

AAUW Home Fashions Program Staged by Interior Decorator

Bruce B. Bradshaw of the J. L. Hudson company will stage the program "Your Home a Background for You" at Cranbrook gym at 2 p.m., May 12. The show is being sponsored by the Birmingham American Association of University Women, with Mrs. Emory DeNador as chairman.

Well known for his lectures on interior decorating, Bradshaw will assemble small areas of a home, highlighted by fashions in room colors, fabrics and accessories. By making a few changes the properties will be adapted to various personality types.

Fashion models will illustrate appropriate styles to be worn by the hostess in each setting. Clothing fashions will accent, blend, or contrast with color schemes and lines in each room. There will be several types of settings illustrated, in turn, defined by background, color, scale and individuality. Whatever style presented—traditional, contemporary or modern, will be interpreted in the exciting mood of today.

Bradshaw, a member of Hudson's Speakers Bureau, has recently been appointed training representative for their Home Furnishings Division. He has been associated with the company for the past 25 years and has been a member of the Detroit Adult Education program, as well as the Royal Training program at Wayne University. Birmingham AAUW members assisting the general chairman as committee heads are Mrs. Hans O. Scholin, hostess; Mrs. Ben Stone; Mrs. Carl J. Theobald, tickets; and Mrs. John E. Lane, publicity.

Proceeds from the show will be used to finance community donations and scholarship funds. Tickets will be available from AAUW members or at the door.

In Family Fiesta

Janet Sweeney, 200 Hickory Grove, and Judy Grant, 5901 Adams road, took part in the arrangements for Family Fiesta at Marygrove college this month.

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From where I sit... by Joe Marsh

So They Stopped Baiting Each Other

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Cob favors dry flies. Whitey pooh-poos anything but wet flies. Cob swears by a Fan-Wing Royal Coachman; Whitey won't hear of anything but Silver Doctor. And so it goes—they can't even get together on steel rods versus bamboo rods.

But on Saturday, each got back from Fox Creek with a catch that couldn't have differed by more than a couple of ounces! Then over a friendly glass of beer, they allowed as how maybe they were both right... which is how so many arguments should end.

From where I sit, life would be a whole lot pleasanter if we all respected one another's opinions—whether about trout flies, or having a glass of beer, or voting. After all, a person has a right to follow his own line of thinking.

Joe Marsh

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By LYDIA KING FRESHE
Special Writer for The Birmingham Eccentric

Most of our view life in mere bits, from time to time, enter the orbit of our daily experience. We hear a robin's song at eventide; a crocus suddenly comes to flower along our pathway; our eyes follow the gamboling of young lambs on an April hillside.

But he who probes deeper into nature's ways soon finds his interest reaching beyond incident, beyond facts and names to those over-all principles which control life's changing patterns.

Likewise we are so accustomed to the familiar topography which we cover in our daily rounds to store and forget that it is difficult to realize that the earth itself has presented quite a different face to each succeeding age.

These changes are evident even in a single season. We find a beach that has receded or plants that have escaped the garden fence. In a short half lifetime streams have changed their courses, forests have died, marshes have filled up with cattails and rushes, once fertile fields have been eroded into deserts.

THESE OBVIOUS changes are a small indication of those which have occurred to mold the earth's contours during the several billions of years of its evolution from an incandescent ball of molten rock to its present outlines.

In the case of time which were involved in the cooling process great torrential rains fell on the earth.

Finally, the oceans were established and the first one-celled life stirred in their warm shallows.

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past nature has conducted an endless experiment with the stuff of life always persevering until a pattern was found which would succeed. This we call "natural selection." It is a process which works slowly and quietly, shaping, molding, discarding, accepting, fitting the individual to its environment.

This never-ending selection at work throughout the slow ages presents to each living plant and animal a choice between adaptation and extinction. It is a choice which is costly to the individual but advantageous to the species. Only because of it has life itself survived every hazard to reach out its hands to us across an eternity of time.

ANOTHER observation of tremendous import is that life was not carried forward from age to age by the highly specialized forms. The dinosaurs were the largest animals of all time. They were also the most highly specialized.

A warm moist climate equable at all times was needed to produce the 700 pounds of vegetation which Diplodocus demanded to provide one dinner for a body which was 87 feet long and which weighed 40 to 50 tons.

He and his kind held the center of life's stage for a million and a quarter years; longer than any other known species. But finally these reptilian hordes vanished completely from the scene, superseded by the first small mammals. The saber-toothed tiger and the

wooly mammoth, each in turn the fiercest and the largest of their kind, also had their day, and then became extinct with the coming of the ice age.

Scientists believe that these dominant species were erased chiefly because of their inability to fit their highly specialized life patterns to the demands of an ever-changing environment.

THUS HAVE the mighty fallen. But the meek, the inconspicuous, those who could hide, those who could do without, those who could exist on the very perimeter of the stage; these have survived to carry on the thread of life from age to age.

And what of man who after a short million years of life's experiments, has lent his name to our present geologic age?

He has made a spectacular use of that power which is his alone; the ability to bend his environment to serve his own ends. But can this save him from the over-specialization upon which he so prides himself and which has destroyed other dominant species?

Life is as fluid as it is tenacious and inherent in man are other and yet more persuasive factors to influence his future pattern.

THESE WORDS are William Faulkner's spoken upon the occasion

Engagement Party

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth R. Kelly and daughters Susan and Cindy, arrived from Buffalo, N.Y., for the engagement party of Mrs. Kelly's sister, Sally Wilson Collins to Frederick Charles Waggoner, Mrs. Kelly is the former Ann Collins of Birmingham.

Home from Alabama

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Griem of Williamsburg road have returned from Pointe, Ala., where they vacationed at the Grand hotel on Mobile Bay.

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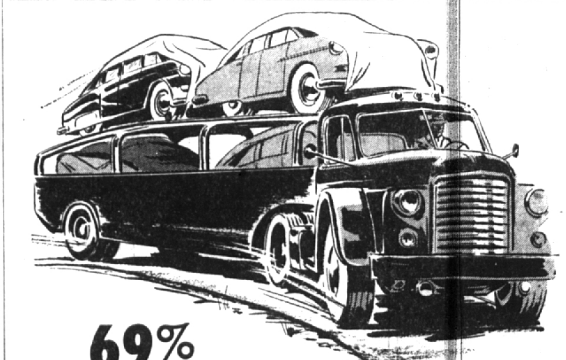
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