

Architect left her mark in Farmington

Among 20th century women who made significant contributions to the "Women's Movement" was the late Emily Helen Butterfield, artist, architect, writer. She will be honored by an exhibit "The Art of Emily Helen Butterfield" during December 1989 and January 1990 in the Beton Gallery, Michigan Women's Studies Association and Women's Hall of Fame building in Lansing.

The exhibit, assembled by Jane A. Graf of Royal Oak and Elizabeth C. Lee of Novi, contains water color paintings, photos of buildings designed by Butterfield, pen and ink sketches, architectural drawings and copies of her poetry.

The gallery is open from noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, Wednesday, Thursday and Fridays.

Butterfield, a native of Algonac, was among the first women to receive a degree in architecture from Syracuse University in 1907

and is said to be the first woman registered to practice architecture in Michigan. She returned to Detroit and her father, Wells D. Butterfield who had practiced architecture in the Detroit area since 1894, added her name to his firm. Butterfield and Butterfield continued to be well known until 1930 when they both retired.

Representative Butterfield and Butterfield buildings are the Highland Park High School, Farmington's First United Methodist Church, a group of homes in the Oakland subdivision surrounded by Farmington's Ardmore and Bond Streets and the Glen Oaks Golf Clubhouse where in 1937 the Oakland County Parks and Recreation Commission erected a marker declaring the building as part of the Farmington Historical District.

included painting with water colors and pen and ink sketches. She exhibited frequently in the J.L. Hudson Gallery and had a one-woman show of 40 paintings in the Toledo Artists Club. In 1987 the Detroit Scarab Club, in recognition of the First Annual Detroit Festival of Arts exhibited "Women Artists At The Scarab Club 1914-1987" which included two Butterfield works.

The typewriter was her medium for expressing poems and narratives highlighting Michigan's waterland and woodland. Her interest in heraldry resulted in a book, "College Fraternity Heraldry," and a volume, "Young People's History of Architecture" grew from her pen and ink sketches of architectural details.

Her articles about art in home decorating were published in House and Garden and Town and Country.

BUTTERFIELD'S artistic skills



Packed to overflowing

Michele Paul and Denise Albrecht had to make several trips with packed-to-overflowing vans filled with gifts on their way to Oakland Social Services to be delivered in time for Christmas this year. The gifts came from residents who had picked up a tag from one of the trees placed in several area spots by Farmington Area Community Women,

bought a gift and placed it under the tree. Last year members of the service club picked up the leftover tags and went shopping themselves to see that every gift request was filled. This year the service club found itself with a surplus of gifts. Paul, chairman for the project, steered the excess on to Farmington Head Start.

In addition to her artistic talent Butterfield was an initiator.

In 1904 she was one of 11 Syracuse University women who founded the College sorority Alpha Gamma Delta and in 1912 with two other young professional women in Detroit founded the Detroit Business Women's Study Club which evolved into

the National Federation of Business and Professional Women's Club. Both are currently outstanding worldwide organizations of women.

To these ventures she brought a heritage of "being in the front line."

HER GREAT-GREAT and great-grandparents were pioneers settling

in Algonac. Wells D. Butterfield was a charter member of Detroit's Exchange No. 1 and was the first mayor of Farmington, 1926-29.

In 1940 Emily Butterfield returned to Algonac where she continued to paint, sketch, write, participate in church and community activities until her death in 1958.

club circuit

MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY ASSOCIATION, Greater Detroit Southeastern Michigan Chapter, has

elected Ernie Backalar, a resident of Southfield, as president of the voluntary health organization.

Members of the chapter, which serves people with neuromuscular diseases, assist in fund-raising campaigns to benefit the association and help oversee the programs of services.

In the metro area, the association supports hospital-affiliated clinics at Children's Hospital and Oakland General Hospital in Madison Heights, and research investigations at the University of Michigan and Wayne State University.

Artistic director leaves Harbinger

The board of trustees of Harbinger Dance Company stated today that it had ended contract negotiations with Diann Sichel, electing to not have her return as Harbinger's artistic director.

In revealing the board's decision, Ralph Graham, president of Harbinger said that the board's interest in Sichel had been compromised by her other commitments and the limited amount of time she could devote to the company.

Jennifer Johnston, Harbinger's Company manager, added that it became clear during negotiations, "that Diann really didn't want to return to this area."

Sichel did return briefly in October to rehearse the dancers prior to their concert tours to St. Paul, Minn. and Traverse City.

Gayle Stern Eubanks, a veteran dancer with Harbinger Dance Company, will continue as assistant artistic director, and will direct the addition of new works by several visiting choreographers during the coming year.

Graham concluded, "It is unfortunate that the company must now search for a new artistic director during its 20th anniversary. However, the company is very healthy, artistically, and is looking forward to an exciting 20th anniversary year."

WESTSIDE SINGLES have scheduled dance parties to begin at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday in Roma's of Livonia, Schoolcraft service road, west of Inkster Road. Admission is \$4 at the door for singles over 21.

PARENTS WITHOUT PARTNERS, Human Valley Regional Council, hosts a Grande New Year's Eve Celebration between 9 p.m. and 2 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 31, in the Plymouth-Radisson, 14707 Northville Road.

Reservations, at \$14 each, include food and favors. There will be a cash bar. Inquiries are taken by Joyce Cantfield, 281-6862. The event is open to guests.

Health talks offered free

Berlinger Chiropractic is offering two ongoing health workshops free of charge as a service to the community.

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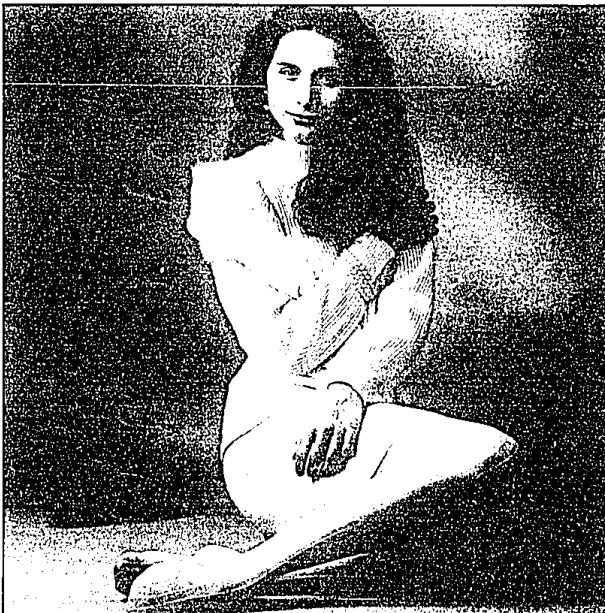
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