



Getting Around By ETHEL SIMMONS

It's always a pleasure to hear from readers—who sometimes write with requests for information or have critical comments to pass along. Here are a few recent letters.

"I read with interest your article on Michigan wines. Could you please drop me a list of the wineries (Michigan) which provide tours for the general public?"

There are several wineries in southwestern Michigan, with tours open to the public seven days a week. Three wine festivals take place annually in the fall during harvest week.

The wineries include St. Julian (194, Exit 60), Warner (194, Exit 60), Proctor (194, Exit 56), Bronte (194, Exit 60), Lake

side (194, Exit 12) and Fern Valley (194, Exit 34).

For more information, write directly to the Michigan Wine Institute, PO Box 6284, Detroit 48205.

Incidentally, world traveler George Pierrot has just published the 1978 edition of his Outdoor Vacation Brochure, free from offices of Standard Federal Savings in the Detroit metropolitan area.

Included among the articles on places to fish, camp, hike and travel in Michigan, plus Canada's Algoma land, is one entitled "Wine Tasters' Alley" giving information about Michigan winery tours.

AYD IN RESPONSE: to a review of the

Readers query and complain

April 15 Oakway Symphony Orchestra concert performance by Eric Peters, a reader sent a two-page letter, from which I quote in part:

"How can a critic possibly be so irresponsible in his comments, denouncing all and sundry as 'amateur' or 'semi-professional' or even 'professional' groups, setting an excessively high or perhaps equal standard for all performances regardless of the group involved?"

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"Our critic fails to recognize that the community orchestra surrounding Detroit were formed with the express purpose of providing an opportunity in the performing arts to those people (making music their avocation—not vocation) who otherwise would be denied this chance, and NOT with the goal in mind to become an alternative or 'Suburban's Answer' to the Detroit Symphony."

This is one of the most frequent criticisms of the critics—that they are too hard on amateur, semi-professional or even professional groups, setting an excessively high or perhaps equal standard for all performances regardless of the group involved.

Most critics try to allow more leeway for an amateur group than they would for the pros. At times, it can be difficult to write constructively about a performance that one has not enjoyed.

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Ethnic cookbook explores world

It's always fun to enjoy foods of other cultures. One way to do it is to cook a yourself with a copy of "Round the Table Round the World" in hand.

This new cookbook has been published by the Roper Council of Roper City and Roper City and Country School 2100 N. Woodward, Bloomfield Hills, as a project to earn scholarship money.

Roper, a school for gifted and talented students, represents a variety of cultures with scholarships to insure a balance in the student population.

Recipes in the 108-page, spiral-bound cookbook include European, Middle Eastern, Oriental and North American. Parents and staff supplied the recipes.

Easy directions for making everything from soups to party dishes are given. Here's one that's especially simple:

OVEN KABABS—PAKISTAN

Recipe from J. Ahmad

2 pounds round beef

1/4 teaspoon ground cloves

1/4 teaspoon ground cardamom

1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper

1/4 teaspoon ground cumin

1/4 teaspoon ground ginger

1/4 teaspoon ground red pepper

1 large onion, chopped

Salt to taste

Mix all ingredients thoroughly. Form into patties and broil on each side.

Have no fear, any ingredients that are

puzzling to you can be found at special import grocery shops, some of which are advertised in the cookbook.

To order the cookbook by mail, send a check for \$5.50 plus \$6.00 postage to Roper City and Country School 2100 N. Woodward, Bloomfield Hills or bring a check to the school office. Make out the check to "Cookbook."

IF YOU WANT TO SAMPLE ethnic foods, this is the season for ethnic feasts. Best known in metropolitan Detroit are the festivals that take place on the riverfront in downtown Detroit.

Most of the festivals have staples including hot dogs or sausage, but you'll always find more specific ethnic specialties offered as snacks, dinner plates or desserts.

Dates include the Irish Festival on Friday through Sunday, the Far Eastern

June 14, German June 11-13, Italian June 18-20, French June 25-26, and Slovak June 25-27.

