HOME BUILDING AND GARDEN NEWS

Berkshire Hills Picnic Planned

The Berkshire Hills Protective Association will hold its annual picnic Saturday afternoon, June 21, at 4 o'clock on the grounds of Mrs. C. F. Meagher home 21610 West Twelve Mile road. The party will be "potluck" this year and everyone is invited who lives or owns property in the district between 12- and 14-Mile roads and Evergreen and Telegraph roads.

G. Beranek
Secretary

Rotarians Are Shown Movies of Mexico

Walter Smith, world traveler and member of the Pontiac Rotary club, showed Birmingham Rotarians Monday noon several reels of color motion pictures that he took on a visit to Mexico last winter. The scenes pictured city and rural life in the southern republic, Mr. Smith was introduced by Rotarian Lloyd Linton.

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Gardeners' Corner

Doris T. Patten, Editor

In the Vegetable Garden

This is the time of the year that the rhyme "Hoe, hoe, hoe your row, through the summer heat" begins to mean something. If you cultivate well now, and manage to keep down the weeds as they come, you will reap the benefits later. A garden of some size also will merit buying a wheel hoe. Next in labor saving, provided the garden soil is loose enough, is a scuffle hoe that can either be pulled or pushed. For ordinary purposes, the ordinary hoe has most advantages. Keep the edge sharp by filing with a flat file. Your hoe should fit your hands and not feel too heavy or out of balance. Hoe your garden soon after a rain but not while the ground is still sticky. Once a week is not too often to cultivate during the growing season.

If you must water, do so thoroughly and then cultivate as you would after a rain. If you are too busy to hoe as often as you would like, put a mulch around the plants or between rows, using grass clippings, peat, or strawy manure. Another task that should not be put off is early thinning and weeding. It is just as well to do the two at once. Don't be afraid to pull out enough; future carrots to assure the ones you leave growing space. If your conscience hurts you, resolve to sow thinner next time, but don't spoil the crop by crowding. Keep an eye on the bugs and start and stick to your spraying schedule.

Rose Chafers

Those dread pests, rose chafers, are with us again. No spray seems to touch them as new hordes fly in from neighboring fields. Hand picking is the only real approach. If you want roses pick them early enough in the morning and while they are still buds. For specimen blooms you may want to try covering with cheese cloth. Cultivating the rose bed (or whatever bed is being attacked) helps keep down next year's crop. We feel this is so in our garden or we're just lucky so far. We also hear rumors that spraying blooms with Flit will keep the bugs from landing. Try it and let us know how you come out. And if you do know any other suggestion, let's hear about it!

Lawns

Start leaving the grass a little longer by raising the cutting bar on the lawn mower. Take time to make neat and straight edges for your beds by using a line. Keep weeds and grass another light dressing of a complete plant food. If some of your edges are too wide, lay sods along the row, extending them a little further than desired, and then trim them back. Never water less than to a depth of one foot. If you stick to this and do not water too frequently, your grass will make deep roots. The theory that watering can only be done in the evening seems to be generally out of favor.

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With the Collegians

CULVER, Ind.—NELSON B. ELDRED, 3RD, 216 Hawthorne road, was among the 63 cadets named in a special order as officers at Culver Military Academy for the 1941-42 school year. Eldred was commissioned Sergeant in Company B of the infantry.

Cornell University

PHILLIP E. STRELINGER, of Birmingham, has earned his award at Cornell for Freshman Golf.

Michigan Normal

YPSILANTI—ROLLAND LANGERMAN, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Langerman, of 630 Hewett street, Birmingham, has been presented his numerals for participation in track.

Rather Neat, This

Toastmasters fall roughly into two groups: The flip kind, and those who introduce the distinguished guest in a tone of reverent awe, as if he were being unveiled.—Detroit News

Olivet Graduate

FREDERICK BRADFORD SMITH, 3RD, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick B. Smith, 1881 North Adams Road, received his Bachelor of Arts degree at Olivet College Sunday. He is a graduate of Kent School, Kent, Conn., where he was business manager of the school paper, Kent News, and at Olivet was book reviewer of the college paper, Olivet Echo. He is a member of Phi Alpha Pi fraternity and was manager of their winter festival this year.

Knocking on Wood

(Continued from Editorial page)

torture, the discharged soldier simply went back to the land. That to me, is the most foreboding fact of all.

