

Garden clubs honor Alice Burlingame

Alice Wessels Burlingame of Birmingham was honored Thursday (May 15) at the 61st annual national meeting of the Women's National Farm and Garden Association (WNF&GA) held in Toledo. She received the group's Special Recognition Award.

In a special presentation, Mrs. Burlingame's long involvement with horticulture and horticulture therapy were reviewed for the women from all over the country attending the week-long session.

Originally from Detroit, Mrs. Burlingame has combined her interest in gardening, writing and helping the mentally and physically ill into a career. She has written a column, "Down to Earth," for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers since 1949.

She began her studies with a degree in psychiatric social work

from the University of Michigan and later studied horticulture and landscape architecture at Michigan State University.

Her first book was "Therapy Through Horticulture" and she directs the summer extern programs in horticultural therapy at Clinton Valley Center, formerly Pontiac State Hospital.

She is an assistant professor at

Michigan State and will be chairman of the Third International Horticultural Conference this year.

The Michigan Division of WNF&GA elected Mrs. Joseph A. Watson Jr. of Rochester to serve as its president. She was installed when the division held its spring council and 49th annual meeting this week in Southfield.

Hadassah sets donor brunch

Metropolitan Detroit Chapter of Hadassah will honor its contributors at a brunch at 11 a.m. Tuesday, June 3, at Congregation Shaarey Zedek. To participate, members must have contributed \$10 either in cash or through donor credits.

Mrs. Oscar Beaud of Huntington Woods is chairman of the day, Mrs. Philip Sherman of Southfield is donor

records chairman and Mrs. Jack Selway of Bloomfield Hills is chapter program vice-president.

According to Mrs. Jerome Kaufman of Bloomfield Hills, chapter president, a nominal fee will be charged so that most of the monies raised can continue to go to Israel to be used for Hadassah projects.

Southfield skaters may go to Israel

SOUTHFIELD—Members of Southfield's Civic Center Ice Company are keeping their skate blades and fingers lightly crossed.

Rejean Tremblay, Civic Center Arena Pool manager, said the Southfield amateur skating group may make a goodwill tour of Israel.

"Things are just in the discussion stage right now. But if we do go it

will be this year, during the Christmas season," Tremblay said.

A Southfield man proposed the possibility of the tour to Tremblay. Hy Shensman, recently met privately with high officials of the Israeli Tourism Department and they expressed interest in a good amateur skating show.

"They said they wanted plain Ameri-

can folk—not professionals. I told them the Southfield Ice Company has talent and dedication and a production that will satisfy the most sophisticated audience," Shensman said.

"We have the blessings of the Israeli government, but plans are indefinite. There are financing problems. We will be meeting with El Al Airlines representatives this week to

discuss transportation.

"We also need to work out problems of living expenses for the group while in Israel.

"The Ice Company would love to be good will ambassadors. They want to meet the people of Israel—visit kibbutzim. We hope we can make a success of this venture," he said.

Michigan group to study alcoholism

To find solutions to the problem of alcoholism among young people, the Michigan Parent-Teacher-Student Association has received a grant of \$3,000 from the national PTA organization.

This award is part of a contract of about \$10,000 awarded to the National PTA by the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism.

In describing the proposal made by the Michigan PTSA, Dr. Loren Bentley of Mt. Pleasant, PTA alcohol project chairman for Michigan said that a model project in alcohol education for grades four through six would be implemented in seven public schools and one private one in Mt. Pleasant.

"The project involves the design, development and production of alcohol education kits including the creation

of board games, coloring books, short stories and audio-visual aids."

"Motivating force behind the project is that if we really want to influence youngsters in terms of preventing alcohol abuse, the fourth, fifth and sixth grades seem to be the best time to do this," he continued.

Pointing out that many youngsters begin to experiment with alcohol between the ages of 12 and 14, Dr. Ben-

slley noted "they should be introduced to alcohol education programs before such experimentation takes place.

"If they've had some prior opportunity to explore their own values concerning use of alcohol, they'll be better equipped to handle the alcohol situation when they reach the vulnerable age, and to withstand peer group pressure to drink," he concluded.



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