

Students Prepare Flower Show Exhibits

By BETTY DUPUIS

Nature studies in two of Birmingham's elementary schools were the inception of interesting displays in this year's flower show. Entitled "America the Beautiful," the show was held last week in the

coliseum, at the state fair grounds. Third graders at Torry school had been learning about birds and their relation to people. Helen Hayward, their homeroom teacher, helped them to discover how helpful and useful are man's feathered

friends, controlling insects, spreading seeds, etc.

LOOKING at books in the classroom, they also learned that birds come in many different sizes, shapes and colors. It was decided that they would prepare an exhibit for the flower show, demonstrating some of the interesting things they had discovered about birds.

Using construction paper, straws, pipe cleaners and similar materials, the youngsters all made birds. There were humming birds, red wing blackbirds, pheasants, robins, purple martins, mourning doves, cardinals, red breasted grosbeaks and others.

THEN they gathered branches from all over the neighborhood, painted them according to their own tastes (which ran mostly to amazing pastel hues) and hung their birds on these "trees."

Mrs. William Lowrie, chairman of the junior section of the Michigan Horticultural Society sponsored show, set up the exhibit, adding the figure of a little fawn. Torry's bird exhibit was, Mrs. Lowrie reports, a prime favorite with children visiting the show.

MEANWHILE, at Adams school, the sixth grade students under the direction of their homeroom teachers, Mary Lou Bonadonna and Charles Weich had been studying conservation.

Interest in the subject was instigated by a week's camping experience enjoyed by a group of the school's students last fall, when they learned about the general need for such knowledge.

Studying soil erosion and other conservation aspects, the students were helped by a federal soil conservation officer, a conservation ranger and a county forester.

TO PUT their point across to the public through their flower

show exhibit, they constructed a left half, entitled "Nature's Best," depicting a pleasant, green hillside, with trees, wild flowers and a clean little stream. The right half, with the poignant caption "Is this man's best?" reflects the same scene—but what a difference! The stream is dirty and sluggish; and almost dried up. The hillside is eroded and barren, the flowers gone and the trees bare.

MAKING the model was a full-scale project for the two classes. Styrofoam was used for the base, then plaster of Paris, mixed with paint for basic coloring was poured over this. While the plaster was still soft, details were moulded. After it had dried, finishing touches were added. The stream was painted in, paper wildflowers twigs and tree cuttings fastened in place, the captions lettered from a discarded anagram game, and the model was complete.



STUDENTS from Adams school fifth grade combined efforts preparing materials for finishing touches on their plaster bas relief. Inspiration for the project was a school camping trip the students took last fall.



FINISHED Adams exhibit was part of the junior section of the "America the Beautiful" flower show in the coliseum at the state fair grounds last week. Model graphically illustrates difference between wise and careless treatment of resources.



LEFT—"Bird tree" prepared for the flower show by third graders at Torry school, is a favorite with child visitors at the show. Birds were fashioned of construction paper, straws, pipecleaners, etc.

RIGHT—Torry third graders who made the birds enjoy all forms of art work. Here they post an art exhibit at the school under the direction of Helen Hayward, homeroom teacher.



From Birmingham In Youth Symphony

Three Birmingham youngsters will play in Saturday's Michigan Youth Symphony annual spring concert in Detroit at Rackham Memorial building.

Local band members include Arthur Plaxton, trombone, 920 Southdown, and Dan and Dorothy Rod-

gers, cello and violin, respectively, 962 Wimbleson.

The concert, sponsored by the U of M extension service and school

of music, will be conducted by Orien Daley, who organized the Michigan youth symphony in 1950.

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APRIL FOOLERY

Out of the goodness of our hearts and our overwhelming desire to clean up the place we are anxious to present to you a few Ming Dynasty rarities such as BARBECUE GRILLS, SEED STARTERS and EVEN REDWOOD (red wood, that is) WHEELBARROWS at next to nothing—at next to no—at next to what we hoped to get in the first place.

After these are presented there will be a xxxxx or a yyy— or something and then we will talk shop.

By rare good luck we were able to salvage from East Indian Tramp merchantman aground on the shores of the Gaumee a few superb Chinese Grills made in Buffalo, N. Y. (translation: Tien-ki Soupcun). The name itself implies "good food". The grill has wheels (a rarity in China) but also has an integral part thereof of a FORGE—like the Chinese used to make horseshoes for their camels. You can use the forge to try and melt or weld metal objects (like Reynolds Wrap). Anyway, it is a fine accoutrement to a grill using charcoal and if briquettes are used it is nonpareil. Put in a match . . . put in a steak . . . PFSST . . . it's rare, medium or well done. Even if it is rare your friends will shout, "Well done!"

Original Ming price 48.00 million yen
Current price 32.67 million kopeks

Among the many objets d'art we found in Libya were some fascinating METAL SEED STARTERS. The Libyans bought them in droves for the small sum of 100 drooples (3.25 in American). Today, and TODAY ONLY (and for a couple of weeks) they are available for the haggling price of 34, or a market price of about 1.59. (This includes the plant bands, sphagnum moss, wick and tray. We will supply one packet of PARSNIP seed but you must supply the H.O.)

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