Chinese Cooking and China

After swimming around at the house Saturday, after-noon, Mrs. Harwood and I made a splendid recovery on Chinese cooking. We attended a China Society dinner at Mei Ching (or something like that—on Third street, a Chinese restaurant for the Chinese, situated in a little room upstairs. The waiter first brought chop sticks and then a pot of tea, following by course after course. At least a dozen different dishes were served and we were flabbergasted with the variety. There was no chop suey there, but that was first concocted in San Francisco, or was it Wichita?

After the meal, the crowd repaired across the street and climbed three flights of stairs to the very nicely appointed hall of the Chinese Merchants Association. The chairman, the Rev. Oscar G. Stanley, introduced Dr. Lin Yutang Mo, a YMCA secretary, who told of his movement to teach the Chinese mass singing as a morale builder. It seems that the Chinese never have had a word for "quartette" or "glee club."

The principal speaker was Dr. Robert H. McClure, a medical missionary, who returned soon to head an ambulance corps on the Burma road. Dr. McClure told of the rising nationalism in China, something entirely new to the people. He said that he saw no particular "danger" in the Communist influence on the Chinese agrarian reform, although he stressed the fact that Russia is giving great military aid, while the democracies do little or nothing. "And how do you think the Chinese feel when they find out that the Japanese are flying American planes, using American gasoline and are dropping bombs made of steel and explosives from America?" he asked. We wonder!

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From the Women's Angle

By KATHRYN UMPHREY

The host of little things people don't know never fails to amaze me. When something big, like an economic policy or a flat tax comes up, I can whisk up a defense of being a woman that for all these silly little years there is just no study, a blank expression usually suffices.

For instance, the business of a twisted telephone wire. All LAST WEEK just how simple that was to untangle. And assigned big words wouldn't make for such an insignificant fear—if it weren't necessary to look in a dictionary to find out just how letters are put in place.

More little items that always stump me are things like the seasons in South America and the capital of Wyoming, for most of my western taste. How much sugar does one use to make a white sauce? How it's supposed to depends on the amount of water, I know that, but just what AREA the proportions are, what would your stick use? And answer me to the question not to me recently by a child, "How can a bank lend more money than the bank has?" Or, how a number can be divided by all nine digits—quick, before I count them!

It is with an very particular and devilish glee that I parade my knowledge of peavies and canthooks, time to doughnuts, not many of you of my readers know, without use of a dictionary.

Where there are so many little things to learn, it is most difficult to understand why so many people never go to the dictionary. Incidentally, did you know that the word eccentric, engineering meaning, means off-center—or had you guessed?

By LILLIAN DIEDERICH

Eating isn't fun. It's disastrous. Eons ago it was enjoyable, but times have changed. Ever since designers took to catering to the well-to-do-ladies, regarding the fact older women spend more for their clothes, eating has lost its charm. And no wonder. Not since it is impossible to find smart clothes suited to hair in sizes over 20. Hence dieting has become High Style. And the art of dining is dying out.

Look back when, we remember how very pleasant it was to "prettyup" before we betook ourselves to some restaurant, there to relish perfect cuisine. Mellowed vintages graced each course, warming the cockles of the heart. Gay repartee, swift and keen as an arrow, brought forth flashing smiles and subdued laughter. Soft music, tendered discreetly in the background, intelligent east enchantingly reflected from "real" goblets. That was dining. Today all is different. Everyone slumps through his meal. Nonsensical chatter tries desperately to drown out "live" music. Even waiters are less courteous, the idea is to get through to other's "all 00" one's place.

Then the diet must be considered, calories counted. What sense is there in dining out when so few foods are allowable? Wines, and cocktails are taboo for they stimulate the appetite. An awful word. Appetizers are out, because everything good is no good for diets. Thumbs down on sugars and starches to begin with. Every bump of sugar or one little potato only prolongs the angony of dieting. Nuts, of course, are off the list, for fat makes rolls and rolls won't wedge into size 16 dresses. Salt must not be indulged in for salt and thirst plus water equals fat. What then is permissible on a reducing diet? Nothing worth eating. Oh, you may have some fruit unseasoned, for a starter. Or a half grape fruit, unsweetened. Followed by a steak or lamb chops with the fat slicked off. A few vegetables minus sauces and butter may be eaten (if one is not fussy about the taste). A green salad undressed is permissible, just like rabbits eat it. For dessert, another half grape fruit and black coffee. It would be smarten to order the Java absent of schedule, to see if help the dinner get where it's going. If that be considered dining—I'm stumped before I commence.

