

Spanish Film Journey Presented by AAUW

By ALICE E. MORGAN

A journey to Spain with Dr. Dudley Crafts Watson was sponsored by Birmingham's American Association of University Women March 2, as their scholarship fund project for the spring.

Dr. Watson has made 11 trips to Spain, recording scenes with his color movie film as well as the brush and canvas.

His two-part program here took his audience first to the olive hills of Andalusia, where he commented, "You can't buy an olive here that's much bigger than the end of your finger. They ship all the good ones to the United States!"

His color camera caught the architectural grandeur of Granada, the romantic city of the Moors, as he related the early stories of Spain highlighting facts seldom found in history books.

WITH PICTURES and recordings he revealed the wonders of Seville with its great cathedral and ceaseless bells, saying, "It seems that here, day and night, the bells ring continuously. There is never a moment that the sound of a bell is not heard."

Tours of some of Spain's famous museums showed the work of great artists who have left their imprint on their native land. Even more interesting was a trip to the Paleolithic caves where, still in excellent condition, are examples of the earliest art of man, 40,000 years old.

IN THE second half of the film one of the highlights was a coverage of the Valley of the Dead, Franco's monument to the Union. Here will be one of the world's largest crosses. Lighted at night on its perch atop the mountain, the cross will be seen at points a hundred miles or more away.

A huge hotel is being provided for families of the soldiers who died during the Spanish revolution during the early Thirties to visit the memorial.

In an underground room 3,000 bodies of these soldiers will be placed. Other sub-surface rooms will provide a chapel where one of the greatest organs in the world will be placed.

IN THE JOURNEY to Monserrat, shrine of the Virgin of Lulue, Dr. Watson used some of his own water colors in the film as mist and clouds hid the summit of this rugged, forbidding-looking mountain.

This, with the Mensalvat of the Holy Grail, closed the film-lecture, leaving a deep knowledge with all the intensely religious life of the people in Spain, the stories that are woven around their religion, such as the one of the Virgin of Luke, and the utter disregard for self that these people have when they have a religious "mission" to perform.

Ex-policewoman Talks to Group At Nurses' Home

A Pontiac woman who has worked on that city's police force will talk at the Monday meeting of the auxiliary nurses' home.

She is Mrs. Charles Barrett, and her talk will be on her experiences before her recent retirement, according to Mrs. Frances Williams, Birmingham resident who is the auxiliary president of the meet at 2 p.m.

The unit, which now has 10 members, with about a sixth Birmingham membership will have a membership tea soon after Easter. Mrs. Charles O'Connor on Avon lane will be hostess.

Dances at Olds
Among the guests attending the Delta Tau Delta fraternity term party at Michigan State college last weekend was Roger Beebe, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Hoole of Brown. The formal event was at the Olds hotel in Lansing.

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DOWN TO EARTH Don't Go for Early Gardening Urge

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Your old dirt gardener every year repeats some sage advice to all fellow gardeners. Very soon along will come a perfect, first day of spring. Your routine is quickly set aside as all you want to do is to jump into old clothes, grab a basket and clean your yard within an inch of its life.

Now come on, this is not the day for you to stir up your lawn or flower beds. Temptation will stir you three times and not until the fourth good, promising spring day should you dive into a clean-up program.

There is lots of wisdom behind this warning. Chances are that your turf will be too soft for tramping on it. The roots of your plants can easily be damaged by removing the leaves and muck around them too early. Furthermore, many of your perennials won't close their locations 'til warmer weather.

If you are so eager to get this is a good time to purchase a large bag of fertilizer as the spring rains will dissolve it for your benefit. Any day the temperature is above 40 degrees your grass is growing. Fertilizer can be spread with a mechanical spreader and one very important spring job will be off the agenda.

I DARE SAY that many of you have had catalogues during February and March.

This is a good time to take inventory of your potential seed area in the yard so your shopping for seeds will not exceed your garden space. If you overindulge in buying remember that many localities work in garden programs at our hospitals and are always looking for unwanted seeds for planting and enjoyment by patients.

Securing your old lawn a germination score of 90 per cent which assures the planter of a good show considering how close they generally come up and have to be thinned out.

Thinking of some of the problems I hear about, the problem of a link fence offends many folks with an eye for beauty.

YOU HAVE TWO good choices to cover the eyesore. Silver lace vine grows very fast, is inexpensive and showy. The white flowers are very prominent in September and October. It will proliferate fast.

If your link fence is in partial shade you will be delighted with akelah. It has a striking dark green foliage and rosy purple flowers in May. You will like it because it is free of insects and its hardy five-petal leaf is striking in its effect. I have seen it grow against stone, although it has a twining character. A guide nail occasionally is all it needs against stone or brick.

For the local collectors of fine plant material it is a temptation to point out again the pleasure awaiting you with the specimen tree to be planted in a sunny, sheltered spot, the Ben Franklin tree (Franklinia alatamaha).

IT WILL LIKE heavy, acid soil and the large white and yellow flowers will be fragrant from August until frost. The leaves are bright red in the fall while the large white flowers mark this unusual tree.

If your garden is now devoted to a circle of multi living you will want to plant a weeping cherry beside your garden terrace. It has a potential height of 12 feet and

dependent upon other foliage for bloomed the fall before. The pink background. ish-white blooms are in large clusters. This plant has the seeds form trees after the foliage comes out in the The corms for the autumn crop from the flowers which have to be placed ten inches



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