

Down to earth

Take a look at programs

This is a wind up time for most gardeners and it is always gratifying to evaluate efforts in our own homes as well as in public programs.

As it is known that more than 40% of the world population is under 15 years old this fact alone points the way to youth programs. A recent talk with Dr. Charles Bowers of the Bloomfield Hills School Board was an inspiration as his schools have enjoyed the development of the farm on East Square Lake Road.

Their plans are not standing still as the farm has shown itself to be capable of many roles in child education, muscle work which the young people enjoy, the development of responsibility, and so many phases of diversified education can be taught on the school site.

Watch this program explore new roles for giving the children of all grades a chance at the "good life" knowing Nature.

OVER 21,000 children in the Cleveland Public Schools have been a part of their youth garden program which had its beginnings in 1904. It has been calculated that combining their tract and home gardens, these young people have harvested \$622,000 worth of food.

The entire country of horticulturalists are always awaiting the annual report of the Cleveland Public Schools. It is a beacon for youth gardens all over the United States.



By ALICE WESSELES BURLINGAME

You haven't finished your recent European trip with me, so hop aboard.

SICILY: Mountains, volcanoes and lakes describe the terrain of this island off the boot of Italy. As you ride over the countryside you see huge cactus plants established for erosion control and olives especially used for crops.

The hillsides are steep and it is not unusual to see vivid blue morning glories accenting the ground. Gas is \$2.80 a gallon.

The entire country has a background of greek culture. The early temples and colosseums date from the 6th century B. C.

CORFU, GREECE: The architecture is influenced by Italy and had its early beginnings around 700 B. C. Due to constant wars the early construction was within the walled city.

The Achilleion Palace constructed in 1890 by Empress Elizabeth of Austria has beautiful art work, gardens, and sculpturing with the vivid blue sea in the distance.

DUBROVNIK, YUGOSLAVIA: If you want to see the most beautiful hotel in Europe go to the Croatia. It is new and looks like a fortress. In fact most of their hotels have you entering on the street level and to reach your rooms you go down.

To see the Hotel Croatia is an experience in art with decor and architectural construction defying description, plus their beautiful gardens.

Come, come there is more to Dubrovnik than hotels. Old town is a walled city with 6000 inhabitants living within its confines.

The vegetation is tropical and 32,000 people make up the city. The sea is a deep blue with beige-colored homes and tile roofs. They have two or three crops of vegetables a year. Grape harvest for wine is important here. Bauxite is their important export.

At once you are aware of being

in a communist country. The lack of personal initiative is always evident. No business can have over five employees to be for private gain, everything else is run by the government. Therefore there are many "mama and papa" groceries and restaurants (only eight tables are permitted). Gas costs \$2.50 per gallon.

EDUCATION IS compulsory from 7-16 years and in the fourth grade a child must take a foreign language. The schools are in two shifts.

Knowing my background you can be sure I had to visit a hospital. This was arranged through our State Department in Washington. It is difficult to get permission. There is one hospital only in Dubrovnik and it cares for 220-bed patients.

The building is very, very old but the wards and nursing care appeared excellent. Their medical training is well thought of in this country.

There are no homes for the aged, although families with all generations live in two and three rooms. There is no occupational therapy or anything like its category.

The good people are there, very diplomatic in their conversation, and accepting life as it is. God bless them.

Program geared to young people

Young Audiences Inc., a nationwide, non-profit sponsor of performing arts in schools and local communities has recently l

come affiliated with a group of prominent Detroit area citizens to form Young Audiences of Metropolitan Detroit.

This organization will bring to the children of metropolitan Detroit a type of high quality educational programming never before experienced by the young people of this area.

It is hoped that presentations will be made available in the areas of classical music, ethnic music, jazz and dance.

Young Audiences does not employ the traditional lecture/concert format. A method of inductive teaching called the dialogue method is designed to encourage the children's active participation in the program.

YOUNG AUDIENCES' artists, who will be amongst the most accomplished in the area, will ask probing questions of their young listeners.

Dialogue ensues based upon the children's responses. The children are guided to listen, to see, to react, and to appraise their own as well as their classmate's reactions.

Although Young Audiences is new to Metro Detroit, Young Audiences Inc. has been the recipient of many commendations nationwide since 1950. Such internationally famed artists as Issac Stern, Rudolf Serkin, and Leonard Bernstein actively serve on the Young Audiences National Music Advisory Committee.

Administrative offices of Young Audiences Inc. national organization are located in New York City.

A staff of regional program directors works with the National Program Director to train local groups and to assure a standard of quality for all Young Audiences affiliated performing groups.

LOCALLY, Detroit Symphony Orchestra musician, Stephen Edwards, is the organization founder and now serves as Executive Director.

This far, funding has come from the Michigan Council for the Arts, Music Performance Trust Fund, and the National Endowment for the Arts.

Endorsements have been received from such prominent Detroit personalities as Paul Freeman of Southfield (conductor-in-residence of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra), Aldo Ceccato (musical director of the Detroit Symphony

Orchestra) and State Senator Jack Faxon.

Young Audiences of Metro Detroit is now in the midst of conducting its ensemble accreditation procedure.

PERFORMING ensembles passing this initial audition will go on to participate in Young Audiences' workshops and final auditions conducted by Paul Fran, Eastern Regional Music Director, who will visit the Detroit area on Nov. 20-23, 1974.

Young Audiences also seeks additional funds so that it may make programs available to every child in the Metro area. Should you desire further information on how you can assist Young Audiences or should you wish to make Young Audiences' programs available to your community or school, please phone 545-1610.

Junior Club begins year

The Harris Merry Music Makers Junior Club recently held its first meeting of the year at the home of Julie Martinek of Birmingham. Young musician members discussed persons to be considered for

participation in the State Federation of Music Clubs Southeast District Festival.

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