Eating is definitely not a pleasure anymore. As for me, I'm hungry after three days of fruit juices, the usual starter-offer of most diets. I'm feasting on a "menu" of self-indulgence. Everything off the list is going to be mine, all mine. Then to wind up, I and "Mr. Skeffington" will settle down to a pound of chocolate fudge.

Alley to Be Closed On Church Property

A petition for the alley closing of the Zion Lutheran Church property on Woodward Avenue at Merrill City limits appears near a solution. Chas Mattingly, D. C. Egbert informed the Commission on Monday night that it is planned to close the alley at the back of the dry-cleaning establishment, and to provide an outlet to Maple extending alongside the cleaner's building. Two lot owners, directly on corners of their lots to make a convenient turn.

The alley on this church property will be closed. Actually it has never been used.

Man Loses License For Drunk Driving

Leslie Pamphlett, 31 years old, of 6685 Central, Detroit, was arrested Sunday morning on Woodward avenue, and failed on a charge of drunk driving. Justice Forbes S. Hartsell fined the men $50 and suspended his operator's license.

Man Fined $50 For Drunk Driving

Frank Simonowski, 50 years old, of Algonquin, Detroit, arrested while driving in an erratic manner on South Woodward Avenue, Sunday, pleaded guilty to a charge of drunk driving when arraigned before Justice Forbes S. Hartsell, Monday. He was fined $50 and his operator's license suspended.

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Improvement Sought On Webster Street

A request has been received from W. S. Jackson, asking the City to improve Webster street from Torrey avenue to the east division line on the east. It was reported to the Commission that a substandard house stands nearby because of which the FHA will not OK the neighborhood. The Commission declined to take action until that obstacle is made by Mr. Jackson.

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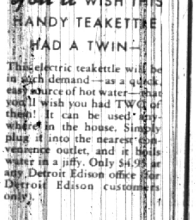

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No Operator's License; Driver Receives Ticket

Two 16-year-olds were involved in a minor crash shortly after noon on Saturday. One was Tom Williams, of 615 Kimberly, going west on Pine, and the other was Boyd Roberts, 2198 West Maple, driving north on Pilgrim. Miss Roberts was given a ticket for failure to have her operator's license. Damage was not great.

First Outdoor Concert Set for June 26

The Brick Theatre of Cranbrook will provide a picturesque setting for the "Oakland County Symphonies Under the Stars" which are to be given this summer by the Detroit Philharmonic Orchestra under the direction of Cesar Chinfone.

The concerts will be presented on Thursday evening June 26, July 10 and July 31. In case of rain, the program will be given the following evening.

Tickets may be purchased for the season or for the individual concert. The subscription tickets may be used at each concert. Also several single concert to suit the convenience of the purchaser. Tickets may be purchased from Stuart Dean, State or from L. D. Tate.

Stops for Light; Collision Results

Russell Leyland, of 979 Chesterfield, was driving east on Willits Saturday morning when he stopped for a red light at Woodward. Jean Dickson, 22 years old, of 30055 Payne, Dearborn, driving north on Woodward, turned left into Willits, and a collision resulted.

Mathews Galleries Have New Affiliation

The Fenton E. Mathews Galleries, Woodward avenue, announces the affiliation of the Millington Galleries of Detroit.

An outstanding collection of fine paintings has been collected by Theodore H. Millington and contains many gems of art, among this collection a group of old Dutch masters authenticated by the Detroit Art Institute.

Picture restoration and framing is also a service available. The public is invited to visit this establishment.

Leon's Will Install Air Conditioning

What is believed to be the first air conditioned hairdresser's in Birmingham will be Leon's Beauty Salon. Patrons will be able to obtain comfort regardless of the weather as soon as the equipment is installed.

The Day's Worst Pun

According to a magazine writer, the farmers in Dust Bowl have themselves chiefly to blame for making such poor soil to farm in. It seemed that they lacked a sense of humus.—Norfolk Virginian-Pilot.

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