

Cranbrook Staff Announce Changes

Several staff changes at Cranbrook Institute are recorded with the opening of fall schedules. Dr. Fred J. Dockstader, since 1944 an associate in ethnology and an instructor in history at Cranbrook School, has become a staff member of the Dartmouth college museum, Hanover, N. H. His major duty will be the development of exhibits pertaining to the material culture of people throughout the world.

ANOTHER CRANBROOK member, James H. Carmel, has been granted a Fulbright scholarship in England for the purpose of studying and reporting on inter-museum loans, their planning and methods of handling. His work will be supplemented by study on the equipment, although he will make his headquarters in London. Raymond Cherry, for five years a cabinet maker at the Institute, resigned his position early in the summer. He has been succeeded by Bertie Nicholls.

General news deadline is 4:30 p.m. each Tuesday.

Community House Training Classes Open on Sept. 22

Community House officials report lively registration for the fall craft and hobby classes which, with the exception of military work, will start the week of Sept. 22.

Although some vacancies still exist, an over-wood registration is expected for most groups. The 10-week bridge courses are scheduled for Thursdays, with foundation work from 8 to 10 p.m., and review from 1:15 to 3:15 p.m. Mrs. Connie Anderson will be in charge. Mrs. Edith Foster will conduct her ceramics classes Tuesday afternoon groups reporting at 1 and evening groups at 7 o'clock. This is a 17-week course. Mrs. Virginia Heidemian will again lead the 10-week course of creative writing. Classes are Thursday evenings from 8-9. Mrs. Alice Wessels Burlingame will stress house plant care in the three-week gardening class schedule. Groups meet from 9:30 to 11:30 each Wednesday morning.

ANOTHER 10-WEEK course is in interior decorating, under the leadership of Mrs. Gladys Ezold. Classes are each Wednesday, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Three two-hour classes, each running 10 weeks, is planned for painting. The schedule is Tuesday, 8 p.m., and Wednesday, 7:45 and 8-10 p.m. Mrs. Kathleen Birch is in charge. Drawing classes, taught by Mrs. Virginia Shafer, will also run for 10 weeks. Instructions will be given each Thursday from 1-3 p.m. Sculpture will be taught by Miss Vera Kline each Monday from 1-4 and 7-10 p.m., for 10 weeks.

RUG HOOKING is in charge of Mrs. Bernice Dexter, starting a three-hour class each Wednesday at 9 a.m., for 10 weeks. Mrs. Charlotte Currier will have sewing classes each Monday beginning at 10 a.m., and Tuesday at 8 p.m. These are two-hour classes. Silver work will be directed by Mrs. Thelma Anderson, with three groups meeting each Wednesday for three hours of instruction. The classes start at 9 a.m., 1 p.m., and 7 p.m. In addition, the American Red Cross will sponsor a six-week class. Standard first aid training will be from 7:30-9:30 p.m., each



IN KEEPING WITH THE NUMEROUS REPORTS OF TOWERING sunflowers being circulated throughout the country is this healthy specimen displayed by its nine-year-old caretaker, John Kiefer. The son of Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Kiefer, 1001 Willow Lane, John explained that this was the largest sunflower he has ever planted. Gardening is a hobby with the boy and his only regret is that his 12-foot plant is beginning to droop under its own weight. (Eccentric Staff Photo)

General Nature Study Course Being Offered By Cranbrook Institute

An eight-week field course in general nature study is being sponsored at Cranbrook by the Detroit Audubon society. The Thursday home nursing classes will be held at the same hours each Monday evening.

opening session was held Sept. 10 in the small auditorium at Cranbrook when slides were shown. All others will be held in the field, Saturday afternoons and Sundays. The course is open to hobbyists, camp counselors, grade and high school science teachers, youth group leaders and others working with young people. Birds, insects, plants, rocks, minerals and fossils will be studied in the field.

Down to Earth

By ALICE WESSELS BURLINGAME

Fall time is lawn time. A pound of Kentucky bluegrass will contain 2,000,000 potential grass plants. It is important, therefore, to have a good receptive area for the grass to begin its germination. Soil doesn't have to be dark in color to be good. Residents of Oakland county may have their soil tested at the office of the county agent (next to the Children's home) off Telegraph road in Pontiac.

