

AROUND THE CLOCK

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FOR EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF MINNEAPOLIS

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CITY BOASTS UNIQUE WILD FLOWER GARDEN!

Minneapolis has an almost unique thirteen acre wild flower garden with more than 1,000 species of plants that grow naturally in our area. The garden, owned and operated by the Park and Recreation Board, was established in 1907 by a group of botany teachers who wanted to show their students plants growing in their natural surroundings and didn't want to travel long distances searching for them. Eloise Butler was one of the teachers and after retiring, became the first full time curator of the garden and remained in that position until she passed away in her beloved garden in 1933.

Now named the Eloise Butler Wild Flower and Bird Sanctuary, a total area of 40 acres is used including a good "buffer" area surrounding the actual garden. Approximately 100,000 people visit the area each year and escape the noise and hurry of the city and are able to reflect on the tranquillity of nature. Located in Theodore Wirth Park the area is open from April until November from about 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. every day.

The ideal location of the garden with hills and valleys, ponds and bogs is needed to satisfy the

\$25,000 shelter that was donated by "Friends of the Wild Flower Garden" to the people of Minneapolis last year.



An Eight Page Paper?!?

No, you haven't picked up two copies of Around The Clock! This issue has eight pages. Occasionally, when the amount of news permits, we will have an enlarged paper.

Civil Service began the paper in July of 1968 and it has been published monthly since 1969. The Public Information Office writes and edits Around The Clock with Civil Service paying the bills and making distribution. Around The Clock is intended to provide a line of communication between the City and individual employees and also between employees of different departments. Around The Clock wants everyone to be aware of the objectives and accomplishments of all departments and to learn more about their fellow employees.

Each month a news release form is sent to one person in each department soliciting ideas and news. We don't, however, want just those people to contribute -- as that is everybody's job. If you have an idea for an article or want a new service (the idea for free want ads was suggested) call us at 330-2217 or write to Public Information, 301M City Hall. You don't have to write an article (unless you want to), just tell us what you feel should be included ... we will do the rest. This is your newsletter and your ideas are always welcome.

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Mad Hatter, Raggedy Ann Reign at Central Library



Reading some Dr. Seuss are "Mad Hatter" Jane O'Brien and "Raggedy Andy" Sharon Nordos.

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requirements of the many different plants. Three sizable pools were excavated in one of the bogs and a spring drains into another pool which was created by a dam across a brook.

Kenneth Avery, Curator since 1959 emphasized that this is not just a "garden with beds of flowers, but a real sanctuary for nature." Trees are not trimmed unless they are a danger to the people and most fallen trees remain on the ground. Said Avery, "We comprise to keep it natural and yet not become an eye sore. This is a place for people, but it is not intended to look like a golf course."

A non-profit organization of 250 members (Friends of the Wild Flower Garden, Inc.) volunteer their time and assistance to help the garden. Mrs. Faragher, president, said, "Ours is an organization made up of people in all walks of life with a mutual interest in wild flowers and a little area of wild beauty within the confines of a great city." Last year this group of people raised over \$25,000 and donated to the people of Minneapolis a building for the sanctuary that now houses the office for the Curator, nature displays, a library and meeting place for groups touring the area. The

Acting entirely upon their own initiative, many of the enthusiastic girls at the Minneapolis Central Library dressed up in fairy tale costumes to inaugurate the Library's Summer Reading Program.

The reading program, running from June 7 through August 20, is entitled "This Is the Age of the Book". Participants will read 12 books to coincide with the signs of the Zodiac, and each child will receive a zodiac chart to record his progress.

In addition to summer reading, community libraries throughout Minneapolis have scheduled storytelling activities and film programs. Several branches sponsor regular craft classes for children. Furthermore, the Pillsbury-Waite Cultural Arts Center is sending its Story Lorry and Art Mobile to all the city libraries during the summer.

Computer to be Fed by Course Graduates

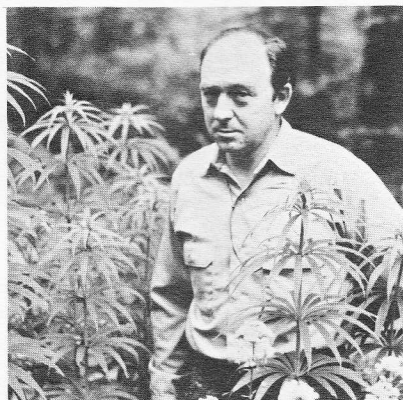
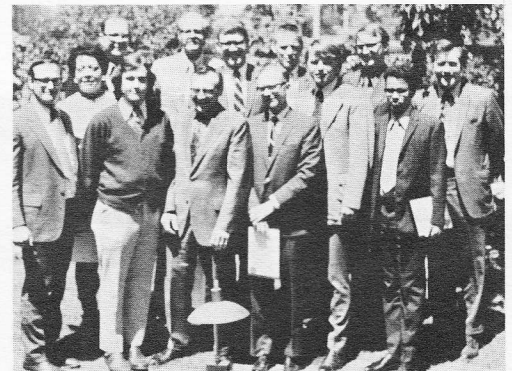
On May 28, 12 persons from 8 different city departments were graduated from the city's Computer Programmer Training Class.

The graduates have successfully completed a five month education program directed toward the writing of computer programs for the city's new and larger computer. It is planned

that the information recorded by the various city departments will be automated and maintained by the new computer.

Warren Hasty, Manager of Data Processing, was master of ceremonies at the graduation, with Alderman Gladys Brooks and City Coordinator Thomas Thompson speaking.

Computer programmer graduates: Adam Kramer, Ethel Sayles, Orville Daggett, Brad Henry, Thomas Nelson, Richard Hansen, James Clay, Ronald Shirk, Don Hedquist, Ronald Clare, Thomas Becker, RamanKutty KannanKutty and Donald Hanson.



Kenneth Avery, Curator of the Eloise Butler Wild Flower and Bird Sanctuary since 1959.

building was dedicated to Martha E. Crone, Curator from 1933-1959, and now an active member of the Friends of the Wild Flower Garden organization.

Avery said this has been "an especially good year for wild flowers" due in most part to the heavy rains of late. We must "give nature most of the credit" for the beauty of the area.

Our state flower, the Lady's Slipper, is in bloom the end of June. Be sure to see it and the hundreds of other plants on your visit to the Eloise Butler Wild Flower and Bird Sanctuary.