

If the average person knew as much about the good things in life as about the bad things, the world would be much better. I know people who can tell more EVIL things than they can Heavenly things—and they themselves would be the last to admit this fault. The human race is still juvenile in thought.

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## HILLS SCHOOL OFFICE WILL OPEN ON SEPT. 1

W. A. Shuck, director of the Bloomfield Hills Schools, recently announced that the offices of the school would be open from September first to the eleventh in order that students entering school for the first time may make preliminary classification. Mr. Shuck announces the calendar for the school year is as follows: school opens on September 14, Thanksgiving recess, November 26-27, Christmas recess, December 19 to January 3, Spring recess, March 20 to March 28, Commencement, June 11, end of school year, June 11.

Hamilton sees rush to London like that of 1896.

## YOUTH HERE IS PRIZE WINNER

Reneau Sprague Given \$25 Award For Building Traveling Coach

Reneau Sprague, 17 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Alva D. Sprague, 588 Stanley, is the winner of third place in the junior division of the State-wide Fisher Body-Craftsmen Guild apprentice class competition. It was announced last week by William A. Fisher, president of the General Motors sponsored educational foundation in Detroit. Sprague will receive a check for \$25 as a result of the fine craftsmanship displayed in his building of a superior model of a traveling coach of the Napoleonic era, complete to scale in every detail.

The achievement was Reneau's second triumph in the annual contest, since in the 1934-35 competition he was adjudged winner of the junior division of the scholastic class, winning a plaque for Barmouth School. In individual honors, he received the rating of seventh in the same class he won third place in this year.

W. A. Fisher, president of the Craftsman's Guild, when notifying Sprague of his success, wrote, "Let me extend you once more my heartiest congratulations on your accomplishment. That you were able and willing to acquire the skill, industry, and patience required for the successful completion of such a task in an apprentice's complement to you than the winning of the award."

"I would like to tell the Fisher Body-Craftsmen Guild how much I appreciate the work they are doing in this field, and how fine it is for them to offer the opportunity for boys to compete for world wide prizes," Reneau said.

Continuing, he stated, "By making that coach sure was a lot of work. I'm thinking about going into either aviation or radio as a career. There are a number of branches in both fields that I don't just know which one I want to go into, but I rather like flying. I don't think I'll wait for next year, but I think I'll wait a different year class, and I'll rather get more experience before spending a lot of money on a coach required for this division."

The Fisher Body-Craftsmen's Guild has, for a number of years, offered the boys of the nation the opportunity to win prizes. The entrants in the contest, build a coach as set forth in specifications determined by the Guild and submit them to the judges of the contest at the educational foundation headquarters in Detroit where they are judged on accuracy, beauty, ingenuity of construction, and dozens of other miscellaneous qualities when the final eliminations are made.

## GEORGE W. YEOMAN RESIDENCE



This attractive residence, located at 6661 Fairfax Road, Quanton Lake Estates, built by John H. Stone, has been purchased by Mr. George W. Yeoman, who recently sold his beautiful estate on Birmingham Road. The sale of the house pictured above was made by Snyder.

## BUILDS PRIZE COACH

DRIVE UNDER WAY FOR \$16,000,000 IN BACK TAXES

Second Payment Under Ten-Year Plan Due. Total To Set Record

With the campaign on in every county in Michigan to collect the second installment of taxes due under the ten-year plan, State Treasurer Theodore L. Fry predicted today that the payments will aggregate \$16,000,000.

A sizable amount of taxpayers already has been marching on the various county treasurers offices to get a "paid" stamp on their bills. Early collection reports all have been good.

On the basis of our experience a year ago, when the ten-year plan was inaugurated, I have no hesitancy about saying that this year's drive will be a big success," Treasurer Fry said. "I look for collections to top last year's total of \$15,000,000 and to reach possibly \$16,000,000."

Business conditions are better generally, some individuals have kept their bonus money to pay the tax installment, and an investment in real estate is well worth protecting at this time. I am sure that practically everybody who paid the first installment on back taxes will realize the necessity for keeping it.

The rush of the public to pay in advance of the September 1 deadline recalls last year's jams at the treasurers' offices. All indications are that again this eleventh-hour rush will have to wait in line and take their turn. Officials point out that those who pay now, not only gain the comfort of knowing that their property is protected, but save themselves this trouble of waiting.

The campaign, for which \$27,000,000 has been appropriated this year, is again being handled by Milton M. Alexander of Detroit.

## Pony Entrant

Little Water Box, 7, of 1143 West Six Mile Rd., Detroit, is the first to enter a pet in the Michigan State Fair pet show. He brought his pony, Ginger, to the Fair Grounds and said he would enter his pet if Ginger were given grazing privileges on the Fair Grounds. The request was granted. Ginger is here shown taking a heap of sugar from Miss Virginia Lyon. The Fair will be held this year Sept. 4 to 13 inclusive.



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## DEMS TO HEAR COLLEGE DEAN

Miss Harriet W. Elliott To Speak At Pontiac On Monday Evening

Miss Harriet Wiseman Elliott, Dean of Women at the University of North Carolina, will speak on the social and progressive measures advocated by President Roosevelt at an open assembly sponsored by the Democratic women of Oakland County next Monday night in the ballroom of Pontiac's Hotel Roosevelt. The meeting is scheduled to start at 8 o'clock.

Miss Elliott has been borrowed from the Southern university to inaugurate an educational program of a broad and intensive scope for the women's division of the Democratic National Committee. She is a brilliant speaker and is credited with having contributed much to the political life of her state without seeking public office. Her lectures to civic groups, colleges and preparatory schools have proved popular with men and women listeners in governmental affairs has been sought by many, it is stated.

She assisted in organizing the first suffrage group in her state in 1913 and she is a charter member of the League of Women Voters. Her study and teaching experience during the past score of years clearly equip her for carrying on educational work of the Democratic Women's National Committee, it was asserted.

According to the announcement, the meeting will be open to both men and women and there will be no admission charge.

Officers of the county Democratic Women's Club, elected to office six weeks ago, will attend the session and further their plans for an active campaign within the county, it was learned. The officers include: Chairman, Mrs. Stuart Hadrill, of Lake Orion; Vice-Chairman, Mrs. T. W. Jackson, of Pontiac; Secretary, Mrs. Gordon Bailey, Birmingham; and Treasurer, Mrs. Ida Brown, Pontiac.

## How It Began

"Did you ever hear anything so perfectly wonderful?" exclaimed daughter as the radio ground out the last notes of the latest thing in jazz. "No," replied dad. "I can't say I have, although I once heard a collision between a truck load of empty milk cans and a freight car filled with live ducks."

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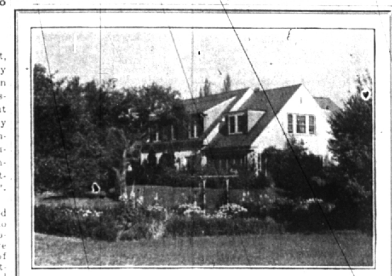
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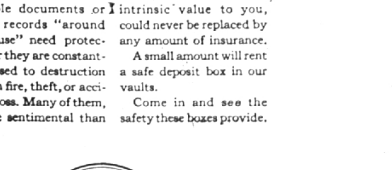
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