Success stalks novelist after grizzly tale wins kudos

By CARMINA BROOKS

Robert C. Wilson, Detroit attorney turned novelist, is on his way over the rainbow to earn a pot of gold. To aspir-ing authors, Wilson is an incredible dream come true.

ng authors, Wilson is an incredible ream come true. His first book, "Crooked Tree," is a His first book, "Crooked Tree," is a suspense-laden, chilling story about su-pernatural forces and killer bears in northern Michigan, Published in April by G.P. Putnam's Sons, New York (\$10.95), the book's early reviews indi-cate it will be a winner. Movie rights

cate it will be a winner. Movie rights were sold to producers David Gentile and Sidney Glazier.

At the Birmingham Center for Continuing Education, Wilson was guest speaker in Dr. Charles Lewis' class on "How to Get Published." If he is excited about accomplishing what all writ-ers dream about on the first try, it is hidden beneath a calm courtroom

demeanor.

He made publishing sound like a piece of cake as he answered questions modestly. But he worked on and lived with his book for three years, he said.

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In the classical vein are the Royal Winnipeg Ballet, the Ballet Repertory Company, The Feld Ballet and the Ohio Ballet. On the modern side are the Lau's On the modern side are the Lau Dean Dancers and Musicians, the Lar Lubovitch Dance Company, Alvin Ai-ley's American Dance Theater and the

Cranbrook's 40 acres of gardens will be open to the public Memorial Day through Labor Day. 1-5 p.m. daily, Cranbrook Institute of Science and Cranbrook Academy of Art will be closed on Memorial Day. Visitors will see the formal gardens bursting with color as well as casual widfolwer areas. Also open is an Oriental garden complete with miniature rock island plus rose, English and herb gardens. There are ponds, a formal sunken garden, cascades, a Greek ampitheater, a lake and rolling hills.

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"I STARTED with two goals - to

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write a novel and to have it accepted by a reputable publisher. But never in my most reasonable expectations did I think what has occurred so far would have occurred, "Wilson said.

Will success spoil Bobby Wilson? he was asked after class.

"Thm not successful yet. The book came out just a few weeks ago and it has to stand on its own," he responded. Will his writing change his filestyle?

Wilson, 29, an assistant Wayne County prosecutor, said, "I do not seen myself as a writer every single day fon to seen myself as a writer every single day here. The will repet unother leave of absence from his job to work on a screen-play for the more's events of the book. If he can't please the producers, they have an option to bring in another writer, be said.

HIS PERSONAL appearances in the metropolitan area to promote the book have already begun.

He won't alter his wedding datê Aug. 9 to marry Jeanne Corombos of Hamtramck, his friend for six years who works at the Michigan Cancer Foundation, he said.

Twyla Tharp Dancers.
Four of the companies, Royal Winnipeg, Laura Dean, Ballet Repertory and the Ohio Ballet, will be making their Music Hall debut. The other four will be appearing in repeat engagements.
Reduced-price season tickets to these attractions are being offered in 12 different combinations ranging from three to eight performances. The savings enjoyed by season ticket buyers results in per performance costs of as little as \$1.56 (in the balcony) for children and a maximum of \$9.50 for the very best week-night adult tickets. In

fountains.

The gardens are a part of the estate of Cranbrook founders George and Ellen Scripps Booth. They are maintained by Cranbrook House and Gardens Auxiliary.

Admission is \$1.50 for adults and 50 cents for students and seniors. Entered in the Students and seniors.

cents for students and seniors. En-trance is at 380 Lone Pine, Bloomfield Hills. Free parking is across Lone Pine in the Christ Church Cranbrook lot.

He is the youngest son of Jean and Andrew Wilson of Detroit. Writing is a crift the author was ex-posed to by his father, who heads his own public relations firm, Creative Services in Detroit. His father wrote a book after coming out of World War II that still receives occasional com-ments Wilson said

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And while in school, the younger Wil-son discovered he had a talent for writ-ing reports and for research.

"Crooked Tree" was written "For Mom and Pop." He has three brothers, Michael is a photographer now working in New York City. John lives in Canton Township, James Axel Wilson carries the Danish family name of the book's main character, Alex Michelson, who, like the author, is a young attorney. Michael photographed and made stides of the Michigan north country and the author hopes to convince pro-

slides of the Michigan north country and the author hopes to convince pro-ducers to shoot the movie in Michigan. Filming could start as early as this summer, he said, if everything goes well in the pre-production stages. "Michigan's north country is as much

addition, there are special discount season tickets for students and senior

citizens.

In THE SEVEN YEARS since its initial 1973-74 season, Music Hall has presented more than 40 different touring dance companies. Many originated from New Yorks cultural complex, but California, Penneylvania, Poland, Israel, Prance and Tahiti.

Luminaries in the history of dance such as Martha Graham, Alvin Alley, Agnes DeMille and Paul Taylor have

Center plans farmers market

The Farmington Community Center is pianning a farmers market from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturdays from Aug. 2 through Oct. 25 on its grounds at 24705 Farmington Road north of 10 Mile. Growers who sell such items as locally grown fruits, vegetables, herbs, horey products, eggs, flowers, plants, nursery stock, homemade baked goods,

Music Hall announces coming season

"CROOKED TREE" began in 1976 when Wilson came out of Wayne State for a story and researched societies that believed in transmigration of souls to animats.

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ABOUT HALF the book was written while the author was holed up in a fam-ily cabin near Grayling on Lake Mar-grethe.

Wilson mailed three chapters from

his manuscript to five agents that he had been told might be interested in first-time novelists. The first one sent it back — didn't like it. The second was It back — didn't like it. The second was about? He has an idea for a political too busy — had too many clients. The other hitrid, Diane Cleaver, had worked as an deltor for 16 years and just became an agent for the New York-based Sand-ford-Greenberg firm. She asked to see the whole manuscript.

"On the first meeting with my editor of as a fellow who knows exactly what and agent in New York, I was ap- he wants to do next.

prenensive. I neard horror stories about rewrite demands. She (the editor and publisher) walked in, plopped my manuscript down in frunt of me and said, 'flere it is. However you write it is. However you write it is. The work was the printed. I gave up arguing with writers a long time ago." What is suffered and started talking for my manuscript was about something else "friend of here about? He has an idea of the property of th

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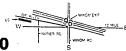
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