

Down to earth

African traveler returns

Confessions are good for the soul. Having just returned from a 19 day safari trip to Kenya and South Africa. Many times in the interim I wished I had our local, garden team there to enjoy the flowers, topography and wild animals. The thrill of exploring this untouched country which abounds with wild animals, always seen in picture books or zoos, was great.

Also enjoyable to study were the 49 tribes of natives which go back to the beginning of time. In early times as a man and wife had children, they grew up and repeated the growth story—seeking a plot of land, establishing the mores they felt were right in communal living and living close together for protection. Often when other alliances might hunt too close there were feuds. The wonderful effect of missionary programs cannot be underestimated as over 60 per cent live by the tenets of Christianity. The girls generally marry outside of their tribes. The boys usually remain with their birth tribe to strengthen it. To this day, a native speaks with pride as he names his tribe.

Switzerland has sponsored a hotel and motel training school in Nairobi

which means that the scattered inns have a good staff of natives. This has done so much to raise the economy and opportunities for the natives. They benefit from seeing visitors from all over the world.

Due to the many hours necessary to reach Nairobi, it is necessary to take a one night break in Europe. Our stop was Brussels. The total trip represented 20 hours in the air, one way. Due to the decline of the dollar we could only have 30 francs for one dollar in Brussels.

The world headquarters of the Common Market was a beautiful architectural sight with its 600 offices. Brussels still has its large square with its gold towers which gleam in night lighting.

One lesson I brought home for local consumption was the stunning effect of having street lights attached to the buildings themselves instead of on posts on the streets. They are installed at measured distance apart and are very effective.

In Brussels, there is a law that old buildings cannot be destroyed for progress but they can be modernized behind the facade. As no automobiles



By ALICE VESSELLS BURLINGAME

Try this new manner of packing and you will be pleased as I am at the results. The airlines have advocated this for some time as a public relations tip. Next week I will share with you some of our experiences as we shared in the lives of animals of East Africa.

Party helps raise funds

are manufactured in Belgium you see a collection of mini size cars from all over the world. We stayed at the Royal Windsor Hotel which had old world beauty with modern appointments.

Are you a roller? Yes, I mean do you roll all of your clothes when you pack a suitcase? This experience was new to me on this safari. Your clothes need a shake, then they are ready to wear. Lay each garment out on the bed, fold over the sleeves, then the sides, until you have a width of about eight-12 inches. Now fold over the bottom up to about four inches so the bottom has a remainder up as tight as you can. Place your completed rolls in a pattern, perpendicular to the length of the case.

The American Cancer Society is sponsoring a fundraising card party at 7:30 p.m., April 12, at the Our Lady of Sorrows Church Hall, corner of Power and Shawassee, Farmington.

There is a donation of \$5 per person. Table reservations should be requested by calling Charles and Rachel Shuler at 674-4550 or by writing to the American Cancer Society, Farmington branch, P.O. Box 594, Farmington. Table and door prizes will be given. Refreshments will be served.



Baritone stars in recital

Metropolitan Opera baritone Frank Guarrera will give a recital at 7 p.m. Sunday at the Church of the Redeemer in Southfield. The Philadelphia has sung more than 30 roles with every major opera company in the country. A veteran of 29 Metropolitan seasons, he also has toured in recital in Canada, Mexico and South America, and has recorded for RCA and Columbia. He will be accompanied by Arvi Sinka of Troy. Tickets are \$5 and half-price for students and senior citizens.

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