

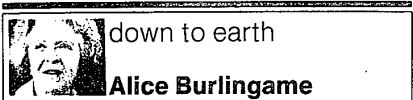
Ideas gleaned from Illinois trip

Summertime provides an excellent opportunity to visit interesting gardens near or far.

Your columnist recently visited the Fermi National Laboratory in Batavia, Ill., near Chicago. On 6,800 acres there are scientists from all over the world as attested by the representative flags flown near the entrance.

It is operated for the U.S. Department of Energy. Those scientists on the staff examine the bewildering array of ideas which lie hidden in the depths of the universe, an important role in producing new knowledge. What are things made of?

Within the main structure which has an interesting vertical architectural form reaching at least eight stories high is an indoor garden. It is about four stories high with interesting light



down to earth
Alice Burlingame

from windows of offices off the perimeter.

Here are some of the plantings I observed within the lobby of Fermi which could guide local growers — *ficus benjamina*, *excoecaria*, *ficus nitida*, *ficus rubiginosa*, *schefflera*, *hibiscus*, *aralia balfouriana*, *dracaena*, *pitiosporum*, *Boston fern*, *wandering jew*, *grape ivy*, *annuals* which like shade, *bamboo* and *palm*.

THE VISITING horticulturists were interested in the 640-acre main accelerator ring four miles in circumference which was being developed into a prairie as it was in very early times, like a scene the early settlers might have come upon. Native grasses have been reestablished and there is a herd of buffalo on it.

The first planting on the prairie was seeded in 1975. The work has been done by volunteers on the staff and others interested in the restoration. Seeds are gathered in the late fall, cleaned, sorted and stored. Those which will be planted the same season need two months of refrigeration to imitate winter. The seeds are planted with a seed drill. Those who are interested in wildflower restoration may contact A. R. Donaldson, Fermi-lab, Box 500, Batavia, Ill. 60510.

The total facility has something for everybody. When the land was sold by

Illinois to Fermi the many Victorian farmhouses were moved to a community where scientists and other related persons live. The dining room is famous for good food, so keep that in mind if you go there. A visit to such places can't help but provide a new dimension to one's life.

Must for a lover of beauty is to visit Cantigny, an estate like Cranbrook, 30 miles west of Chicago. Turn north at the Naperville Road. Admission is free, the gardens are a delight every season, there are trails through the woods, wild flowers and lots of birds around.

The house has a tour and on Sundays there is a concert in the library. A grassy woods is available for a picnic, and there is a war museum of the First Division, World War I, which was a special interest of the late Col. Robert McCormick.

COO. MC CORMICK was the editor and publisher of the Chicago Tribune. His home is filled with treasures from early periods and from around the world.

There are 10 acres of cultivated gardens and plant collections. In 1987 Franz Lipp of Chicago supervised the task. What a series of gardens with ideas of plant effects for everyone.

Clubwoman heads district committee



Sandra Donlon, 29969 Mayfair, Farmington Hills, represented about 3,200 clubwomen last week when she attended a regional seminar on community improvement in Chicago.

She is serving as the Southeast District Community Improvement Program chairwoman for the Michigan Federation of Women's Clubs, and in that capacity is responsible for a program designed to initiate area improvement projects in cooperation with other community groups, public officials and private citizens.

The Community Improvement Program (CIP) is co-sponsored nationally by the General Federation of Women's Clubs and Sears, Roebuck and Co.

The seminar, conducted with the cooperation of National University Continuing Education Association, marked the beginning of a two-year program of community improvement.

Clubs affiliated with the General Federation of Women's Clubs will compete for prizes which include a top state award of \$400 and a top national award of \$10,000 to be presented during 1982.

The seminar was one of five national region training sessions which focused on the CIP action plan.

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A weekend described as "jam-packed with rides, food, games, prizes which limits bid amounts on special and entertainment" has been planned for members of St. Alexander Catholic Church who host their sixth annual Fall Festival Friday through Sunday, Sept. 5-7.

The festival opens at 6 p.m. Friday on the church grounds, Shawwassee between Inkster and Middlebelt roads, the championship game scheduled for and winds up at 9:30 p.m. with its 2:45 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 7.

grand prize drawings Sunday.

This year's event has been dubbed "An Old Fashioned Festival" since church social hall, the menu of Jake many of the concession, ride, game and Burgers, hot dogs, kielbasa, sauerkraut raffle tickets have been held to last and french fries; the games tent and year's price level.

After its successful debut last year, Saturday afternoon features include the hot-air balloon rides will go back square dancing for the oldsters, and into action on Saturday afternoon be watermelon eating contests for the ginning at 6 p.m. Phil Giebel, hot air kids.

balloonist from Ypsilanti, starts out As in the past, a raffle highlights and with an exhibition, then offers rides. If concludes the festivities. First prize inclement weather cancels the event, it this year is a Caribbean Cruise for two, will be rescheduled at the same time on or \$1,500 cash. Second prize is \$700; third, \$500; fourth \$200 and fifth \$100 Sunday.

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