

There is a very sly manner in which foolish ways may cling to one. It goes like this: "I am going to quit smoking, or drinking... Yes Sir! I am..." and the mere saying of such intention may result in making the victim feel comforted, as though he had started to "reform." Giving voice to an intention may erect an unintentional blockade to doing it... so often works the capricious and changeable human mind.

The Birmingham Eccentric

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Ten Gardens to be Toured

... as Garden Center Sponsors Annual Pilgrimage Here, June 18-19

By SHIRLEY ADAMS

Come rain or shine, snow or sleet
Across the lawns, 1,000 feet
Will gallop triply to gaily meet
A host of lovely garden treats.

A tour of 19 Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills homes and gardens will comprise the 1960 Garden Pilgrimage of the Detroit Garden Center and the Woman's National Farm and Garden association June 18-19.

A small town garden on a street where stately elms reach over and around the houses is on the list for the June tour. A picket fence and court-yard blend so well with the field-stone front of the white Colonial house of Mr. and Mrs. G. Howard Willett, 655 Pilgrim.

This could be called the number one garden this year, for it is in the heart of Birmingham. The flower beds are planted for continuous bloom without the use of sprays or fungicides and the garden is maintained entirely by the Willetts, and this is the Mrs. Willett who has recently been elected mayor of Birmingham.

OUR NEXT STEP down the road and around the bend less than one fourth mile is the wild-flower garden of Mr. and Mrs. Hans Schjolin, 127 Stony Brook lane, tucked away on the high bank of grimace.

The house is truly in a story book setting, created and maintained by them over a period of ten years.

Who could believe that the route of Woodward traffic was but a half mile away? Looking down to the Rouge river gurgling and wind-

And there are beds of roses, peonies, iris, annuals and other perennials.

A LARGE beautiful lawn completely surrounded by perennial border adds beauty to the home of Mrs. Lloyd C. Sherwood on 326 Keswick. Guests will also view large and interesting variety of plants.

Part of the garden is wild where old trees lend their shade and wild flowers grow. The huge clumps of swamp iris are nearly unbelievable. This is a garden for bird lovers.

AND THE LAST Birmingham garden on the list is Mr. and Mrs. Clyde L. Hagerman's on Eastways. This is an intimate and informal garden inside a natural wooded area with wild flowers, native shrubs and trees.

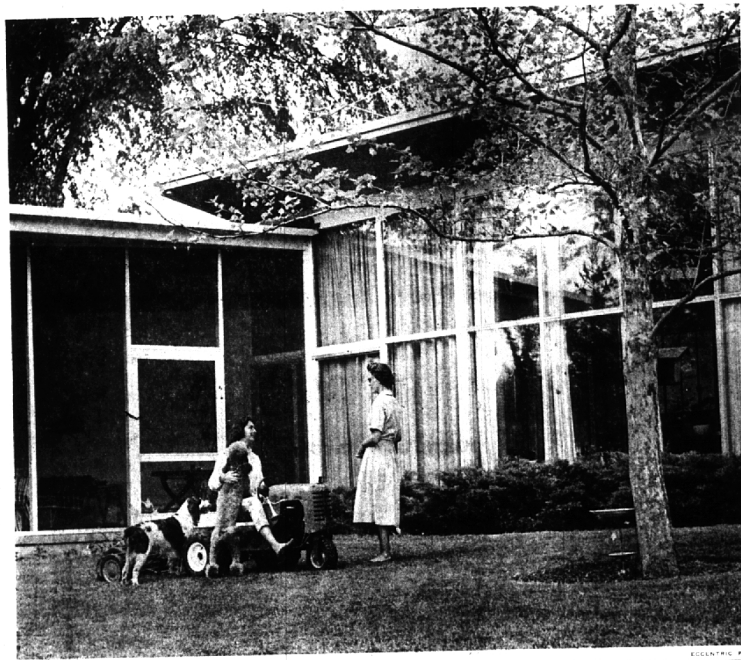
The patio garden in front has charming statuary, plantings of bulbs and annuals, and a most unusual viburnum vine in the rear of the house is a small concentration of perennials in a semi-circular bed with brick terracing and native hawthornes.

REFRESHMENTS will be served both days at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Irving Duffy of Manor road. Committee members working on the tour from the Birmingham branch of the WNFGA include Mrs. F. T. Harrington, chairman; Mrs. William Hysard, co-chairman and telecaster; Mrs. F. J. Finkenauer, hostess; Mrs. J. R. Alexander, flag; Mrs. L. C. Nissle, secretary; Mrs. Norman W. Berry, horticulture; and Mrs. William J. Bird, refreshments.

MR. AND MRS. Frederick Warner of 3467 Greentree will display their lovely contemporary house with swimming pool and fine gardens. The owner is especially interested in organic gardening and will have organic orchard planted by time of tour.

