

Potpourri

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What a way to travel! When Mr. and Mrs. John Dunlop made train reservations for their Quebec trip recently, they needed 26 tickets.

The valiant Dunlops and their academic family of 24 Wylie E. Groves High School students are moving in on French-speaking territory as a linguistic practice run for the ninth through 12th graders.

They leave tomorrow afternoon for eight days of verbal exercising with the parlez-vous française and all that. Karen Dunlop teaches French and her husband teaches History at Groves.

I HEARD ABOUT their Easter excursion from WJR's well-known Jim Wood, whose daughter, Susan, is one of the ninth graders going along.

Each student has to have completed one and a half years of French studies before he is permitted on the tongue-training tour. Some of the students have been taught French the book-learning way, while others have learned with what Mrs. Dunlop calls the "oral method"—listening to the words and repeating them in a language lab.

"I suspect that some of the younger children who have had the oral method are going to do better in French conversations," says Mrs. Dunlop.

HER STRATEGY is to split up the group occasionally. "If we all travel in a group, the students might never use their French," says the teacher.

They'll be eating in French restaurants, including one deluxe dining date at the Chateau Frontenac. At each meal the students will be linguistically on their own with the waiters.

Any student who arrives home hungry will probably flunk the course. And any student who can't understand directions in French to find his way back to the group, may have an extended tour of Quebec.

BIRMINGHAM'S FAVORITE books are cook, travel and foreign language, according to Mrs. David H. Goodfellow, who is one of the organizers of Birmingham AAUW's annual book sale. Of books in those three categories, she says, "We never have enough."

We have the same shortage on books every year at a book sale your Potpourri pipeline usually helps with. It's the annual Book Fair sponsored by Theta Sigma Phi, professional society for women in journalism.

THIS YEAR'S Theta Sig fair will be held at the elegant new Detroit Press Club, at First and Howard. For the first time since the club moved into the former Knife and Fork Club, the doors are open to the public for the book sale.

You can stop in and browse through thousands of titles from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., and you can have lunch or dinner while you're there.

The food is delicious. Stoddard White of 1020 Rivenoak, Birmingham, will back me up on that statement. White was Press Club president last year when they moved into their delightful new quarters.

You can walk out of the Press Club with stacks of paperbacks, hard covers, cook books, fiction and nonfiction cheap. Proceeds go for a scholarship to help a deserving journalism student finish her education.

Buffet-Chagall Exhibit Opens

The first Bernard Buffet painting to go on exhibition in a Michigan art gallery will arrive Monday at Fine Arts in Jacobson's, 525 N. Woodward, Birmingham.

The popular and prolific French artist's "Self Portrait" and "Portrait of Anabel" will be displayed in the Home Decorative Shop from 9:30 to 6:30 p.m. daily, and until 9 p.m. Thursday, through Saturday, April 27.

Along with the two oil paintings will be color lithographs by Buffet and Marc Chagall, many of them being shown for the first time in mid-America.

Personalized Curriculum Demonstrated

How to teach a class of 50 ninth graders when each child has his own curriculum was demonstrated at Birney Junior High School, Southfield, last week.

Dr. Harry T. Hahn, Oakland County director of instruction, arranged for county junior and senior high school English teachers to watch Southfield's unique program of language instruction in action.

The four Southfield teachers who conducted the experimental ninth grade classes explained their operation. They were Karen Davis, Mrs. Glenadine Hunt, Harold Bennett, and Walter Sobczak.

Pierce McLeod, director of Southfield's reading program, said the 50 Birney youngsters who were demonstration subjects have been tested for their skills in English, reading and composition. Each child was helped to plan a course of study which would strengthen his own weaknesses and had a wide range of choice of subject matter.

A similar program is being followed in Lederle Junior High School, 18235 West Nine Mile Road, also in Southfield. The experimental classes will be tested at the end of the year to determine if achievement gains in reading and use of language justify extending the program to the whole ninth grade.

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Sings 'A Capella'

Barbara Chynoweth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Chynoweth, 315 South Glenhurst, Birmingham, is spending spring vacation on tour

with the Alma College "a cappella" choir. The 45-voice group is making 11 appearances in Ohio, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts and New York.

Detroit Country Day Has Annual Concert

Because of a continuing interest over the past twelve years, Valtor Poole will bring a spring concert to Detroit Country Day School.

The 18th annual musicale will be presented at the school at 8 p.m. Wednesday.

Under Poole's direction, a recital of music for violin and piano will feature Harold Klein, violinist, and James Focco, pianist, both members of the Wayne State University music department, and the WSU Symphony Orchestra.

The evening's program will be augmented by Country Day's double quartet, "The Yellowjackets" whose numbers will include (before and after intermission) "Sullram," an Indonesian lullaby and two Latin renditions, along with a number of popular standbys.

Welcoming the students, their parents and friends of the school to the "Evening of Music" in the school lounge will be the concert committee of which Mrs. Leon Lewis of Wildemere Avenue is chairman.

She is being assisted by Mrs. Charles Hutton of Birmingham and Mrs. Philip Feven of Detroit who will act as hostesses at the coffee hour.

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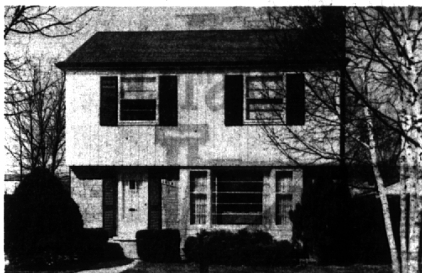
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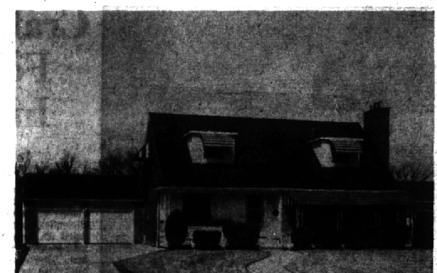
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