

Motor City's Varied Image Charms Visitors

Detroit is an international port city deep in the Midwest; it's an oriental restaurant atop a delicate Minoru Yamasaki skyscraper overlooking the world's busiest waterway.

It's a family picnic on Belle Isle, a world premiere at the posh Fisher Theater. It's the nation's oldest state fair, summer band shell concerts by the Detroit Symphony and a boat ride to Bob-Lo.

It's massive Marshall Fredericks sculpture, graceful Carl Milles fountains and mighty automotive complexes that convert raw iron ore into swift sportscars, gleaming limousines and family fun wagons.

THIS IS DETROIT, the nation's fifth largest city, automobile capital of the world. It was here that Henry Ford revolutionized transportation with the assembly line and provided labor with the first \$5 daily wage.

It's a sprawling city, constantly expanding from the gray polio by the Detroit River where French explorer Antoine de la Mothe Cadillac stepped ashore in 1701 to found Fort Pontchartrain.

THREE FLAGS have flown over Detroit -- the Fleur de Lis of France, the Union Jack of Great Britain and the Stars and Stripes. Just across the river is Windsor, Ontario, Detroit's friendly Canadian neighbor.

The annual International Freedom Festival, joyfully celebrating the United States' Independence Day and Canada's Dominion Day, brings the two Motor Cities closer together. A feature of the celebration is a gigantic fireworks display.

above the Detroit River that draws appreciative crowds of 500,000.

Detroit is a city of industrial muscle -- the executive headquarters of American Motors, Chrysler, Ford and General Motors all are here; it's a steel, chemicals, tool and die and salt center.

VISITORS ARE WELCOME at the auto plants where they can see a car made from start to finish. They can tour the huge General Motors Tech Center, the corporation's research facility in suburban Warren set amid reflecting pools and fountains.

But Detroit is more than industry. While moving forward, it hasn't forgotten its past. The Fort Wayne Military Museum on the river recalls the days when the young United States and England were at war.

The Detroit Historical Museum, located in the city's midtown cultural center, traces the city's past in an un-stuffy way.

The Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village in suburban Dearborn is rightfully one of the nation's leading tourist attractions, showing how life was led in more leisurely -- and more difficult -- times.

Ford brought the workshop of his friend, Thomas Edison, from Menlo Park, N.J., and had it re-assembled in Greenfield Village. There's the country courthouse in which Abraham Lincoln practiced law ... and the rocking chair in which he was sitting at Ford's Theater when John Wilkes Booth assassinated him.

Early America appealed to Ford and he had it faithfully reconstructed in his museum and adjoining Greenfield Village.

While Greenfield Village is a monument to a land America, the Dossin-Great Lakes Museum on Belle Isle, the island park in the Detroit River, is a tribute to the city's love affair with the water.

The river, which funnels the waters of Lake Superior, Michigan and Huron down toward Lake Erie, on over the Niagara Falls to Lake Ontario and on out the St. Lawrence Seaway, is compelling for Detroiters and visitors alike.

THERE ARE NUMEROUS parks along the river to watch the 600 and 700-foot ore carriers glide smoothly up and down the channel or to catch the colors of a "salty," an ocean vessel that has sneaked in through the Seaway.

And there's no better way to watch them than on the excursion boat that plies jauntily between downtown Detroit and Bob-Lo Island, a Canadian island at the head of Lake Erie.

Detroit is more than this. It's the outstanding main zoo in Royal Oak where animals are exhibited in bar-less, natural settings and the children's zoo on Belle Isle where youngsters can feed the animals.

It's the Institute of Arts with one of the world's finest collections of Flemish artists, Rivera murals and a stunning new section dedicated to contemporary art.

GOLDEN TOUCH OF HOSPITALITY

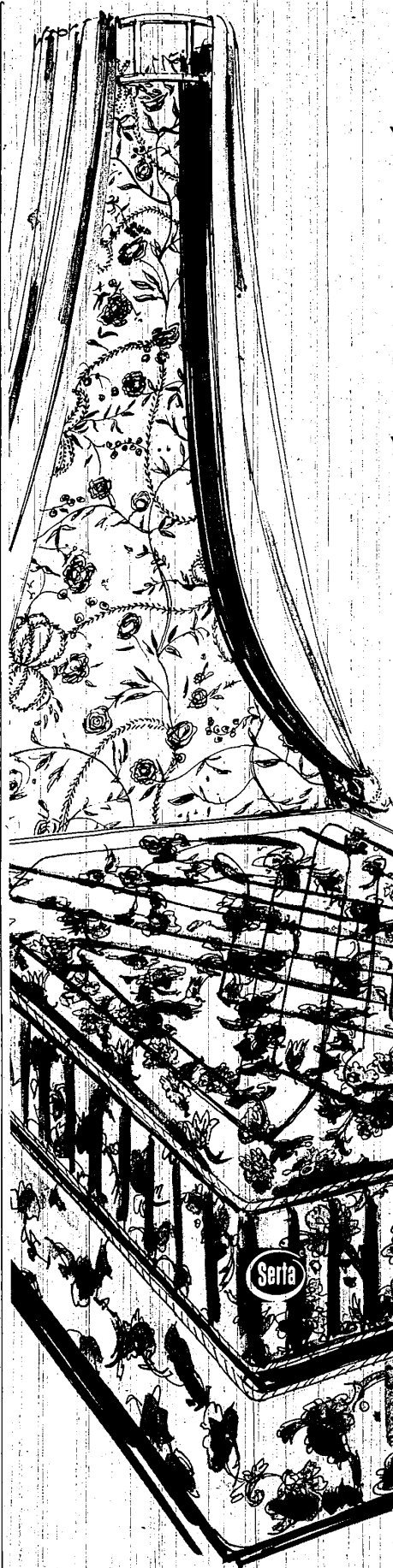
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Sponge Cake Trick

When making a cake with regular all-purpose flour instead of cake flour, an old-time trick is to add a little corn starch. It works as well today as it did in Grandmother's day.

1 cup sifted flour
4 teaspoons corn starch
6 eggs
¾ cup sugar
½ teaspoon vanilla
3 tablespoons margarine,
melted and cooled

Sift together flour and corn starch; set aside. Place a 2½-quart bowl over a large pan of hot, not boiling water. Water should not touch bottom of bowl. Combine eggs and sugar in bowl. With electric mixer at high speed or with rotary beater, beat egg mixture until just slightly warm. Remove bowl from hot water. Continue beating until egg mixture comes to 1 inch from top of bowl. Beat in vanilla. Sift ½ of flour mixture at a time over egg mixture. Carefully fold in each addition until well blended, using a wire whisk or rubber spatula. Quickly fold in melted, cooled margarine. Turn into 2 greased and floured (8 x 1½-inch) layer pans. Bake in 350 degrees F. (moderate) over 20 minutes or until cake tests done when checked with a cake tester. Remove from pans immediately; cool on wire rack. Makes 2 (9-inch) layers.



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