AN OUTSTANDING terrace will be featured at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William L. Kahn, 258 W. 14 Mile road, Franklin. The large estate garden will feature lovely roses, delphinium, stream with two waterfalls, wild wooded area, swimming pool and large vegetable and flower gardens.

HEADING THE committee for the Bloomfield Hills branch of WNFGA is Mrs. Edwin J. Anderson. Her helpers on the tour are Mrs. E. E. Hammond, co-chairman and telecaster; Mrs. Fats Bruner, hostess; Mrs. Jackson Cummings; and Mrs. Robert Sadler, flag.



Mrs. W. C. Newberg Entertains Committee Workers

The bright red geraniums in black and white pots against a white wall typified the blend of nostalgic yesteryear and today's world that Carl Sandburg conveys to his audiences.

His scheduled 7 p.m. appearance at Cranbrook gardens on the final day of the Birmingham Arts Festival, June 11 to 19, is already an 80 per cent sell-out, according to Mrs. William C. Newberg, chairman of the event.

MRS. Newberg's committee workers met last week at a tea at her home on Kirkway, Bloomfield Hills, to report on ticket sales. Final arrangements were completed for Mr. Sandburg's festival presentation. Mrs. Newberg is being assisted by co-chairmen Mrs. Theodore O. Yonema of Franklin road, Bloomfield Hills and Mrs. Robert Wardroff of Beach, Birmingham.

COMMITTEE members at the tea table were Mesdames Lester I. Cohen, Mrs. Rinehart, S. Bright, Mrs. John H. Longley, Mrs. Robert P. Lytle and Mrs. Lawrence R. McIntosh.

Also pouring were Mesdames John E. Quirk, W. Ogden Vacker, and Harold L. Weckler all of the Birmingham area and Mrs. Thomas Morrison of Grosse Pointe. Mrs. Grant Noble, daughter of Mrs. Colbert, also assisted at the tea table.

MRS. ROBERT Hoyt of Seattle, Wash. was a guest at the tea. She is the sister of Mr. Newberg, and a house guest at their home.

Mrs. Ernest E. Kern of Bloomfield Hills is also on the committee. July Newberg, D., and her friend Mrs. Fredrickson, daughter of Mrs. W. Ogden Vacker, will be in charge of ushering for the event. In charge of lighting, staging and production will be Frank Audette, Paul McKenny and John Sauer.

YWCA Sponsors Musical Comedy

Northern branch YWCA will sponsor a performance of "Red-Headed Boy" on Monday, June 13 at Northlawn playhouse. Time is 8 p.m. The Broadway musical comedy, starring Gretchen Wyler and the New York cast, will arrive a day earlier for this pre-first night occasion.

PROFITS from this very special

Suburban Scene

By Shirley Adams
Society Editor

Busy Week for Joan

"June is busting out all over" as witness the wedding of Joan Barbara Aspbury, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George V. Aspbury of Fairway drive, Birmingham who has chosen June 11 as the big day. She will marry James L. Howell of Cleveland, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. William Howell. The ceremony will take place at Holy Name church.

Mrs. Michael Hartz and Elaine Smith honored the bride-elect at a dinner at Kingsley inn last Sunday. She was feted at a linen shower Thursday at the home of Mrs. L. C. Nissle, of Rosedale park.

This week is a busy one with at least three parties on the calendar. Saturday is set aside for pots and pans and kitchen stuff at a shower cooked up by Aubyn Henderson and Linda Wamsley, also of Rosedale park. Mrs. Karl Kristen of Grosse Pointe will entertain with a tea and shower on Sunday and yesterday found heaps of miscellaneous delights being opened at the home of Mrs. Cullen Towne of Berkley.

Miss Mason to Wed Guy Bratton

Mr. and Mrs. Miller Bushnell announced the engagement of her daughter, Barbara Fead Mason at a family dinner in their Bloomfield Hills home Tuesday. The bride-elect is the daughter of the late George W. Mason. She will marry Guy Grant Bratton, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Bratton, Sr., of Detroit. A September wedding is planned.



BARBARA MASON

Sandwiched Between Activities

Busy, but really busy is the word for the Charles R. McKinleys of Northlawn drive, with parties, showers and graduations before the June 25 wedding of daughter Gail (See SUBURBAN SCENE, Page 2-C)

Three of the Ten

UPPER LEFT—Mrs. Frederick Warner of Greentree drive busy working on her lawn in preparation for the June tour. Her sister-in-law from Ann Arbor looks on.

RIGHT — Mrs. Lloyd C. Sherwood of 326 Keswick drive examines her perennial border which surrounds the large beautiful lawn.

BELOW — On a bridge overlooking the Rouge River is Mrs. Hans Schjolin of Stony Brook lane. Mrs. Schjolin's wild-flower garden is one that has received an award for the owner's originality and work, one of a hundred in our whole nation.