The ethnic festivals opened last weekend with the Greek Festival. Another Greek festival in Grosse Pointe is coming up on July 24.

Others are American July 25 (Independence Day), Native Nations July 31, Afro-American July 16-18, Armenian July 22-25, Ukrainian July 30-Aug. 1, Arab World Aug. 6-8, Polish Aug. 13-15, Scandinavian Aug. 20-22, India Aug. 27-29, Latin American Sept. 14 (Labor Day), Mexican Sept. 10-12 and International Sept. 17-19.

Where There's Life

MAIN STREET

Observatory Demonstrations at Cranbrook Institute of Science, Bloomfield Hills. Demonstrations through six-inch refracting telescope at dusk every Saturday. Hours are 9 p.m. in May.

Guided Tours of the two miles of Cive Center Nature Trails, 26000 Evergreen, Southfield, every Sunday at 4 p.m. sponsored by City of Southfield.

Mel-Restique "Four Seasons" in 78, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. May 28 in West Bloomfield United Methodist Church, 4100 Walnut Lake Road, just west of Orchard Lake Road. Proceeds to community and scholarship projects.

Tour of Frankenmuth with bus leaving Farmington Community Center at 8:30 a.m. on May 28. Package priced tickets include lunch at the Bavarian Inn. Return time is 5 p.m. Reservations are necessary, through the center, 477-6404.

Detroit Folkdance Club meets for Hun-

garian Party, hosted by Sylvia Chern and Sue Crall, from 8 p.m. to midnight in Brookside School Cranbrook, Lone Pine at Cranbrook, Bloomfield Hills.

Metropolitan Beach Park with roundtrip transportation from Southfield Parks and Recreation Building, Ten and One-Half and Evergreen, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Weekends only, until June 12, after that, daily service.

Antique Show at Rosford Inn Coach House, from noon to 5 p.m. May 30-31. Located on Grand River and Eggs Mile in Farmington Hills. Large displays of furniture will be a feature. Admission and parking free.

Family Fair sponsored by congregation of Adat Shalom Synagogue from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. May 31 with 25 booths, food, book sale and entertainment, at synagogue in Farmington.

Memorial Day Parade sponsored by the Farmington VFW begins at 10 a.m. May

31 in Plaza Shopping Center on Grand River and Orchard Lake Road for a march west on Grand River.

Troy Schools Art Exhibit second annual event sponsored by Troy School District May 24-28 in board office at 480 Lechmere Avenue. Exhibit hours 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday.

AT THE MALL

"Waterford's Bicentennial Faces" heritage and culture of Waterford Township brought to life through May 29 at Pontiac Mall in the township. Spotlight on lively music, fashion and dance programs depicting colonial America. Exhibits of quilting, historical maps, gardening and bicentennial art projects.

Senior Art Students Exhibit in show of work representing Avondale Senior High School, May 25 through June 1 in Meadow Brook Village Mall, Avon Township.

CHILDREN'S CHOICE

Drapple Steve Bear for 35 year olds from

10-18 30 a.m. May 26 at Baldwin Public Library, Martin at Bates, Birmingham. No advance registration necessary. Saturday Classes at Troy Public Library presents "Cat in the Hat" at 9:30 a.m. May 29. Reservations by calling 888-8885.

Meet Tom Sawyer, Huck Finn and friends on the showboat every weekend at Meadowbrook Village Mall. Showtimes are 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. Saturdays and 1 and 3:30 p.m. Sundays.

CURTAIN TIME

"Star Spangled Girl" Neil Simon Broadway hit every Friday and Saturday evening until mid-July at Somerset Dinner Theatre in Somerset Mall. Troy Buffet dinner begins at 7:30 p.m. with an 8:00 p.m. curtain. Dinner by Alfred's Call 644-6885 for reservations.

"Our Town," Thornton Wilder's perennial classic, at 9 p.m. May 27-28 and June 3 in outdoor Cranbrook Greek Theatre in Bloomfield Hills. Presented by St. Dunstan's Theatre Guild.

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