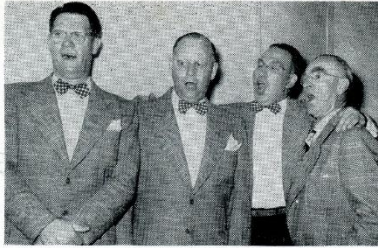


Garden Contest Proves Late Sowing Favorable

Under the headline "The April Garden" in our April 1947 issue the following statement appeared: "In temperamental Michigan with its untimely weather conditions it is safer to be on the late side rather than too early in setting out the garden."

This was confirmed by garden conditions in Wyandotte when the contest judges made their rounds of city gardens on August 28. They found that contestants' gardens in 1947 were far superior to those in 1946. The date for judging had been set late purposely by the Wyandotte Garden Committee because it was feared that the long continued cold spring rains and flood conditions would have delayed seeding so seriously that many crops would not be in condition for early judging. On the contrary, an abundant spring rainfall followed by hot weather had so speeded growth that by the date the judges made their rounds many gardeners had a record quantity of cans on their pantry shelves.

In a letter to your editor from William L. Favinger, Regional Director of the National Garden Institute and chair-



WILLIAM L. FAVINGER (right), Regional Director, National Garden Institute robs Bill McCaw of his jacket to join our famous Wyandotte Chemicals Quartet which entertained at the Garden Contest dinner. Left to right, Harold Lang, Harry Swanson, Jack Shingleton plus harmonizer Bill Favinger.

man of the contest judges are the following paragraphs: "All members of the judging committee were most favorably impressed with the number of gardens as well as the condition of all the gardens we judged. In going around Wyandotte we noted many more gardens which did not enter the contest than heretofore. Had all the gardens in Wyandotte been entered it would have been a two or three day job to judge them.

"In talking with the gardeners it was interesting to learn how much they had produced. One which I recall particularly had canned 600 quarts and sold \$125 worth of produce and the gardens were just about half-harvested.

"I would appreciate the opportunity of meeting with your officers of the Wyandotte Chemicals Corporation and telling them personally what gardening has done for the City of Wyandotte during the past several years."

Writing to Mayor Louis Brohl of Wyandotte Mr. Favinger says, "I wish to compliment you and the City of Wyandotte on the fine showing you have made this year in your garden program. It was a pleasure to judge your gardens yesterday and we found more gardens in Wyandotte than at any time since we have been judging there. Also, the quality of the gardens was much better this year than heretofore in spite of the late season due to rainy weather.

"The judging was much more difficult due to the fact that your gardeners have gained the 'know how' in competitive gardening and I believe most of them

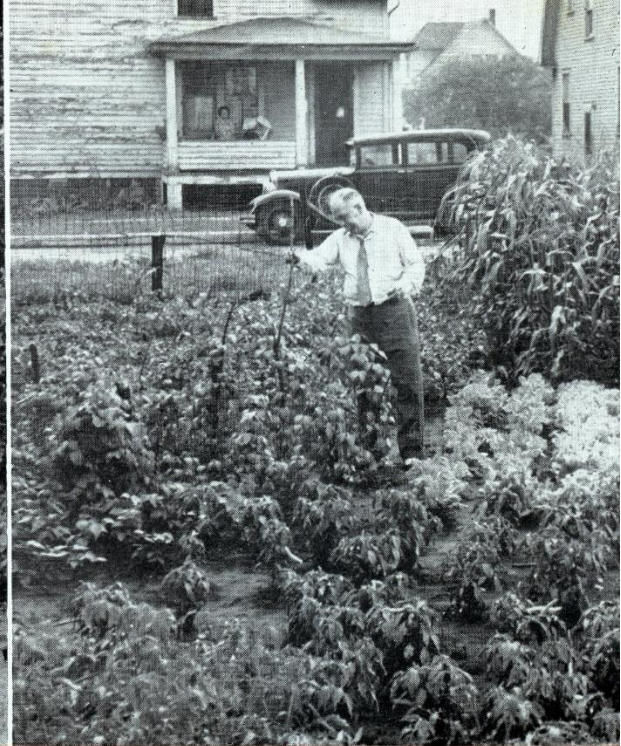
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PRESENT at a banquet for the Garden Contest judges held at Sibley Gardens, with His Honor the Mayor, the Wyandotte City Council and City Officials as hosts, were the following. *Standing*, left to right, Bill McCaw, Jack Shingleton, Harry Swanson and Harold Lang of the Wyandotte Chemicals Quartet; Councilmen Harry G. Rouse, John J. Faulder and Charles Conley; Andrew Cory, representing Wyandotte Chemicals; Councilman Geo. McEachran; City Assessor Edward W. Kane; John Haire, Wyandotte Tribune; *Sitting*, left to right, Wm. L. Favinger, chairman of the judges; Mayor Louis Brohl; Simon Babel, director of the Ford Company garden projects and City Purchasing Agent Wilfred Kane; James Fisher, director of Belle Isle horticultural projects; Howard Solo, superintendent of Parks; Councilman Ernest Schultz; John Wosickowski, Parks Dept.; City Attorney Herbert P. Schendel and City Engineer Wm. Liddle.



