



**Urban League Entertains**

Mrs. Clifford West of Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills, opened her home Sunday to members of the Urban League for their annual scholarship tea. It's Mrs. Robert R. Turpin of Pontiac pouring for Mrs. Wilber U. Johnstone (from left) and the hostess.

**Troop 14 Gets Eagle Award**

Mark Moore, 14, received his Eagle Badge at the Summer Court of Honor for Troop 14, Meadow Lake School. More than 40 merit badges were also given to members of the troop. Mark Moore will join Gordon Gordon in the Valley Forge Jamboree contingent. Art Brooks, 6100 Westmor, who is Scoutmaster of Troop 14, will attend the

**Ex-Communist Tells Of Her Experiences**

The Oakland County Executive Club will meet June 16 at 8 p.m. in the Little Theater of Groves High School. The speaker will be Mrs. Julia C. Brown, who was recruited into the communist party in 1947. She left the party for a period of time but was persuaded to go back in as an undercover agent for the FBI. Mrs. Brown will tell of her experiences working with the party and about some of the people prominent in the Civil Rights movement today. Her opinions were expressed those of a former Negro Communist. In 1962 Mrs. Brown testified before the House Committee on Un-American Activities.

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Special Writer

**Great Trees Line Pathways On Michigan State Campus**

We recently enjoyed a pleasant interlude at the Kellogg Center on the campus of Michigan State University.

Established in 1855 as Michigan Agricultural College, it was the first land-grant college in the United States. Its selected site, a 700-acre plot of 677 acres of dense forest was broken by two small clearings and bisected by the Red Cedar River.

A winding trail connected it with the plank road which extended from Detroit to the state capital located three miles beyond the two new college buildings. Seventy young men enrolled in its first class.

Today a much enlarged and beautifully landscaped campus teems with some 26 thousand students. Here spring presents many aluring patterns. Great trees, notably sycamore, oak and maple that must have been old a century ago, line the paths and driveways.

THE RIVER'S banks are decorated with such trees as elm, willow and basswood.

Recent, new heart-shaped leaves were growing from the branches of redbud trees just past their peak of bloom. Clumps of white and variegated blue and purple wisteria flowers hung heavy on a wayside fence, filling the air with their heady perfume.

As she is wont to do, your scribe made a daily pilgrimage to the Beal-Garfield Botanical Garden where there is so much to see, to learn and to enjoy. Founded in 1873 it is the oldest continuously operated garden of its kind in the United States.

IT IS located in a natural depression where a stream once made its way. The first plot contained some 140 species, mostly of ground grasses and other plants useful to agriculture.

It now holds more than 4,500 species from all over the world. It is an economic, systematic and ecological groupings. The garden serves students and visitors, providing both a utilitarian and a scientific experience. It now holds about 1,000 Michigan species, thus continuing Professor Beal's aim of ultimately displaying as complete as possible a representation of plants native to our state.

OF SHRUBS there is a profusion. conspicuous at this season are varieties of the dogwood, viburnum and lilac families now in bloom.

We especially enjoyed the white fringe tree (Chionanthus Virginicus) native to the eastern United States and Europe, with its mass of drooping flowers with long strap-like petals.

It is considered by many plantmen as the most beautiful and striking of our American shrubs. In the orchid family are some of the most beautiful and unusual plants of our native flora. Of this large group containing about 1,500 species, some 50 grow in Michigan. In bloom were both the small and the large yellow lady's slipper and the purple orchid.

All three of these will transplant successfully to the wild flower garden.

THE LILY family with some 4,000 species is another group famous for the beauty of its springtime blooms. We especially enjoyed the large white globe clusters of the spider lily, which grows wild in our southern swamps.

Many flowers of this family are noted for their exquisite fragrance and graceful shapes. In contrast, our onion and garlic of culinary fame and our asparagus belong here as well as do bulbs like the tulip which are an important item in international trade.

Also displayed in the garden are representatives of the grass fam-

**2 B'ham Marines Drill in Assault**

Marine Corporal Charles L. Moyer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Forest E. Moyer of 1368 Smith Street and Lance Corporal Paul Schmidt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence P. Schmidt of 1601 Stearns Avenue, both of Birmingham, participated in an extensive sea assault exercise called "Operation Pine Tree" off the coast of southern California May 20-28 while serving with the Ninth Marine Expeditionary Brigade.

The exercise involved 20 ships of the Pacific Fleet and 9,000 Marines from the First Marine Division at Camp Pendleton, Calif., and consisted of direct assault on simulated enemy held beach positions. The flying of combat ready Marines over and behind enemy lines was also employed.

Aircraft from the Marine Corps Air Station, El Toro, Calif., and missile units from the Marine Corps Base at Parrisville, Pa., Calif., provided support for the

ly, one of the most important group of food plants. Here belong about 7,000 widely distributed species including our cereal crops, as well as many forage grasses and the versatile bamboo tree.

Many of their flowers are wind pollinated and therefore nature omits sepals and petals.

AT THIS season the greatest profusion of bloom is found in the azaleas and rhododendron beds in their rich colors interspersed with plantings of our native flowering

dogwood. The first two of these are members of the heath family and show highly specialized tubular flowers which depend on insect pollination. They are the result of millions of years of slow evolutionary development.

And all day long we have heard the song of the Baltimore oriole. It was a fitting tribute to his mate who was weaving her intricate nest, working with a kind of frantic necessity after attaching it to the swaying tip of a nearby elm branch.



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