

Behind the Welcome Mat

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"You'll never get anything for nothing," is a phrase often reiterated by the older generation. Sometimes after writing checks for the monthly bills, the yearly taxes and the host of sundries necessary to live, it's easy to believe the truth of the phrase.

Still, with some thought and searching, one can make an interesting list of things available for barely asking.

PETS. FOR instance, for although some are slightly off-beat, nevertheless they are free.

Most gardeners who find a garter snake are only too happy to pass it along to some deserving child. Toads, frogs and turtles, the delight of all small boys, can be gotten with a small amount of perseverance and no real cost.

Easter parents of a litter of fluffy, downy kittens are willing, even eager, to put one in a child's hand (deserving or not) to down payment necessary, no bird gets terms.

WEEDS ARE still free. Not necessarily the garden variety crabgrass and chickweed, but cattails, milkweed pods and more exotic looking pods and sprays which make elegant fall and winter bouquets.

Pine cones are for the picking. These cost only storage space until Christmas when they can be worked into effective decorations. An outstanding miniature tree can be made using a very large cone (which may have to be purchased) as the basic tree. Small berries, acorns, shells and such collected during the summer and attached to the cone and sprayed or colored.

Seaholm Teacher Wins Essay Prize

Eight students at the University of Michigan received a total of 10 awards for creative writing last Thursday in the Hopwood summer writing contest. One of them, Katherine K. Blunt, is an English teacher at Seaholm High School in Birmingham.

Miss Blunt, who lives at 2580 Bradway, Birmingham, received \$75 for an essay, "An Italian in America."

Awards in fiction, drama, essay and poetry were presented by Dr. Arno L. Bader, professor of English, in the Hopwood Room in Angell Hall. Judging were Bader and Dr. Warner G. Rice, professor of English and chairman of the Department of English language and literature.

William D. Elliott of Ann Arbor and Robert W. Wheeler of Riverview each won two awards.

Elliott won \$50 in the fiction division for "Tina," a novelette, and \$100 in the drama division for a three-act play "A Trip to Panama." Wheeler received \$100 for the top fiction award for "Four Tales" and \$50 for the lone poetry prize "Seven Poems."

THE OTHER \$50 fiction award was presented to John C. Prazier, a sophomore from Seattle, Wash.

Charles David Colson of St. Clair Shores, a senior, was awarded \$50 for his one-act play "All dressed in White."

Other winners in the essay division were Isabel S. Johnson of Ann Arbor, \$50 for "Five Cousins"; Brocklee W. Elliott of Milford, \$50 for "Four Essays"; and John G. Conley of Detroit, \$50 for "Four Essays," all graduate students.

Bridge

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ditional values and wanted the hand played in at least four spades, her bid would have been three no trump and Estler would have been obliged to bid four spades or attempt more, if she too had additional strength.

In the minor suits, a single raise in the same suit tells partner that you have an opening bid opposite an opening bid and the only question now is should the hand be played at game or slam in the minor suit or game in no trump.

Try this system some time; you may find it interesting.

RECENT winners in Birmingham tournaments included Barbara Madin and Betty Toti; Adele Todd and Lill Conrath; Henry Georgia and John Noreen; G. L. Cooper and Tom Batten; Jean Heugh and Harry Philp; Edwin V. Clarke and Lillie Brunk; Helen Bernardini and Kay Clinton; Eric and Winnie Lewis; Jim Crabb and Charles Steinger.

Southern Michigan Bridge Association will hold a sectional bridge tournament for Birmingham players in Pontiac the weekend of Oct. 5-6. The world famous director, M. Sobel, will direct. There will be beginner's games as well as championship games.

More than 27 per cent of all patients in Michigan Department of Mental Health hospitals have been institutionalized for more than 20 years.

Area Students Governor's Conference On Libraries Called

Several Birmingham students were selected to attend the Caseville (Mich.) Enrichment Program this summer. They are Kathy Marantette, 1260 Old Salem Court, Susan and Marcia Hutchins, 2105 Manchester, from Bloomfield Township were Jean and Lucienne Comino, 8821 S. Millersway, and Dan, Dick and Dave Kroiz, 960 Bremen or Trail.

Frank Thompson and Dick Bostel, also of Birmingham, were counselors and student teachers at the school.

AT THE CLOSE of the summer session, the entire drama, music and theater classes presented Rodgers and Hammerstein's "Cinderella" in which Dan and Dick Kroiz had leading roles.

In supporting roles were David Kroiz and Kathy Marantette.

On exhibit at the Michigan State Fair Aug. 21-Sept. 3 will be the state live-stock industry's refrigerated display trailer. It is set up to show the consumer what its favorite meat or chop looks like in the carcass.

Over 8000 invitations have been mailed to civic leaders throughout Michigan calling them to Michigan's first Governor's Conference on Libraries Sept. 12 in Lansing's Civic Center. It has been announced by Governor John B. Swainson and Miss Genevieve M. Casey, state librarian.

"Good Library Service Within the Reach of Every Citizen of Michigan" is the theme for the one-day conference which is being sponsored by the Michigan State Board for Libraries, the Michigan Association and the Michigan Citizens' Group for Better Libraries, a citizen's group interested in libraries.

Some 45 state-wide organizations representing education, business, labor, industry, agriculture, mass media, librarians and the professions are also participating.

CHIEF OBJECTIVES of the conference will be to increase awareness of Michigan's library resources and needs and to spark a strong state-wide citizens' movement for total library service in Michigan.

"All Picasso" Show

An "all Picasso" show will be featured in Jacobson's Fine Arts Gallery Sept. 1-15. Included will be etchings, lithographs and woodcuts of Picasso's works.

"Library progress now underway in Michigan is most encouraging, but we must take further strides to insure that Michigan does obtain total library service, guaranteeing that educational opportunities do not stop when high school or college days are past, but continue for life," he said.

Many conditions are making our present day library services outmoded," he noted, "our growing population, the exploding exodus of former farm areas, the unprecedented growth in the number of students and retired people, and the fact that one-fifth of our public libraries are without sufficient tax support."

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