The important characteristic to look for is that this soil drains well but not as fast as sand because sand allows all water to quickly wash through its volume. If you could get grass seed to "catch" in a soil mixture of mostly sand, every time you watered the surface, the water and any fertilizer used would be lost to the plant before the roots would be able to grab their meal. Therefore, if your soil is too sandy you may use top soil, peat moss, sawdust (add one cup of nitrogen fertilizer per bushel), and compost to change its texture.

CLAY SOIL is a headache because it holds the water in its soil particles and often causes plant material to rot since the excess water in a soil mixture of mostly clay cannot be absorbed by the plant. Plant roots drown for lack of air just like you would if your lungs couldn't take in air. Good sharp sand is excellent to break up clay. We used to talk about adding sand to the furnace for this purpose but they are now difficult to locate. Peat moss is also difficult to locate.

Fertilize before you sow the grass seed. For a new lawn plan on 100 lbs. of each thousand square feet of area to be fertilized. The average lawn grows 36 inches each year so you really owe that lawn a repayment out of its bank account," which is fertilizer.

Secure a slow working fertilizer which won't burn the existing lawn and the new seeds. A mixture which is ground with nitrogen, ten parts phosphorus, and four parts potash is good.

It is never too late to seed in the fall, as long as the soil can be worked. It is economical to seed in the fall because the soil is moist and seed is needed. The days provide better growing conditions at this time of the year.

NEVER ROLL a newly seeded area, unless it is quite dry, in order to prevent puddling and crusting of the surface, water afterward. Grass under trees needs extra feeding to be a success, but I always believe in turning such trouble areas into beautiful displays of ground cover and in the spring have this troublesome area teaming with bright small flowering spring bulbs.

Top dressing an established lawn in the fall helps to level it. A mixture of half loam and half peat is good. Let's rest from "planting the lawn" now and go visit the home of E. W. Brehm, 320 Hawthorne.

There in the backyard you will see a huge, old apple tree which has been trimmed high and under it is a 20 foot square terrace. The material is made up of large cast-stones, very popular on the market this year. An inch between each stone allows for interesting examples of moss and thyme.

This picturesque setting invites hospitality with its large white metal coffee table and the numerous white trimmed lounging chairs. "We can't figure out why we didn't make this terrace years ago," said Brehm.

THE YARD has an intimate air with its white picket fence and the border of perennials which assure a constant stream of color all season.

The service area is behind the garage and there is an interesting garden.

"Most of the plants are selected

with perky summer salads in mind and of course an herb garden is important to assure a lack of monotony in the salad bowl," explained Mrs. Brehm. They have high trellises for their cucumbers and find that four hills allows plenty of this vegetable for all the neighborhood. Recently, while up near Petcokey, I visited the exotic Reason Garden on Burt Lake and was very credentialed at their door was that I loved a beautiful garden. There the visitor could see a brilliant handling of thousands of annuals, many were unusual. The accepted challenge for the Reason Garden was "It must be colorful."

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From where I sit... by Joe Marsh

Narrow Town—Broad Outlook

The wife's cousin Ben, and Belle his bride are back from honeymoon in the Rockies. Took them to dinner last night at the Garden Tavern. Ben told about the trip: "Went through a town in Idaho that was only 100 feet wide. No kidding! Built into a long, narrow canyon. And it shares those 100 feet with a railroad track that runs right through the hotel!" "To get gas there we had to park right on the tracks. Suddenly Belle screams—"there's a train coming!" But the gas fellow just laughs and says we were there first. Blamed if the engineer didn't stop the train and wait, too!"

From where I sit, it's a good illustration of how people can learn to "think of the other fellow" so that the community benefits. Railroads and townspeople, Democrats and Republicans, mated milk fanciers and those who prefer a temperate glass of beer—we all have to share the same space. Let's maintain our neighbor's "right of way."

Joe Marsh

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