

South Oakland Sister Kenny Clubs Formed

Four new Oakland County organizations were formed after 100 residents of Birmingham, Ferndale, Royal Oak and Huntington Woods heard talks by representatives of the Sister Kenny Foundation at a meeting in Birmingham March 24.

The new groups will be known as Sister Kenny Anniversary Clubs and will pioneer a movement now planned in a number of Michigan counties.

Sparked by the interest shown by residents of the Bedford area and at Midland, where similar projects are being started, the Southern Oakland County organizations lost no time in appointing chairmen and scheduling business meetings to take place within the next few weeks.

The organizational meeting was planned by members of the Birmingham Women's Club. Mrs. Cyril B. Lewis acted as chairman. Preliminary reports on the new groups will be presented at an April 9 dinner at the Birmingham Community House.

OTHER SPEAKERS at the organizational meeting included Dexter Horton, president of the Sister Elizabeth Kenny Foundation of Michigan, and E. J. Rollins, executive vice president.

Temporary chairmen appointed by the four new Sister Kenny Anniversary clubs include Albert Reibling, Birmingham; Mrs. Dorothy Watts, Royal Oak; C. W. Kelly, Ferndale; and Pleasant Ridge; and Charles Dobbertin, Berkley and Huntington Woods.

DOWN TO EARTH Flower Show Displays Offer Garden Ideas

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The Detroit Flower Show signals the arrival of spring and the show now being held at the state fair grounds is well done.

One of the best is the staging of Gardens of Fairyland, where all ages will enjoy the coming to life of the fairy tales such as Jack and the Beanstalk, Little Boy Blue, The Three Little Pigs, Hansel and Gretel and others.

There with the farm animals and live midgets in the setting, all comers can revel in the beauty of the planned setting.

The plant material in the large panorama is just the kind of trees and shrubs we can enjoy in our own yards and the list of plant material is given the guests.

As it is always fun to hear about the staging of such extensive shows it was interesting to hear that the theme was selected last July and after the first of the year the plant material was brought into large greenhouses and the forced growth began. This forcing is pushed or held back by the regulation of temperature.

THE DETROIT department of parks and boulevards put on a fine show, using only plant material available to this area. New varieties of old favorites were shown and many an experienced gardener found himself taking notes.

Commercial nurseries had spectacular gardens for all to admire and adopt ideas for our own four corners. The exhibitor who keeps his plant selection to material you and I can grow I think is doing a service to the visitors. A colorful display of hot house azaleas down a garden walk is hardly pleasing either.

There are two fine private gardens shown for all to enjoy by Mrs. E. B. Whitcomb and Mrs. John S. Newberry. They are large and the plants were planned and grown in their own greenhouses. Each garden had an interesting path, with large mosses giving the effect of the path going on to the horizon.

THE NEED exists for sponsors to design gardens applicable for home gardeners. Plans should be for both front and rear yards around homes of all sizes. It should feature plants suited to Michigan, Ohio State University, along with Michigan State and other leading horticultural colleges, has experimented and found that the best

worm used as a medium of introducing fertilizer has been greatly over exaggerated.

If the castings were measured per pound evaluating their use as fertilizer they would cost at least a dollar a pound, the fertility value is 22-11-1.

Hybrid earthworms are advertised and with a knowledge of zoology you will know that they are a bisexual animal and that there is no possible way for producing cross strains resulting in hybrids. In order for worms to be happy in their habitat they have to be grown in rich soil which is the reason for having them.

WHEN YOU apply fertilizer to your garden, a superior material will act quicker than the organic fertilizer. It is important when you are using commercial fertilizers to read the label carefully and never be sloppy in spreading it as most of the material is "hot" and unless spread with care will do considerable damage to existing grass and plants.

The most experienced gardeners I have found have a good commercial fertilizer and a bale of peat moss available for mixing with too sandy soil. After July first use it as a mulch.

This experienced gardener wouldn't dream of burning raking in the spring. The way right is an official compost pile or if garden dimensions do not allow this luxury, spread the peat between the shrub row, cover it with a sprinkling of soil, a little fertilizer or an agent to decompose the peat, plus a bucket of water, the result, always a bank account of rich soil.

THERE ARE several materials on the market which can be used to break up clay soil.

They have a plastic base. You have to break up the soil into a workable texture, then you apply the plastic and it grabs on to the soil and coats the granules to prevent them from going back to hard pan clay. I have had fine results from using this new aid to gardening.

Also do not forget the use of sharp sand as a way to break up clay. Good top soil, plus peat moss makes an excellent program for changing the appearance of clay. Clay prevents air from reaching the roots due to its concrete-like surface. Clay itself is not a bad ingredient for growing.

New Morgan Horse Club Has B'ham Members

Four Birmingham persons, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dudley and daughter Virginia of 465 Charing Cross road and Paul Garlick of Quorton Lake road, were among the 42 guests from 15 Michigan cities who met March 28 to form an organization "to promote the best interests of all Morgan horses."

The meeting was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Kane, in South Lyon.

The Dudley's son, Robert, is the owner of a registered Morgan, Pamela, whose sire, Lippitt Moro Ash is owned by Dr. Alexander Rutledge of Ann Arbor. Garlick also owns one of these horses.

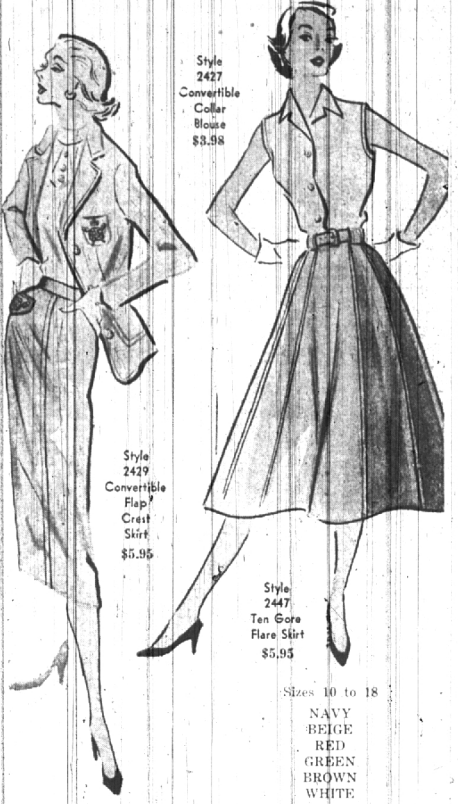
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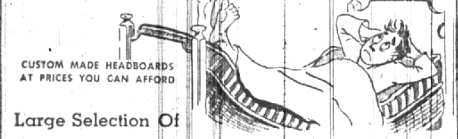


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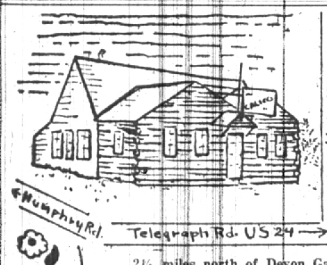
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