



The Rev. George Dee, currently spending a year's leave in Southfield from his duties as a missionary in Rhodesia, displayed African artifacts to Redford Township elementary school students. Holding native weapons are Randy Erickson (left) and Scott Moase of MacGowan Elementary School.

Missionary depicts Africa for students

Students of MacGowan Elementary School in Redford Township had a chance to see and touch elephant tusks, tribal masks and weapons from Rhodesia, Africa during the visit of a missionary to their school.

Now a Southfield resident, the Rev. George Dee, a Protestant missionary who is a minister, physician and teacher to 500 in his African community, spoke on people, animals and life in Rhodesia.

USING ARTIFACTS and slides to illustrate his lectures at two assemblies at the school, he discussed the people with whom he has lived for 22 years. He dramatized his presentation with imitations of people and animals he has met in Rhodesia. He also spoke in Shona, the Rhodesian language he both speaks and reads.

Rev. Dee told the students that the temperature rises to 130 degrees in the land

where he works. The people are farmers growing corn, okra, spinach and chickens for their own use and hunting meat on the African veldt.

The people he works with suffer from malnutrition and poor sanitation. One of their enemies is the tsetse fly, which causes sleeping sickness, a common disease. Of every 15 infants born there only five survive.

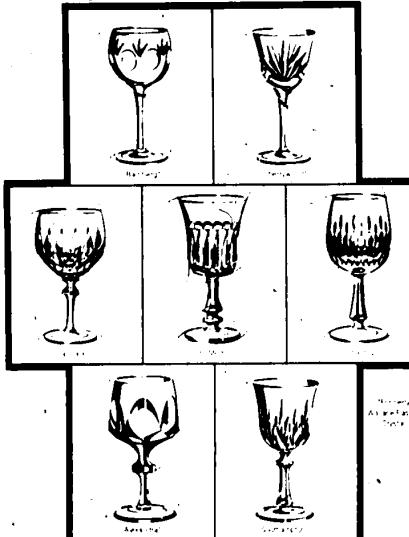
ONE OF Rev. Dee's tasks is teaching primitive people how to boil water and provide good sanitation, as well as providing for their spiritual and educational life.

Rev. Dee lives in Africa for five years and then spends one year in the U.S. This year, he, his wife and 9-year-old son are living in Southfield.

His 21-year-old son is an engineer working in Rhodesia. Another child attends an eastern college.

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MSU offers fellowships

The Michigan State Bar Foundation has established 30 fellowships at Michigan State University for elementary and secondary social studies teachers.

The fellowships will cover tuition expenses for students enrolled this summer in Education 882, section 210, a materials and methods seminar in law and consumerism.

The idea, said course coordinator Timothy H. Little, assistant professor of elementary and special education, is to instruct teachers on the potential of using law and law-related topics in K through 12 social studies programs.

"It's important for students and teachers to realize," he said, "that the law and our concepts about fairness and justice are powerful forces shaping our lives."

Teachers interested in enrollment or fellowship information should contact Dr. Little, Rm. 339 Erickson Hall, Michigan State University, East Lansing, 48824.

Gay pride week planned

A march from Cass Park to Kennedy Square will open Gay Pride Week at 1 p.m. Saturday, June 19 in Detroit.

It will be followed by a rally in Kennedy Square, a dance in Cobo Hall Saturday night, a Sunday picnic and an open air ecumenical Christian service.

A variety of discussion groups are scheduled for Thursday evening, June 24. A fair will be held Sunday, June 27.

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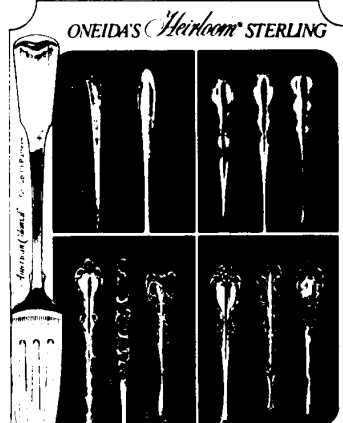
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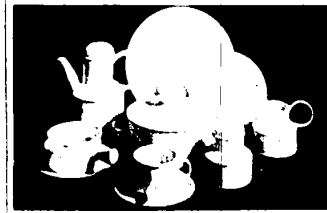
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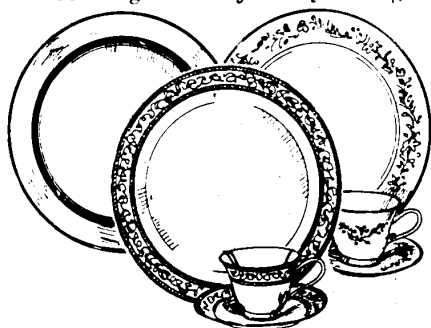
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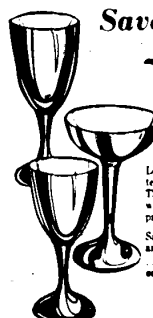
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