

Bible lecture slated

"The Bible," says Christian Science lecturer Andre Plot, is "like a compass. Deep search of the Bible, seeking its spiritual meaning, leads to practical resolution of our problems."

A native of Switzerland who now lives in St. Louis, Mr. Plot will speak at 8 p.m. Feb. 11 at Eighth Church of Christ, Scientist, Detroit, 20011 Grand River, corner of Evergreen.

His lecture topic is "Christian Science: Unlocking the Treasures of the Bible." Plot, who speaks English, French, and German, had a varied career as a mechanical engineer before choosing

to devote his time to the public healing practice of Christian Science. Recalling a company lay-off from his engineering days, he says the Bible's promises became very real to him in his own experience by fully meeting his family's needs.

The lecturer asserts that many people are healed simply through inspired study of the Bible.

Eighth Church of Christ, Scientist, is sponsoring this free public lecture. Child care is available.

Mary Kuhn, second reader, will introduce Plot.

Relatives rally to honor 'Aunt Grace'

Grace Lacca met with 200 of her relatives last weekend when they gathered to honor the Westland resident on her 95th birthday.

"It was like a family reunion. Some of us had not seen one another for 15 or 20 years," said John Lanzetta of Farmington Hills.

Lanzetta is one of Mrs. Lacca's dozens of nephews. He is one of the rela-

tives who formed a committee to contact family members in Colorado, Arizona, Florida and New York, as well as various parts of Michigan for the birthday celebration that was given in Redford's American Legion Hall.

Mrs. Lacca was born on Feb. 6, 1887, in Palermo, Italy, and came to the United States when she was 13 years old. She worked for a while as a seam-

stress in a Detroit shirt factory and married Emanuel Lacca in 1916.

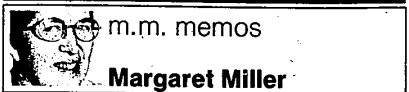
The couple had two sons, one now deceased and the other, John, now living in Detroit. Emanuel Lacca died eight years ago.

During the time she was raising her two sons, Mrs. Lacca assisted at the birth of many of the nieces and nephews who came to the birthday party.

Lanzetta remembers his aunt as one of the few relatives he had who could drive when he was young.

"So she was the one we called on when the relatives needed to be taken somewhere," he said.

Mrs. Lacca still drives, keeps house in her own apartment in a seniors complex and attends services in St. Richard Catholic Church in Westland.



m.m. memos
Margaret Miller

This Valentine heart is Wedgewood blue

The story of my Aunt Helen's heart is worth recounting for Valentine's Day.

Not the heart that's still going strong as she moves on toward her 93rd birthday. They one I mean is a little blue Wedgewood heart I have for safekeeping in my china cabinet.

And to tell its story, I have to go back more than a century. It was in the early 1880s that a young man, Aunt Helen's father and my grandfather, crossed the Atlantic from England to seek his fortune in the United States.

Aboard ship, he met a couple with a young son named Alfred. They were heading for the city of Detroit to make their home, and it was partly on their recommendation that he wound up in Detroit too.

THE FRIENDSHIP continued as Grandfather found work, bought a home and some furniture and sent for his betrothed who was waiting in Edinburgh. The closeness went on as my grandparents had a son, and then a daughter, then three more sons.

The friends from shipboard were helpful when my grandmother died while bearing the last son and they tried to give special attention to the children who were left.

And that's where the little blue heart came into the story. My aunt was a child when she visited her father's friends one day, and the mother of the

family gave her the piece of Wedgewood.

"She told me I'd be getting married some day," Aunt Helen relayed the story to me. "And she said that when I did I was to take it to the home of my husband."

BUT BEING the only girl in a motherless family made a difference in those days, and marriage was postponed a long time. Aunt Helen stayed home and took care of her father, blind and aging, and his two sisters — the one who had come from England to help rear the family and the one who joined the clan after being widowed.

And she had reached middle age when, with the three old people gone, a friend of long-standing started coming to visit. He was Alfred, the little boy who had crossed the Atlantic with her father, the son of the woman who had her the blue Wedgewood heart. He had married and been widowed and he asked Aunt Helen to marry him.

"So," she finished the story, "I took the blue heart with me to the home of my husband, to the home of her son."

Now Alfred is gone too, and his home has been sold, and Aunt Helen is living comfortably in a nursing home. Many of her possessions are mine now, but she retains ownership of the Wedgewood heart.

I'm trying to take good care of it.

Awards program under way

The Scholarship Commission of the United Hebrew Schools (UHS) and Woman's Auxiliary announces the opening of its 1982 award program. Brochures containing an application, outlining the awards program and listing the requirements for such awards will be sent to eligible UHS students shortly.

UHS high school students may apply for an award to be used toward summer study in Israel rather than for camp. Recent high school graduates and Midrasha students and Midrasha graduates may apply for an award to be used for college level Hebrew, a Judaic study in the United States or in Israel.

Thirty-six such awards were made during 1981. The deadline for applications for 1982 awards is April 1. For applications, interested UHS students should contact their principal or call the high school Midrasha office at 352-7117.

Johnson is on the dean's list

Philip Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Johnson of Farmington Hills, was placed on the dean's list at University of Montana. Johnson is a senior at the school located in Missoula, Mont.

To place on the list, a student must have earned a 3.5 grade point average for the quarter.

Quilting classes to start

Mary King will offer two classes in quilting in Farmington Community Center this month. "Quilting Applique" begins at 10 a.m. Feb. 25. It is a four-session class for \$24 plus \$3 materials fee.

Quilting applique is the technique of applying materials one atop another, overlapping in a pleasing pattern, using a variety of materials and stitchery. Students will be able to produce a small sampler quilt or laprobe, or make a pillow.

Some of the hand applique techniques to be discussed are reverse applique as well as the traditional mola, originally done by Cuna Indians of Panama.

"Quilting Patchwork" begins at 10 a.m. Feb. 27 and is a four-session class for \$24 plus \$7 materials fee.

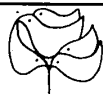
Ms. King will teach an array of stitches, drawing from her skill and knowledge of needlework techniques. Students will learn the proper method of reproducing patchwork designs, learning to copy many of the traditional patterns that are best loved and not copyrighted.

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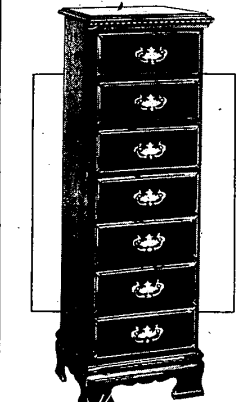
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