

Why do so many people, all their lives, take life for granted? In reality, one's divinely bestowed gift of being alive is powerful enough prompter to be grateful. You ask "grateful for what?" and the very best that is you and me ought to thunder forth in answer: FOR THE INHERITANCE OF THE BIRTHRIGHT OF LOSING—then FINDING—ONE'S SELF IN GOD'S LIKENESS!

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SECTION D

March Is for Girl Scouts' 'My Troop Day' Exhibit

Birthday

Local Scouts, like their sisters across the nation, will celebrate the 49th birthday of their organization on Sunday and begin the observance of Girl Scout Week Saturday with the exhibit pictured here.

Dedicated to furthering good practices in the home and community, members learn skills aimed at developing tomorrow's feminine citizens. Many of today's volunteer workers in civic projects are yesterday's Girl Scouts, as are many women who contribute at home and on the job to the health, welfare and progress of our country.



Cut-Ups and Shaper

Girl Scout Leader Mrs. Edwin C. Walter watches Scouts Joan Corrigan (left) and Rosemary Phelps demonstrate the art of Japanese paper folding (origami). Across the table, Scout Susan Hodgson works her way through the intricacies of basket-weaving.

Celebration

Girl Scouts, big and small, from some 25 schools in the Birmingham-Bloomfield area will participate in an exhibit of arts, crafts, needlework and picture displays of their civic projects this week.

The cafeteria at Derby Junior High School will be filled from noon until 4 p.m. Saturday with examples of projects the girls have worked on throughout the year.

Mrs. Hugh Carney, district troop day chairman, is being assisted in planning for the exhibit by Mrs. Lawrence E. Quinn, Mrs. John Zigler, Mrs. George Talburt and Mrs. John May.

DOWN TO EARTH

Check List Provides Guide for Plant Care

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Here is a check list for you this week: Have you cut some bouquets of your early spring flowering shrubs for forcing in the house? Remember the closer your cutting is to the spring date, the sooner the bouquets will bloom. You will have best results if the bouquets are cut when the temperature is rising.

Secondly, have you sprayed all yews, flowering crabs, lilacs, etc., which are infested with "insect scale"? Look at the branches. If they have bumps on them as though they had the measles, you will know that there is a bug within, just waiting to suck the life out of your plant as soon as it gets warm.

Only a spray with oil in it can penetrate the scale. This job must be done before the only spray damages fresh sprouts of leaves.

Have you trimmed branches of trees where their lines are objectionable to the eye? You want to go throughout a tree these days and give a general cutting as is impossible to tell which are live branches. This is the time to get out the sprayer and fertilize the lawn. Remember, you have resolved to have the best lawn on the block. You can only have superb results this time of year (March) if you spread 12-12-12. The grass will burn due to the high content of nitrogen, is it spread in later months. You can also spread a crabgrass killer at this time.

Don't you dare rake out your beds or tampering with a rake on the lawn until you get the "signal" from your old gardening pal. This year you will be able to secure the marigold, Hawaii, which has a sweet scent. However, the odor of its leaves has been removed by hybridization. That is what happened to the smell in the carnation. It was bred out of the carnation, and now people miss the spicy odor and are asking for it known as the funeral flower.

Here is a list of some rarely heard about trees which can be seen on Michigan State University campus. If your local source cannot secure one for you, the next step would be to check the Plant Buyers Guide at the Birmingham library. I also have a copy at my desk.

Acer Buergerianum, trident maple, is a small tree which has bright red leaves in the fall. It is an ideal selection for a ranch home.

Acer truncatum, called the purple glow maple, has leaves with a purple cast in the spring. The leaves have the delightful shape of those of the sweet gum tree.

The hardy rubber tree, Eucomia Ulmoides, will grow 50 feet high and have a rubber content in the leaf structure. Another gem is Persian Parsiella, a small tree which will have small purplish spring flowers while the trunk will have a mottled effect like a sycamore tree.

