

# Estate gardens breathtaking

Well, folks, "you just can't keep her down on the farm." This past week your columnist attended the Garden Writer's Symposium, held at Cantigny Park, Wheaton, Ill. Cantigny is the 500-acre country estate of the late Robert McCormick, editor and publisher of The Chicago Tribune. During the past 19 years, more than \$2 million has been spent in creating gardens, which are now among the most impressive in the Middle West. The gardens were designed by one of the nation's foremost landscape architects, Franz Lipp. The formal gardens were designed in 1907. I had the privilege of going around the gardens with Lipp.

There were so many "pockets of beauty" just waiting to be admired. Lipp designed the areas especially to inspire the home gardener. The many garden writers from all over the country came away with bulging notebooks. An important part of the estate is the Military Museum of the First Division of which Colonel McCormick was a member. Cantigny, France, was the first American offensive of the war. When the United States entered World War II the Division took part in the invasion of North Africa. Cantigny is 30 miles west of Chicago and there is something for every visitor. A visit to the beautiful home shows its treasures, many of which were given to the host during his lifetime by people who made world history. There are the breathtaking gar-

dens of beauty, and Sunday concerts in the home. There is not an admission charge. Yes, and even a beautiful picnic grove for families. We didn't see vandalism and total families seemed to enjoy promading in this dedicated beautiful estate. You will be fed some of the ideas which I gleaned there, throughout the year. In July and August some tomatoes may suddenly develop dry, blackened spots which are called blossom-end rot. This has been traced as caused by extremes in the weather, watering, and the type of fertilizer used. If a mulch is used it can cut down on this blackening of the skin. Again, be reminded to give trees an abundance of water this time of year if they have early flowers.

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## Calendar

### TRANSCENDENTAL MEDITATION

Thursday, Aug. 12 Introductory lecture on transcendental meditation in Orchard Mall's community room, 14 Mile and Orchard Lake Road at 7:30 p.m. No charge.

### MOVIES MADE FROM BOOKS

Thursday, Aug. 12 "David and Liza" continues the Movies Made From Books Series in Farmington Community Library, 22727 Twelve Mile, 7 p.m. No charge. Series concludes next Thursday with "20,000 Leagues Under the Sea."

### GOSPEL MEETING

Thursday through Sunday, Aug. 12-15 Gospel meetings with Roy M. Lauer, senior dean of Bear Valley School of Preaching in Central Church of Christ, 36000 Eleven Mile at 7:30 p.m. each evening.

### BOYS IN THE BAND

Friday and Saturday, Aug. 13-14 "The Boys in the Band," staged by Farmington Players Summer Workshop in Players Barn on Twelve Mile between Orchard Lake and Farmington Road, 8:30 p.m. each evening. Tickets available by calling 474-8787 on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays between 8-10 p.m. Play continues Aug. 20-21.

## John Stocks feted for 50th anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. John L. Stock, of 2754 Edgemoor, Farmington Hills, celebrate their 50th anniversary with family and friends in the American Legion Hall Sunday, Aug. 15.

The couple have been residents of Farmington for 40 years and have five children and 14 grandchildren.

Helping the Stock's to celebrate will be their children Mrs. Wally (Lorane) Christensen, of Farmington; Lawrence Stock of Fort Lauderdale, Fla.; Vincent Stock of Santa Barbara, Calif.; Mrs. Ed (Mary) Syperaki of Hawaii, and James Stock, of Rochester.



MR. AND MRS. JOHN STOCK

## J. Welter represents chapter at convention

Mr. Welter is a junior majoring in journalism and was elected communication chairman of the Beta chapter in 1975. The sorority is a member of the National Panhellenic Conference, founded at Eastern Michigan University in 1880. The Beta chapter was chartered in 1904. The agenda for the convention includes both business and pleasure. The business meetings and workshops will be under the direction of the group's national president, which will include ceremonial, a memorial service, program reports and discussion of future plans. Among the highlights of the convention will be the selection of a convention queen. At the formal banquet, special awards will be presented to individual members and chapters for scholarship, efficiency and other achievements.



JULIE WELTER

Julie Welter, of Farmington Hills, will represent the Beta Chapter of Central Michigan University at the 24th national convention of Alpha Sigma Tau sorority. The event will be held in the Kahler Plaza Hotel in Birmingham, Ala., Aug. 16-20.

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