SHOWN HOEING in his father's garden, second place in Zone 5, is Wm. Henry, Jr. Kneeling is his dad and, standing, is Simon Babel, garden judge.



WINNER OF SECOND PRIZE in Zone 4 was 80 year-old G. F. Quick. Garden judge Earl Bailey is shown examining the limas. This excellent garden is at 551 Vassar St.

WHILE EARL BAILEY kibitzes a cabbage, William Favinger, chairman of the judges, sizes up the pole beans in B. D. Pope's third place winning garden in Zone 1. A rich compost heap was a feature of this excellent plot.

HERB FUNSTON (Research) and his wife, Margaret, took third place in Zone 2. Left to right David, Eileen and Bruce with Mrs. Funston. The bulldogs were real friendly. The photographer thought otherwise.





WINNER OF 1ST PRIZE in Zone 4, Wm. Bertram is given some pointers, high points and compliments by judges Wm. Favinger and Earl Bailey. The garden is at 3386 21st St.

SIMON BABEL, James Fisher, Earl Bailey and Wm. Favinger find plenty of fine vegetables to look at in Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Navarre's well-kept garden at 174 Sullivan St., which won 2nd place in Zone 2.



THIRD PLACE in Zone 4 went to C. J. Romanowski, 3447 21st. Earl Bailey, left, and Jim Fisher are totaling the points won in a close contest.

ANTHONY EVICH, Roofers, N.P., was 1st prize winner in Zone 3 with his fine garden at 2332 17th St. Left to right, Wm. Favinger, Mrs. Marie Kovacs (Anthony's daughter), Earl Bailey, Mrs. Evich, Jim Fisher and Simon Babel.





UNEXCELLED IN WYANDOTTE, and later mentioned at a meeting of the Metropolitan Council of Gardeners as an example for Michigan and the United States for quality and quantity of produce, is the first place backyard garden of Bernadette and Rocco Arpino pictured with judges Simon Babel and Wm. Favinger. This small plot provides three

families; contains unexcelled tomatoes, peppers, beans, onions, watermelons, grapes, berry bushes, pears, and ripe figs, not to mention most standard varieties of other vegetables. Mrs. Arpino had already canned 70 qts. of tomatoes. The garden at 534 Orchard St. should be seen to be believed. It will receive national mention.

WILLIAM FAVINGER demonstrates the 18" depth of topsoil with its moisture retentive clay bottom that makes for good growing. The photograph was taken on the river bank close to Stanley Domal's top winner garden in Zone 1.

WALTER SEROWIK, Process, N.P., won 3rd place in backyard gardens. The yield of pears on two trees—one not shown—was exceptional. Left to right, Wm. Favinger, Mrs. Serowik, Walter and little Christina.



HOW BIG IS YOUR HEART?

Could you turn your back on a forsaken little girl from a broken home who is crying her eyes out?

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"I think so—why?"

"Well, hang on tight—I'm gonna love this ladder."

GARDEN CONTEST—Continued

allowed the schedule which was published in the newspapers and in the Wyandotte Chemicals publication, "The Chief". The appearance of the gardens he judged showed that great care had been taken in planting and planning and keeping the gardens neat and attractive.

"We also found more flowers in evidence and had all the people enter their gardens in the competition this year it would have taken better than 60 days to judge them.

"I wish it could be arranged through our newspapers or some other public office in Wyandotte that the people of Wyandotte could visit the two or three top gardens in each zone and also the winners in the backyard contest. It would be worthwhile for you to publicize this so that your residents there could know that your community has one of the most outstanding garden programs

detailed report on it to our national office and I daresay that publicity will be given it in our Gardengram."

Wyandotte was again fortunate in securing as judges for the Contest a trio of old friends William L. Favinger, Earl Bailey, O.C.D. Administrator, and James Fisher, lately director of Victory Gardens, Detroit and now in charge of all horticultural work on Belle Isle. There was also a new face, that of Simon Babel who has built a nation-wide reputation as director of the Ford Company garden projects at Dearborn.

Out of the fifteen winners in the five zones were five Wyandotte Chemicals employees. The familiar name of Bill Roeder, invariably top winner in Zone 2, was this year absent. Bill has not only lost his previous famous garden but was too busy remodeling his home and landscaping his premises.

Five hundred dollars in Savings Bonds donated by the Wyandotte Chemicals

winners as follows: 1st Prize—\$50 Bond; 2nd Prize—\$25 Bond; 3rd Prize—Bond.

Winners—1947 Contest

Zone 1—Ecorse Creek to Goddard

- 1.—Stanley Domal
- 2.—Julius Gee
- 3.—B. D. Pope

Zone 2—Goddard to Ford

- 1.—Harold Hanville, S. Pipe
- 2.—Bernard Navarre
- 3.—Herbert & Margaret Funston, Reser

Zone 3—Ford to Eureka

- 1.—Anthony Evich, N. Roofers
- 2.—Gorden U. Smith
- 3.—Michael Dolce

Zone 4—Eureka to Pennsylvania

- 1.—William Bertram
- 2.—George Quick
- 3.—C. J. Romanowski

Zone 5—Back Yard Gardens—Entire City

- 1.—Rocco Arpino

