



HOWARD L. CANFIELD



MRS. CANFIELD



HARLAN RITZE

Area Couple to Spend Christmas in Seoul

It will be Christmas in Korea for a Birmingham man and his wife.

Howard L. Canfield, manager of Detroit Edison Company's Oakland sales division and past president of the Pontiac Rotary Club, has left on a special mission for the United States State Department's Agency for International Development. Mrs. Canfield will accompany him.

Preparations for a 30-month stay at the army post in Seoul included briefings in Washington, D. C., physical examinations and vaccine shots, packing and shipping and, of course, early Christmas shopping.

Mrs. Canfield handled the latter chore. High on her shopping list were gifts for the three Canfield children who are in college. Richard is engaged in graduate work at the University of Colorado in Boulder. James is a senior at the University of Michigan and Susan is a U-M freshman.

Inasmuch as the Canfields will spend December 25th in Korea, an early Christmas and a family reunion in Birmingham were a must.

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DOWN TO EARTH

Horticultural Therapy Helped by Local Women

By ALICE WESSELS BURLINGAME
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Christmas means different things to different people but at Pontiac State Hospital there is a group of 30 men who will share a program carried on by a group of Birmingham women, the Horticultural Therapy Auxiliary.

Since spring they have worked weekly with these men whom the staff felt might be very difficult to interest in any activity. So this compassionate team joined with the staff toward a new level of reception. Using bright flowers, making flower beds, many of them came off the hospital grounds for the first time in 10, 15 or 25 years to visit local gardens.

THEIR STEPS are faster, some talk who didn't talk before, they smile and are eager to show you their very own garden in the large greenhouses on the Hospital grounds. The blind and deaf mute is tackling tasks only given to the seeing. They are growing flowering plants to share with their kin if they haven't been forgotten or members of the friendly staff.

To give and share gives a person such a warm feeling; the patients will have a change to give something they have grown. They will be well enough to attend the Hospital Christmas Fair; there they will see articles they have created.

THE FOLLOWING women banded together to pioneer in this assignment with Mrs. Horace Heaton as the chairman, assisted by Mrs. A. Kaufmann; Mrs. Nat. Reiss, Mrs. J. Foushee, Mrs. E. A. Linder, Mrs. A. Greenblatt, Mrs. L. Newbern.

Already from Argentina comes the message: "Share with us the technique. So many of our mental patients have an agricultural background."

Many, many of our local women have groups of patients whom they work with, setting up patterns of therapy as participated in by volunteers.

Women from other countries are just beginning to have hours to give in service due to the introduction of homemaking equipment) and they are being asked: "How do you develop your program with volunteers?" Pontiac State Hospital is a model in all facets of adjunctive therapy.

The 25th Christmas Show was held at the Birmingham Community House, a gift to all local people by the Birmingham Branch of the National Farm and Garden Club. Punch was served with dairy cookies from the kitchens of volunteers. Guests came from Toledo, Port Huron, and the local suburbs. Mrs. Charles Davidson had a clever birdhouse placed on a slab of wood. The roof of the birdhouse had stripes of cranberries and popcorn with a redbird pecking up at the crowd.

MADONNAS were to be shown

They were to tell a story—Mrs. Hans Schjolin used a rare old brass candlestick from Mr. Schjolin's family in Sweden, a piece of rosepointe old lace placed on rose colored velvet which was given to her mother when she left Austria to take up residence in the United States, her lovely old

madonna was an antique from Southern Spain, found in a shop near some excavations while the palm buds were sent off of a tree in the interior of Mexico.

Each ingredient placed in this lovely finished display had a story all its own.

MRS. J. REED Alexander had her young charges from the emotionally disturbed children's program at Pontiac State Hospital make luncheon place mats with an egg background. Dried flowers were covered by a transparent contact surface. Well done.

The stage was beautifully executed in a Christmas theme by Mrs. C. E. Welles, Sr.

A four foot wall of white brick had been built and placed in an "L" pattern with a beautiful piece of lead sculpture placed at the angle.

Snuggled near the wall were spruce trees, with those in the foreground lighted with white Italian lights. Marble chips provided the snow effect on the ground. Two spotlights focused on the sculpture so that a delightful shadow was cast against the white brick wall.

MRS. RALPH SCHEEL provided a chuckle for the "old and young children" as she placed a turquoise candle with sequins on a motif with Santa climbing up a ladder against the candle with a match in his hand to light it.

A highlight of the entire show was the conservation display of birds by Mrs. Alvin Knorr. Mr. Perry J. Reynolds as over 100,000 nature slides, emphasizing birds. Well-chosen slides were displayed all of the time to interest the viewers in birds. Feeding techniques were also displayed. The total exhibition was beautifully executed.

AGAIN TALENT came out of the local households to the Community House to again prove that we do live in a town with a heart.



WATCHING AS A Pontiac State Hospital patient hangs up a wreath he has made is Mrs. Lester Newbern of Oak Hills Road. She and other women from this area have been helping a group at the hospital known as the Sunshine Garden Club. It is composed of 30 male patients who have their own "gardens" in two 100 feet long greenhouses

NATURE NOW

By Lydia King Frehe
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Life's Structure Begins with Cell And Protoplasm

All living things be they plants or animals, are made up of tiny units of a colorless liquid which we call protoplasm.

The name protoplasm is derived from two Greek words: "proton" (first) and "plasma" (substance). It is the only living substance on earth. We do not know what life is but we do know that as long as plants and animals live their protoplasm must be active.

This basic substance has the power of forming more material like itself. It contains such elements as hydrogen, carbon, oxygen, nitrogen, sulphur and phosphorus, but as yet no man has been able to make it in his laboratory.

WE MAY regard the cell as the unit of structure, of function, of development and of inheritance. It may vary greatly in size and shape as well as in function. Most cells are microscopic in size. A virus is a single cell so small that it defies a filter.

Simple life forms like bacteria or the amoeba, consist of a single cell. Others, like a human being, are made up of millions of cells. Here they are grouped together into tissues and organs are further grouped into systems like the heart or liver. The function of these is to do one or more of the various kinds of work demanded of the organism.

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