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President Of Local L'Alliance Wins National Recognition

A bit of France bloomed in Toledo Thursday when a very active citizen received exceptional honors for contributing to the growth of French-American understanding and culture.

Mrs. William H. Mauk, president of the Toledo chapter of l'Alliance Francaise, received an engraved medal for having made the best contribution by an American in the entire group of 250 chapters of the French culture group in the United States.

Coming here to make the presentation at the Toledo Club was Georges Duca, of New York, director of the federation of Alliance chapters.

Attending were members of groups in Ann Arbor, Mich.;

Vermilion, O.; Cleveland, and Windsor, Ont., as well as members of the Toledo unit.

A tiny French flag appeared alongside an American flag at the head table. A cut-out fleur-de-lis decorated the center of each of the other tables.

In addition to helping to build the Toledo chapter to a large membership, Mrs. Mauk has been particularly active in organizing French classes which have won wide popularity. She also has been successful in bringing qualified teachers from France to teach in the Alliance Francaise classes.

The group also presents lectures and films, and makes it possible for members to obtain low-cost trips to France.



HER SMILE REFLECTS MOST UNUSUAL HONOR

Mrs. Mauk receives medal from Mr. Duca of l'Alliance Francaise