

## Air Force Offers Course to RN's

Local registered nurses interested in an opportunity for training in anesthesia may obtain information at the Birmingham City Hall, room 107, on Wednesday afternoons from noon to 4 p.m.

The program is sponsored by the United States Air Force.

In the Detroit area, Grace Hospital and Mt. Carmel Mercy Hospital will offer the programs. Nurses selected by the Air Force for the 18-month school will receive

commissions and full pay and allowances ranging from \$4055 to \$4612 annually.

Following graduation, they will study for four weeks at the School of Aviation Medicine at Gunter Air Force Base, Alabama, and then be further assigned to an Air Force hospital here or abroad.

Students make application to the schools and must be accepted by the schools on their own merit.



## Checking the Results

Russell Barnes, Birmingham resident and well-known foreign analyst, shows Barbee St. John and Kenneth Anchor one of the checks awarded in a recent essay contest, sponsored by the Oakland County chapter of the American Association for United Nations. The two Bloomfield Hills High School students received their prizes at a dinner at the Birmingham Community House. Barnes spoke at meeting on the "United Nations in Southeastern Asia." A third student winner, not pictured, was Tom Sweeney, Seaholm High School senior.

## DOWN TO EARTH

### Writer Finds New Life In Washington Gardens

By ALICE WESELS BURLINGAME

WASHINGTON, D. C. — We have begun our trip together and I hope your suitcases are packed. Already I have had to stop and buy a comfortable pair of shoes.

Our first overnight stop was in Cleveland, due to a late departure from Birmingham. What a city! Staying in Shaker Heights amid the beautiful landscaping makes it easy to relive the first ten years of our marriage.

The garden lover can drive up and down the curved streets in Shaker Heights and see all of one's landscaping problems handled in abundance. Often, when there, I have spent a couple hours driving around and chatting with the home gardeners.

Good gardening is contagious on each block, and you can do a great deal yourself to improve the appearance of your area by your garden care.



Mrs. Burlingame

each time. "Why do you have to see the Lincoln Memorial?" suggested Mr. B.

It was a heart warming experience to climb up those steps, stand at the feet of this great American and reflect on the past. "You slowly come down those massive steps with a new confidence, a new strength, and a concept of the oneness of our great country."

Dumbarton Oaks in Georgetown was a second stop of importance. Here, on 25 acres, you see the beautiful home structure and grounds donated by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Woods Bliss to Harvard University in 1940 as a research center for the study of Byzantine and medieval humanities.

Twenty scholars are admitted from all over the world to study their country's culture from the fabulous library collected here. These scholars live here and are many years beyond the doctorate level.

The rear gardens are developed in different levels, and many ideas were gleaned for application in our Birmingham area.

I had the good fortune to meet the consultant for the garden, the famous Ruth M. Havey, of New York, and our impromptu luncheon conversation sounded like the chatter of two devoted dirt gardeners. Controlled pruning and the use of vines were discussed.

Wisteria, pruned to one branch, was grown at the base of a wall. When it reached the top of the wall, it grew in an expander manner, each year receiving a severe "bitch." A pattern of a drive was sketched which would be excellent for a colonial house.

SINCE THE SCHOLARS do not play tennis, the court is being made into a knot garden, using white cut stones to provide the profile for the fleur-de-lis. Within the pattern will be the Mexican river stone to form a mosaic with its various colors. We are now

using these flat stones for art work in Birmingham. She was amazed that we were already using them.

Another stop was the National Gallery. They probably have the most fun with shuffleboard, a game most seem to find hilarious, since the pushers are often twice their height.

IF ENOUGH CHILDREN are aboard, the ship's chef draws up special children's menus. (Otherwise, junior portions of the regular adult menu are served).

A typical recent Matson menu for "keiki" (Hawaiian for children) started with a "pirate"

cocktail" (orange and pineapple juice with a cherry on top), gave for a choice of entrees a "Farmer in the dell plate" (chopped sirloin steak), "Big wolf's dinner" (lamb chops), "Sitting bull on a board" (a hamburger), "Dog House" (hot dog), or "Sea chicken" (scrambled eggs with tuna fish), with either "George Burge Pudding" (custard) or "Fairy Food" (ice cream) for dessert.

Travel by sea is educational. The Children usually pick up the salty jargon of the sea (foe'sle, bulk-head, etc.) sooner than their parents. Tours to the navigating bridge are open to youngsters.

AND SOMETIMES they're invited to visit the galley, as well as a special treat since the pastry chef will usually pass out samples of his freshly-baked cookies.

Children also are welcome to join Matson's sea club school.

A trip on an ocean liner is an enlightening and educational experience for a child. Seagulls, colorful birds, flying fish and porpoises will become like old friends.

THE LAST stop in Washington during the limited visit was at the Cathedral Gardens of the Washington Cathedral. The winding paths amid the boxwood invite strolling and meditation. This stop was planned to coincide with the Sunday church service.

This beautiful cathedral was expressed as a wish of George Washington for a large "proper" church where the people of the world could worship and join together for ceremonies of the government which he felt should be held in a church setting.

A passport is not needed to see one of the most beautiful cathedrals of our time which is only partially finished. As you glide into your place you see many participants from all over the world worshipping in their own way.

THE BEAUTIFUL wood carvings, the huge rose window, the large stone structure, the youth choral group, the graciousness of the welcoming hosts, plus the message based on the oneness of the world couldn't help but send your Birmingham reporter on her way, a richer person.

We have many miles ahead so jump in the car with the Burlingames.

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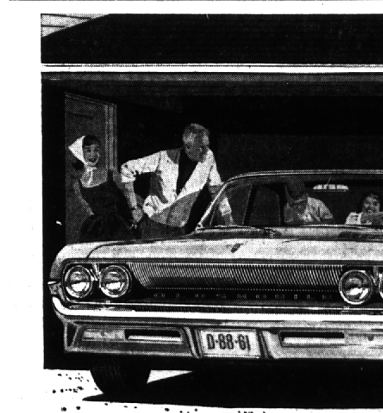
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