

George Pierrot brings travel series to Novi

George Pierrot, who made a career out of wandering the globe, is venturing into Novi to bring travel highlights to the northwest suburbs.

Pierrot has arranged a traveleogue of nine films which will be shown at Novi High School's Forest Auditorium beginning Wednesday, Oct. 25, and running through April.

The Novi Travel Adventure Series, sponsored by the Novi Lions Club, is based on the World Adventure Travel Series that was started by Pierrot in 1933 to boost Sunday attendance at the Detroit Institute of Arts.

Last year, the travel series passed the 1.5 million attendance mark.

Pierrot, who is a television and radio landmark in Detroit, has prepared the Novi series in a fashion similar to suc-

cessful programs he started in Birmingham and Grosse Pointe.

HE WILL KICK off the series, Oct. 25, when he will introduce Chris Borden's show on Ireland. Other film lectures will center on Japan, California, Hawaii, Brazil, Germany, Mexico, Alaska and Western Canada.

Season tickets, which cost \$15, can be purchased by calling 348-3200 Monday through Friday, or by writing Travel Masters, 4356 Grand River, Novi, Hudsons is also serving as a ticket outlet. Individual tickets cost \$3.

Pierrot, 80, nearly bubbles over with unrepressible enthusiasm when he talks about his list of lectures.

"For goodness sake, bring your children to it," he said. "I get the state-

ment so often from a teacher who says, 'My pupil has begun doing independent research since seeing the World Adventure Series.'

"And that's what I like to hear. Unless I send a person home thinking, 'I haven't accomplished very much.'"

As Michigan's premiere world traveler, Pierrot and his wife Helen have literally crisscrossed the globe, setting foot in 117 countries where he consistently serves as the nation's unofficial good will ambassador.

"My feeling is we're kind of a four-

ation for better understanding between the U.S. and other countries," he said. "The best hope for peace lies in tourism."

"Treaties are broken right and left, but if you get acquainted with the other countries, you can realize the other guy is just the same as you."

HE CONTINUED: "One of the most common questions we get is, 'Are you well treated abroad?' I find myself saying, in complete honesty, 'I'm always treated as well as I deserve and sometimes better.'"

Marie Long wants mail

Marie Long, who for 18 years wrote a column called "Local News" for the Farmington Enterprise (predecessor of the Farmington Observer), would like to hear from some former readers, as well as those who helped make the news for her column.

"The mailman's visit is one of the most pleasant parts of her day," said Carol Karp, her daughter. "It would most certainly mean a lot to her now to hear from her old friends."

Mrs. Long suffered a stroke about two years ago. Complications with diabetes caused her to give up her home and move into an apartment. But the interim has also brought moves to her daughter's home and several trips to the hospital.

Her mailing address is 30250 Twelve Mile, Farmington Hills, 48018.

Mrs. Long worked for a long while in Betty's Dress Shop, an establishment once in Farmington's Downtown Shopping Center, while writing her weekly column. It was a chatty and homey column keeping neighbors up to date on the goings-on of their friends.

In 1974 judges who served in the community's sesquicentennial celebration hit a deadlock and two prominent

women in the area shared the title of "Sesquicentennial Queen."

Mrs. Long shared honors with Eleanor Spicer.

Every nomination that was written to bring the title to Mrs. Long mentioned her column as an important contribution to the community.



MARIE LONG



George Pierrot, who often appears in the native dress of the country he lectures on, kicks off the Novi Travel Adventure Series Oct. 25. The nine-part series will be on Ireland, Japan, California, Hawaii, Brazil, Germany, Mexico, Alaska and western Canada.

Dialing brings handy hints

"Handy Hints on Call" is a phone message service that provides quick and timely information primarily on horticulture, is sponsored by Cooperative Extension Service of Michigan State University.

Messages come through 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The hints are varied and change every two or three days. Information comes on everything from freeing apples to planting spring bulbs; from fall garden tips to dormant lawn fertilizer.

The number to dial is 658-2519.



Ready for fall fair

The conference over coffee between Bolette MacMullan (at left) and Joan Graming concerns the Scandinavian Symphony Women's Organization's fall fair when Scandinavian foods, handicrafts and imports are offered for sale to help support the symphony. The fair will run from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 5 in Danish Club of Detroit, 22711 Grand River. Mrs. MacMullan, from Birmingham, is a founder of the woman's organization. Mrs. Graming, of Farmington Hills, is one of the hostesses for the fair. (Staff photo by Harry Meehan)



Clarification

Ellen Castaldini, director of the Citizen Advocacy program, sponsored by Oakland County Association for Retarded Citizens, will take inquiries about the organization by calling her at 335-1190.

She is looking for volunteers who can spend time with handicapped persons who may be retarded, autistic, epileptic or otherwise impaired.

In a recent article, "Giving a sense of family," a wrong telephone number was given.

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