. Then back to the work world with all of its rush. I reluctantly go with a sigh— Leaving behind me the song of the thrush.

For the dim of the world passing by—
—Myrtle Russell Young

and iris, from white through to the latter flowers; there was Siberian Iris, some very tall, long-stemmed, almost all of the height known as the Dragon Fly Iris. Both the Emperor and Caesar's Hybrid were included. The Empress, Mrs. Patten explained, was so named because its originators thought it was the darkest possible blue. However, in few places later someone came out with a bloom even darker, so it was named after the Emperor. From the rock garden back to the house again we saw many flowers of all kinds, including an interesting collection of columbines and a great many primroses. Near the house there is an enclosed garden laid out in circular patterns at the center of which is a large hirt house atop a tall white pole. All through this garden there was a profusion of violas, blue delphiniums, painted dabbles, peonies, and poppies, and the like. Mrs. Patten pointed out that the plants here give evidence of flowers that will bloom throughout the summer.

Holland Avenue Project Approved

Final confirmation of the Holland Avenue project was made Monday night by the City Commission. The City Engineer estimated that the project will be completed in 1942. The work to be done includes the widening of the street from 30 to 40 feet, the laying of a concrete curb and gutter, and the installation of a sewer system. The project is being financed by a bond issue of \$100,000. The City Engineer explained that the project is being approved because it is in the best interests of the city. The project will improve the appearance of the street and will make it safer for traffic. The project will also improve the drainage of the street and will help to prevent flooding. The project is being approved because it is in the best interests of the city.

Compensation Costs Cut by Company

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Gardeners' Corner

By Davis T. Patten, Editor.

IRIS
Among the few plants that are known to every one by name as well as by sight, the iris is well at the head of the list. One of the famous Plant de la Grèce, the famous "iris" of early gardeners, was a wild about the usual large garden. There has been, however, in the last year, such a large amount of iris in the various types that the big flower of the iris has been seen hardly rarely for the small blooms that come from wild about the usual large garden.

Bloomfield Village Contract Approved

A contract with the Johnson Building Company for treatment of Bloomfield Village sewage was authorized by the City Commission Monday night. Negotiation has been under way for a year. Village residents will be assessed payments equal to three-quarters of their present water bill.

Man Must Spend 2 Days in Jail

George J. Bushy, of 320 Independence road, Pine Lake, was sentenced Monday night on a drunk driving charge after a hearing before Justice H. A. O'Dell, in Bloomfield Hills. He was fined \$75, ordered to spend two days in jail, and placed on six months' probation with suspension of his operator's license. He was arrested about 11:30 p. m. September 24, after a car crash.

Mass of Color

Since iris is the principal feature of the Sly garden, we started our tour of inspection with the beds on the far side of the pond, away from the road. As we approached this section it appeared to be a mass of color. On our inspection there are many diamond-shaped beds, edged with cobblestones. They contain some of the most interesting and beautiful plants. Among these are Mrs. Patten pointed out to me in particular were the bearded and beardless iris.

Many Types of Flowers

Coming from the back of the Sly house, we walked under a long cool arbor, covered with many vines including wisteria. Out of the arbor and into the sunshine again we followed a flagstone path, edged on either side with flower beds and shrubs to its end where we found a rock garden.

A Country Garden

On the whole, one would call Mrs. Sly's grounds an excellent Country Garden. It is large and sprawling with many flower beds and shrubs. The garden is well planned and is in full bloom during iris-time, so we were really seeing it at its very best.

Closing of Alley Asked by Church

A petition asking closing of an alley at the corner of West Maple Avenue was presented to the City Commission Monday night by the Rev. Arthur Brown, minister of the First Methodist Church, 1000 West Maple Avenue. The alley is a narrow strip of land between the church and a residential property. The church is asking for the alley to be closed because it is a safety hazard and is in the way of the church's expansion.

City Gets Protest On Project Penalty

Davis T. Patten and W. W. Osborne appeared before the City Commission Monday night to protest the proposed penalty for the Holland Avenue project. The penalty is a fine of \$100 per day for each day that the project is not completed by the deadline. The protesters argued that the penalty is too high and that it is unfair to the contractor. They asked for the penalty to be reduced to \$50 per day.

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Lindquist Salon in New Location

The Lindquist Salon has moved from its former location to a new location at the corner of West Maple Avenue and Walnut Lake, Mrs. Mary Lindquist, manager, announced. Her phone number is 342-1112. It was announced that the new location is six miles west of Birmingham.

Have You Met . . .

Mrs. Madeline Gause H. Carey has who recently moved to 1572 Westwood drive from Detroit. She has four children: Barbara, 14; Arthur, 13; Betty, 10; and John, 7. They moved out here for other reasons. Because of the project, the alley will be closed. The alley is a narrow strip of land between the church and a residential property. The church is asking for the alley to be closed because it is a safety hazard and is in the way of the church's expansion.

Notice

The City of Birmingham, Michigan, hereby gives notice that the city will be issuing bonds in the amount of \$1,000,000 for the purpose of financing the Holland Avenue project. The bonds will be issued in the form of 5% bonds maturing in 1946. The city is asking for the bonds to be issued because it is in the best interests of the city.

Notice

The State of Michigan, The Probate Court of the County of Oakland, hereby gives notice that the estate of John A. B. Smith, deceased, is being administered by the executor, Mrs. J. B. Smith. The executor is asking for the estate to be administered because it is in the best interests of the estate.

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