

Architect's greatest glory

Tudor buildings recall past

Marcus Burrowes brought stately Tudor homes and elegant living to rural Farmington during the 1920s.

His homes, still in use, are perennial favorites of local historic tours such as the ones sponsored by various groups during the Farmington Founders' Festival.

Burrowes' work can be seen in the additions to the Farmington Community Center, in the house belonging to the Presbyterian Church on 11 Mile and Farmington road, in the Eleanor Spicer farm on Farmington Road and in the residence of Mrs. Jean Fox in Farmington Hills.

The influence that the architecture of warmer climates such as the Bahamas had on Burrowes is easily seen in the house he built for Mrs. Spicer.

The low slung home is one room wide and has windows and French doors on both sides of the building. In days when energy efficiency wasn't a by-word, Burrowes' homes let in the summer breezes, but didn't always guard against winter drafts.

The long, shuttered home with its sloping Tudor roof has high, rounded roofs and textured walls. His passion for design and detail is reflected in the different colors used in the hairline trim on the doors in the Spicer residence.

LIKE THE Spicer home, the Burrowes-designed home belonging to Mrs. Fox is a tribute to the architect's love affair with the high ceilings and broad interior beams of the Tudor style.

Behind the bold strokes of his style was a man so caught up in his work that when the Depression struck and the demand for the luxurious homes he designed faded, he became a debt-ridden, broken man.

In a recent publication by the Farmington Historical Society, Mrs. Spicer remembers Burrowes as a kind and gentle man who had a streak of absent mindedness. Always absorbed by a project, he forgot other things.

"He was a genius," said Mrs. Spicer.

But the times weren't made for Burrowes. Farmington administrators gave him a break on his taxes in recognition of his work in the area. But that didn't help him.

He paid off his debts, sold the home he built and designed for himself in Farmington and left for Canada.

Burrowes and his wife moved into a city flat and the architect took on various assignments.

He died in 1953, never reaching the creative peak he exhibited in the '20s.

Dancer sharpens skills at MSU conference

Yvette Inch, of Farmington Hills, was among the 225 dancers who recently attended the 29th annual Cecchetti Ballet Conference at Michigan State University.

The event was sponsored by the Cecchetti Council of America and MSU's Lifelong Education Programs.

The students were instructed in the Cecchetti method which stresses quality of movement and style. A 31-member

faculty from across the United States instructed the seven grades of students and Cecchetti teachers.

The conference concluded with a public performance in the MSU auditorium. Several one-year scholarships were awarded to outstanding students at the end of the performance.

Miss Inch is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Inch.

MSU halls stay busy in summer

There's no such thing as a slack season in Michigan State University's 36 residence halls, which again this summer are expected to house some 35,000 people attending meetings on campus.

This year, despite the economic downturn, conference scheduling has remained constant with previous years.

says Donald R. McMillan, residence halls conference coordinator.

Groups range in size from 15 Japanese university faculty members, who will meet with their American counterparts, to 1,400 law students taking the State of Michigan Bar Examination.

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SPECIAL PERSONAL APPEARANCE BY AL KALINE

Former Detroit Tiger baseball star Al Kalline, soon to be inducted into the Hall of Fame, will be making special personal appearances at selected Detroit area D & N offices July 28-30. You're invited to stop in, meet Al, and get a free full-color autographed photo. Check the schedule below for the date and time of Al Kalline's visit to a D & N office near you!

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