

French chefs host teacher

BIRMINGHAM—Elizabeth Tessem, teacher of French at Groves High School, spoke in French at the 22nd annual workshop of the French teachers of Michigan recently.

Her subject was "Paul Bocuse and the New French Cuisine."

Mrs. Tessem became acquainted with Bocuse, a French chef, during a visit to France.

"In my French classes we studied the cooking of Lyon, France, and I promised my students to dine at Paul Bocuse's restaurant on my next trip to France," Mrs. Tessem said.

ON HER WAY to the Cote d'Azur recently she stopped at Le Restaurant-Paul Bocuse at Collonges, "wondering if lunch in this three-star restaurant 'grande classe' would be a real pleasure," Mrs. Tessem said.

"I soon discovered that a lunch at Bocuse's was a true delight," she added.

The maitre d'hotel helped her with her menu selection which included a

house specialty of Mediterranean fish enveloped in a delicate crust, a choice of more than 20 cheeses and three rolling tables of desserts.

When Bocuse learned that Mrs. Tessem was a French teacher, he joined her, ordered champagne and expressed delight at her special interest in French cuisine.

He was amazed to learn that her students prepare an annual French dinner for their classmates and parents, she said.

BOCUSE ASKED Mrs. Tessem to be his personal guest for dinner in the evening.

"I had never imagined eating two three-star meals in one day," she said, but only three hours after leaving the restaurant, Bocuse escorted her back for dinner.

He chose dinner for her, sat with her during dinner and continued their discussion of the new French cuisine, a development of the last 10 years by a dozen French chefs.

It is characterized by simplicity, fewer and lighter sauces, preservation of the natural flavor of the original product and its preparation for visual appeal, Mrs. Tessem said.

Bocuse does his own marketing every morning, but spends less time in the kitchen than previously. He and his wife mingle freely with guests at the restaurant.

"BOCUSE SPEAKS longingly of his ideal restaurant: to prepare one menu only from the very finest products at the market that day, to have nothing cooking before 11 a.m. and nothing in the refrigerator overnight," Mrs. Tessem said.

He also would love to prepare dinner for a certain number, suggesting that four would be ideal, she added.

When Bocuse learned that Mrs. Tessem was to meet one of her students in Nice, France, he wrote a note to his friend, Roger Verge, to host them at lunch at the Moulin de Mougins near Cannes where he is chef.

Verge greeted Mrs. Tessem and Sara Hulse personally and prepared lunch for them.

Mrs. Tessem's reactions to the new French cuisine were published recently in the September Newsweek International and registered with the Guide Michelin, an association which evaluates restaurants in France.

River debris stirs worry of flooding

By ALICE COLLINS

BEVERLY HILLS—Debris buildup in the Rouge River as it meanders southwardly through the village may be reaching serious proportions and the council is considering taking on the cleanup job instead of leaving it up to the individual property owners.

Councilman Robert F. Stansberry who lives along the Rouge warned other council members Monday night that the problem has developed into a "situation that could cause general flooding."

"For many years we've kind of turned our backs on the problem and let the residents handle their own debris," he said. "But it's become too much for the average homeowner."

Stansberry said his suggestion is, only to clean the river which acts as a natural storm drain. "Many of us appreciate the natural effect and wouldn't want anything changed."

VILLAGE MANAGER Thomas Good identified what he called "an

emergency situation" just north of Thirteen Mile Road where the river is blocked by a five-foot dam of debris.

"If something isn't done about this right away, it takes on serious proportions. It could lead to flood damage to all homes in that area."

Good said the property owner had asked for help at that particular site.

The council authorized Good to have the Thirteen Mile Road blockage removed as "expediently and cheaply as possible."

ON THE QUESTION of general cleanup and maintenance of the river, the council asked its consulting engineer Oleh R. Clepy to determine a cost estimate and recommendation as to whether it should be handled as an engineering or tree removal problem.

The Rouge River, which acts as a natural storm drain for the area, is receiving additional flows of water since the construction of the Nichols Drain on Fourteen Mile Road, Stansberry said. The additional water has caused erosion of the banks and uprooting of trees, which are clogging the river.

Lions broaden sight program

BEVERLY HILLS—In order to broaden its sight conversation program, the Lions Club is making a door-to-door canvass of the village to locate visually handicapped persons.

The Lions Club's primary community service program is in connection with sight conservation and support of the Leader Dog School for the Blind in Rochester; the Penrickton Center for the Visually Handicapped Children in Taylor; and Welcome Home for the Blind in Grand Rapids.

The local clubs monetary support to the program this year is more than \$2,200, according to Lions President Dennis R. Carlson Sr.

The group also conducts Glaucoma tests for village residents. Future plans, Carlson said, include projects for Beverly Hills residents who are totally blind or who have impaired vision.

During the canvass, members are also acquainting residents with the club and its total programs.

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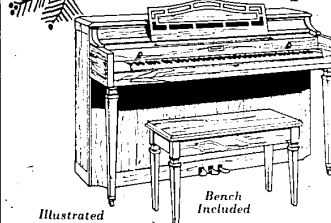
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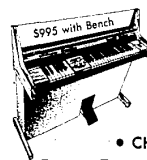
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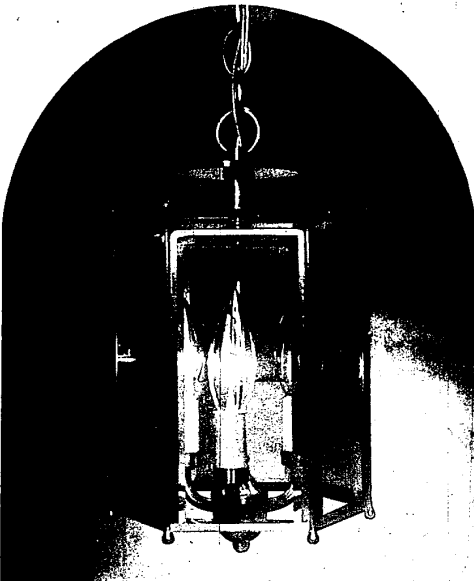
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