

# International Festival Marks A.F.S. Week

Foreign exchange students and American students who have returned from studies in Europe will participate in an "International Festival" at Cranbrook House in Bloomfield Hills in observance of American Field Service Week April 24-30.

The festival, sponsored by the North Oakland A.F.S. Committee, will be held from 1 to 5 p.m. Saturday.

Included in the program will be Japanese dances; Indonesian, French and Dutch folk songs; slides of Pakistan by Jeff Fisher of Cranbrook School who spent last summer in Pakistan; a plant sale around Cranbrook House's Wishing Well; a baked goods sale; and a sale of unusual gifts from various foreign countries.

TICKETS MAY be obtained at Unusuals (gift shop), 150 W. Maple, Birmingham.

Mrs. Arbie O. Thalacker is general chairman of the North Oakland A.F.S. Committee.

Other committee chairmen working on the festival are: Mrs. William R. Brashner, publicity; Mrs. Martin L. Butsel, printing; Mrs. Edmund L. Cooper, plant sale; Mrs.

Annegret Gross from Germany, at West Bloomfield High School.

This week's observance of American Field Service Week is the area's first fund raising effort.

Heretofore the expenses of each student have been raised by the schools participating in the program. Now, with emphasis on bringing students from Africa, Asia and South America, increased transportation costs have led the program to consider designating "free funds" to meet added costs.

IF THE FUND raising week is a success, it is felt that the idea will be used elsewhere in the country. Other program events are being held this week in Gross Pointe and Royal Oak.

The A.F.S. was founded in 1915 as a volunteer ambulance corps and served with the allied forces in both World War I and World War II. The ambulance corps personnel found that daily contacts between people of different nationalities promote international understanding, respect and affection. It was in this spirit that the A.F.S. International Scholarships were created in 1947.

This program of exchange students at the high school level began with 50 students coming to the United States in 1947. This number has increased each year and in 1960, 1,853 young people from abroad studied in this country on A.F.S. scholarships.

IN 1950, THE summer program

was initiated, sending American teen-agers abroad to live with European families. This summer 906 students will go. In 1967, the school program was initiated, sending U.S. teen-agers abroad for the entire school year. This year there were 275 taking part in this phase.

The A.F.S. is expanding rapidly and the United States Department of State has urged Mr. Stephen Galanti, Director-General of A.F.S., to increase the number of foreign students coming to the U.S. to 5,000 in 1961-62, with special emphasis in the Asian and Latin American countries.

## Hills Branch Begins New Year

May Day will be properly celebrated Monday at 1:30 p.m. by members of the Bloomfield Hills Branch, Woman's National Farm and Garden Association as they meet in the home of Mrs. Samuel J. Lang on Rathmor Road.

New officers Mrs. Carl E. Larson, President, Mrs. Russell Strickland, Mrs. E. J. Anderson, Mrs. L. A. Wineman, Mrs. Howard Stegall, Mrs. John Q. Nagel, Mrs. Henry C. Johnson, Mrs. E. Govan Hill, and Mrs. Alan G. Loufourn

row will be presiding for the first time.

EXPERTS FROM within the club's own membership will chair a panel discussion on gardening inviting questions: Mrs. Irving Duffy — Greenhouse Gardening; Mrs. Lester Colman — Iris; Mrs. George Goodwin — Roses; Mrs. Frank Savage — Trees; and Mrs. Frederick Weed — Vegetables.

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