

Architects Get Acquainted With S. American Neighbors

The J. Robert F. Swansons of Bloomfield Hills recently returned from a South American trip, which afforded them the opportunity to get new architectural perspectives while traveling with other noted architects from various sections of the country.

The good will tour was sponsored by the American Institute of Architects to acquaint the 12 architects and 9 of their wives with other persons and places.

Beginning at Lima, Peru, the group traveled over the country, seeing the contrast of Inca ruins, state capitals and busy seaports. At each stopover point, they were met by delegations of that city's architects and honored at receptions and parties.

THE SWANSONS, who have architectural and interior design offices on W. Long Lake road in Bloomfield Hills, were impressed with the amount of concrete used in city buildings, usually poured with little or no steel supports. They also remarked on the more daring designs used for buildings

Wins National Prize For Travel Article

"Crescent City" is the title of the prize winning manuscript written by Mrs. Josephine Bristol Beck, third grade teacher at Pierce school.

Mrs. Beck a resident of Detroit, will see her article telling of a proposed trip to New Orleans, published in the travel department of "The Instructor," nationally circulated magazine for teachers. The publication recently sponsored a contest for articles on "Where I Want to Go on My Next Trip."

Have-You Met . . .

Leslie F. and Gwendolyn Ward, 1702 Birmingham boulevard, moving from Huntington Woods on February 27, they are formerly from Cambridge, England. They are agents for Nutrilite Food Supplement of California.

Society deadline is 3 p.m. each Tuesday.

that required no screening or heating facilities. There was much open work with patios and opened doorways proving to be highlights.

Surprising them most was the modernization of Sao Paulo. In the past 20 years, this seaport, which is said to be 400 years old, has grown highly industrial, with modern office buildings 20 to 30 stories high.

IN THE WOMEN'S fields, Mrs. Swanson reports that they are as progressive as their North American neighbors, with many famous engineers, doctors, lawyers and architects. Home life seemed to be much the same, however, with perhaps a little more emphasis on family activities.

Another thing that amazed the travelers was the difference in ways of life within the country. In Uruguay, living seemed most pleasant, with the populace more stable and moving at a slow pace. There are no taxes there, the country getting its revenue for upkeep from gambling casinos, which are state owned. Education is free to all, and does not stop at high school but continues through the universities.

IN BRAZIL—that's a different story. Siestas are a thing of the past and the city people move with all the hustle and bustle found in any American metropolis. Most popular form of transportation is the European Jaguar, which costs less there than the American Ford. This situation may change soon, as Argentina is now manufacturing a car on their own, the only one to be made in South America.

As on most of their trips, the Swansons feel there wasn't time enough to see all they would like to, but still they managed to cover a lot of territory in one short month. And they enjoyed every minute of it, from Inca ruins to skyscrapers.



MRS. J. ROBERT F. SWANSON
Traveler inspects souvenirs of South America. (Eccentric Photo)



MR. AND MRS. SWANSON
Use book on Montevideo to review South American tour.

Alumni Group Plans For Future Events

Katherine Gibbs Alumnae association of Detroit will meet Saturday, March 27 at 1:30 p.m. at the home of Mrs. F. Ross Birkhill, 15510 Roslyn road, Detroit. Co-hostess will be Mrs. Laurence Foss of 220 Puffer drive, Pontiac.

Plans will be formulated and committees appointed for a bridge party and fashion show to benefit the Katherine Gibbs scholarship fund.

Naturalist Speaks To Garden Branch

Mrs. Leroy G. Vandever was hostess at a luncheon Monday at her home on Sussex road in Bloomfield Hills. Guests were board members of Bloomfield Hills branch of the Women's National Farm and Garden association.

Speaker will be Walter P. Nicol, naturalist from Cranbrook Institute of Science. He will talk on "Beautiful Color Slides of Birds with Bird Calls."

Following the program, tea will be served by Mrs. W. G. Ferguson and members of her hospitality committee. Presiding at the table will be Mrs. Perry Hill and Mrs. William Purves.

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