

State Flower Show Draws Local Support

"Heritage in Flower," the spring flower show to be presented by the Michigan Division of the Woman's National Farm and Garden Association, on Wednesday and Thursday, will be staged on three floors of Wright Kay & Co., in downtown Detroit. The flower show committee has planned exhibits covering a wide range of interests. The public is invited to attend without charge.

THOSE INTERESTED in art will see arrangements of flowers in heritages by favorite paintings, sculpture or weaving. Artistry in international table settings will be displayed on a formal dinner table as done in France, a table for high tea in England and an Irish luncheon table.

Several exhibitors will honor International Farm Youth. Exchange students with tables using materials from their native countries, as Holland, Sweden, India and Portugal. The National Farm and Garden Association helps to support the IFYE program financially. Seven compositions will represent a variety of world religions. One will incorporate a head of Buddha, loaned by Mrs. Frederic Garrison, Detroit, president of the Michigan division, WNF&G. The Buddha was obtained by Mrs. Garrison in Thailand and dates from the Ayutthaya period (1688-1707).

SPRING BRINGS out the poet in writers and flower arrangers alike, and each entry in the "Heritage of Poetry" class will interpret the emotions of a writer of a particular verse about flowers or gardens. Tables set to celebrate festivals in many lands will provide some of the gayest exhibits in the entire show. They include the Japanese

festival of dolls, an Austrian wine festival, a hula festival in Hawaii and Mardi Gras in New Orleans. Since a primary purpose of a flower show is to educate both exhibitors and viewers, a class of "Discoveries" will illustrate countries of origin for various flowers through use of characteristic containers or accessories.

Arrangements styled to suit contemporary interiors are promised by several young exhibitors. Floral compositions showing our heritage from design from such cities as Rome, Athens, London and Williamsburg will be displayed in the street-level windows of Wright Kay, where the flower show will be open to the public from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. both days.

Helping on the flower show committee are Mrs. Frederic Stefanyak, Mrs. George Dixon, and Mrs. Fred Trickey, all of Birmingham.

Exhibitors from Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills are: Mrs. J. P. McConkie, Mrs. Seth B. Slawson, Mrs. Frank Kussy, Mrs. Lewis Dible, Mrs. J. C. Calhoun, Mrs. Earle Heft, Mrs. Boris Osojnak, Mrs. Wilson McClellan, Mrs. F. Gordon Davis, Mrs. Marvin Katske, Mrs. P. N. Askouness, Mrs. Eugene McDowell, Mrs. Albert Carr, Mrs. James Little, Mrs. C. E. Dal-Casey, Mrs. John Kalka, Mrs. Mrs. Robert Holbrook, Mrs. O. W. Thomas, Mrs. Lawson McKenzie, Mrs. Lewis Dempsey,

Mrs. Frederic Stefanyak, Mrs. Philip Copeland, Mrs. Stewart Sholly, Mrs. Henry Hall, Mrs. Earl Weston, Mrs. Henry Mika, Mrs. W. Templemer, Mrs. K. W. St. Louis, Mrs. Fred Trickey, Mrs. Henry Sandrock, Mrs. Gordon Andrus and Mrs. R. H. Foley.



Mrs. Fred Trickey (left) and Mrs. Frederic Stefanyak, both of Birmingham, admire an Oriental arrangement of Fuji mums and foliage with an antique head of Buddha, similar to one Mrs. Stefanyak will enter in the Woman's National Farm & Garden Association flower show at Wright Kay in Detroit, May 1 and 2. (This was one of several demonstration arrangements at a recent preview in

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Employment Decreases in Civil Service

Michigan experienced a cutback in state civil service employees during 1962, the Michigan Civil Service Commission reported Wednesday.

A payroll comparison study showed average employment in classified positions was 31,407 during 1962 compared to 31,607 during 1961.

THE SHARPEST reduction in employees occurred early in the year, with employment levels edging upward later.

State Personnel Director Franklin K. DeWald said the reduction was due to a tight budget adopted by the Legislature for the fiscal year ending last July, which caused agencies to lay off some employees and to not fill some vacancies as they occurred.

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Behind the Welcome Mat

by CORRINE ABAT

I would be willing to wager a steak dinner that the problem of getting children to pick up things is about as annoying a one as you can find anywhere.

By things, I mean hats, scarves, gloves, coats, pajamas, hats, tops, games, blocks—all the little items that most children happily litter around the house and most usually in the middle of the living room floor.

Most mothers, if they are anything like the ones I've talked to, will go along for quite a while picking up after the kids reminding them sweetly to put their wraps away, put the toys back in the box and put the checkers back in the cupboard.

THEN ONE DAY something happens—Mother looks around and the whole house is littered with stuff—the children's bedrooms look like junk shops, there is no place for even one car in the two car garage and there isn't even a footpath through the basement.

Mother blows her stack. "What am I going to do with you kids?" she screams. "I never get any work done because all I do all day is pick up after you."

Then after the temper display a mother will sit down and think. Maybe I'm not approaching the problem in the proper manner, she says to herself. Maybe I should work out some sort of an incentive plan or maybe a withdrawal plan would be more effective.

AN INCENTIVE plan may be anything from gold stars on a chart for the little ones to an allowance increase for the older children.

A withdrawal plan can be anything from an allowance reduction for things not put away to withdrawing the things themselves.

Some mothers may even make a drastic withdrawal threat like

everything found on the floor will be put out on trash day. Of course, you always like to regret such a threat when trash comes and you find the things you are throwing away perfectly good shoes, ice skates, socks and toys.

THERE IS the technique of temporary withdrawal—everything found on the floor gets locked in a closet until the youngsters reform. The trouble here is that the children never miss the things locked in and the closet gets fuller and fuller until the problem of where to put the withdrawal stuff becomes bigger than the original "pick-up" problem.

A popular modification of the latter is to go around the house with a giant basket and toss all loose articles in it and tell the children that if they want any of the things in the basket they will have to fish them out themselves. This technique won't bother the kids in the least, in fact, most of them sort of like it, but it always unravels pretty fast to see new \$20 sports jacket crushed at the bottom of the basket along with new Sunday clothes and shoes being jammed in amongst blocks, hammers and old overshoes.

IN LOOKING through the child psychology books, one does not come out with a nice neat answer to the neatness problem.

There are warnings not to switch neatness from the minor childhood problem that it is to a major one by constant nagging and explosions about it. The authorities mention that children aren't actually taught to be neat, they learn it from their fluid cleanser by example.

Allan Fromme in "The Parents Handbook" has some suggestions which relate to neatness. He suggests that a child be reminded to

Meeting Scheduled By Vineyard Club of Lutheran Churches

Young people of The Vineyard Club and their sponsors, from churches in Birmingham, Berkeley, Royal Oak and Warren, will meet from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday at the Huntington Woods Lutheran Church.

Guest speaker will be James Hensel, director of the Detroit Lutheran Youth Study Project, whose topic is "City Missions."

Church.

Approximately 50 Birmingham-area residents are expected to attend. Included are sponsors Mr. and Mrs. William Meinert, 603 1/2, Birmingham, of Redeemer Lutheran Church, and Mr. and Mrs. Lee Kroger, 3433 Windsor, Birmingham, of Our Shepherd Lutheran Church.

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