

DOWN TO EARTH

Visits 180-Acre Florida Park

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Many people from this area enjoy vacations in the Fort Lauderdale area. But rarely do you find visitors who go to the Hugh Taylor birch state park, along the ocean and located within the limits of Fort Lauderdale in an area of 180 acres.

Within this park acreage is a collection of native Florida plants, plus an opportunity for canoeing, horseback riding, and many other attractions as you walk or drive along the three-mile roadway. Over one-half million people per year take advantage of this treat.

The Genipa shrub was one specimen I liked especially, with its thick, shiny leaves resembling those of a gardenia. It is excellent used as a hedge. The flowers are white, like large stars.

WITHIN THE PARK, the federation of garden clubs has a center for garden information within their attractive low building.

The Elks have a youth camp where groups of children come

as a unit and stay as they explore that location. Last year a group of sponsored boys came by bus from Dearborn.

The park was given to the state by Hugh Birch. It has a fine seaside location. He bought the land for one dollar

an acre, from Oakland park to the yacht inlet.

When he died the supervision of the park gift as well as the sale of the remaining unsold land was turned over to his alma mater, Antioch college at Yellow Springs, Ohio.

Today the park land is valued at 20 million dollars.

This summer there will be more swimming pools built in this area, if the trend of last season is any indication. The responsibility for public safety is being so thoroughly studied, to build up the right attitude for immediate family and friends.

One of the finest jobs in this respect has been devised by the Laytons on Kenwood court. Each person who swims in the pool is

given a printed sheet, giving the rules for safety and hours when the pool is to be shared with others, thus allowing the family periods for a quiet swim.

Visiting children must be accompanied by a parent. A responsibility release has to be on record for all swimmers.

A fine design I have seen has the pool as a part of the large terrace detail in the back of a ranch home.

It is ALWAYS interesting to follow the introduction of the Sub Zero roses as they are presented each year. Their development comes from a retired Long Island attorney.

For the last fifty years, he has dedicated his interest to crossing of rose stock, to develop a rose which will not have black spot, will not winter kill in the northern tier of states, and will grow tall.

Walter Brownell now has a tree rose which will not have to be buried each year to withstand the winter damage, but can stand in the

rose bed, unafraid of winter damage.

Adams PTA Plans Final Square Dance

Mr. and Mrs. LARRY QUINN were named chairmen of the April square dance by Adams PTA. This final dance of the season will be Friday, Apr. 27. Serving on the committee are Mr. and Mrs. Carleton B. Johnson.

Live music will be by Baumans orchestra and the Bremans will call the numbers. Refreshment and beginner instruction will be at 8:30, squares will form at 9.

Some special twists have been promised by the committee.

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Cocktail Party Reveals Troth

At a recent cocktail party, Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Maronick of Dearborn announced the engagement of their daughter, Dolores Denys, and Stephen Paul Dougherty of Bloomfield Hills. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George E. Dougherty of Minneapolis, Minn.

Miss Maronick was graduated from Albion college and the prospective bridegroom from Yale university.

A fall wedding is being planned.

Sigma Kappa Alum To Elect Officers

Mrs. Allen T. Otis, Witherbee road, Birmingham, will preside at the business meeting of Detroit Alumnae chapter of Sigma Kappa sorority Monday. The meeting will convene after a 6:30 dinner at the home of Mrs. William Van Fleet, Detroit.

Election of officers will be the principal business. The president-elect will become official delegate to the sorority's national convention at Glenwood Springs, Colo., in June.

Mrs. Rex Schoonover, Huntington Woods, will give a book review of Rumer Godden's "An Episode of Sparrows."

MICHIGAN BELL

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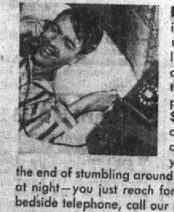
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transistors are replacing vacuum tubes in more and more telephone equipment. Tiny and mechanically simple, transistors last longer than vacuum tubes and need little power. These economical features help keep down the cost of providing telephone service.

WHAT DO YOU have planned for, say, next week end? Perhaps a drive to see some friends or relatives in the next town. Or maybe you're going to spend a quiet two days at home. Either way, the telephone can help you enjoy your week end. If you're planning a visit, call ahead and let the folks know just when you'll be there. And if you're just going to loll around the house, wouldn't that be a good time to talk to those out-of-town friends or loved ones? Telephone calls cost so little and they are so appreciated.



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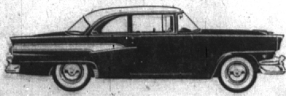
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