It would be wonderful to start out with plenty of sunshine on home property, plant unusual plant material and receive the same satisfaction as the collector of fine paintings. Of course, the benefit would be that attractive labels so that you could share your property with garden students who would benefit from becoming acquainted with the growth profile.

As with all plants here are the factors which control the life of a plant, and you are the person who has to look out for "your friend's welfare." Is the temperature right for your plant? Can it take the winters of this area?

How about the light requirements? Some plants bloom splendidly if they don't get enough light. Poor dears, looking for a ray of sunshine, they give up and become victims of disease.

Water is important. Some like dry feet, some like wet feet.

Minerals rate high on plants' list of need, and of course, they are supplied by the good earth.

Adams Says Progress Depends on Education

The future security and economic progress of our country and the free world depends on the quality of the minds graduated from our colleges and universities, Thomas B. Adams, candidate for the Wayne State University Board of Governors, said recently.

Adams, 41, 931 W. Harshland, Bloomfield Hills, a graduate of Wayne State and president of Campbell-Ewald Company, outlined his beliefs and reasons for seeking a position on the Wayne Board in the April 3 election.

"In this space age, we must do everything possible to equip our institutions of high education with the facilities and staff necessary to educate qualified individuals who can help this nation stay ahead of those forces that seek to alter our way of life."

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Hills School to Be TV Show Subject

Bloomfield Hills City and Country School for gifted children will be the subject of an hour-long documentary television show on Armstrong Circle Theatre at 10 p.m. Tuesday. The show entitled "Minerva's Children" will be carried on CBS channel 2.

The school was selected for its pioneering effort and outstanding contribution in the field of gifted child education.

The program will dramatize how gifted child education can be provided in a democratic setting. It will concern differences of children's abilities, how a gifted child is identified, the problems they face, how teachers work with them and the problem of selecting an education, air, and supplementary fertilizer.

This lesson may sound elementary to you, but these are the facts. You have probably been hearing these needs and haven't paid any attention to them.

Wilson Will Name Sixty-Two Legatees

The will of Mrs. Lula C. Wilson of Bloomfield Hills, who died last month at 87 after a long illness, named 62 legatees including the First Presbyterian Church and St. Joseph Mercy Hospital. The will was filed in Oakland County Probate Court last week.

Mrs. Wilson, whose late husband C. H. Wilson founded the old Wilson Foundry in Bloomfield Hills, left \$20,000 to the church, \$5,000 to the city for equipment at Pontiac General Hospital, and \$5,000 to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital.

The estate was valued at over \$550,000 - \$500,000 in personal property and about \$50,000 in real estate. Friends and relatives were named as the other legatees.

A hearing for admitting the will to probate has been set for April 19.

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Rally Round the Flags

Saluting the flag, representatives of troops taking part in Saturday's exhibit stand next to a display of international flags, made by scouts from two neighborhood districts. The complete collection includes the flags of 40

different countries. Through projects like these, Scouts develop an understanding of customs and philosophies of lands around the world.



Shades of Light

Mariner Scouts Martha MacCleery (left), Karen Plew (center) and Carol Sullivan study seagoing charts by the light of a port and starboard lantern. Mariners will demonstrate sailing skills at the exhibit.



'Dolling Up'

Brownie Scouts Galye Smith (left) and Cheryl De Longe admire two Mexican dolls. One of their projects has been the making of paper dolls dressed in Girl Scout costumes appropriate to various countries.



'See-Saw'

They even learn to saw wood. Girl Scouts Maureen Garchow (left) and Lee McFarlane win the approval of Scout Leader Mrs. Joyce Garchow as they demonstrate a camping skill they learned at Camp Narrin.



Stage Hands

Entertainment at the exhibit will be provided by two puppet shows, running continuously. Brownies Susan Arft (left) and Karen Anderson give an animated sample of skits, staged by Intermediate Scouts as well as Brownies. Those smiles are an invitation. They hope you will come and see "My Troop Day."

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