

People's Column

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too high. I thank them for pointing out the accurate figure to me. RUTH SHAIN

Editor, The Eccentric:
Since when did our policemen get their salaries increased to \$2,400 per year? I heard of a misleading statement at the school meeting to the effect that our policemen receive \$2,400 per year whereas, as a matter of fact, they receive only \$2,040 a year, or \$170 per month.

I understand that out of this meager salary, the policeman must buy all of their own regular service equipment and also the guns which they use to defend the taxpayer's property.

In consideration of the salaries paid to other city employees, I believe that policemen who risk their lives daily in the performance of their duties (a fact which the average person does not stop to consider) are considerably underpaid.

A. J. TUGGEE

Editor, The Eccentric:
The Committee for Relief in France wishes to express its sincere appreciation to the donors of used clothing through the Trading Post. It was duly received by the Central Committee in Detroit, but owing to the number of contributors it is not possible for that committee to write each one to thank him personally.

THE LOCAL COMMITTEE

Editor, The Eccentric:
My remarks at the school meeting about salaries paid city policemen and other city employees in comparison with salaries paid to school teachers were not meant to imply that the former group were overpaid, but that the latter group owing to the years of work and thousands of dollars spent in their education should have a larger share of the available tax dollar.

I certainly should not want to disparage the work of the patrolmen whose average salary is \$170 a month. In any dealings I have had with the department I have met with the greatest courtesy, attention and fairness.

I am sorry if anything I said in the discussion about teachers' salaries gave the impression that salaries paid policemen were

Longest Floating Bridge as It Appears at Night



Longest floating bridge in the world was recently completed across Lake Washington at a cost of \$2,000,000. This picture shows pontoon-supported span, 1 1/4 miles long, as seen from Seattle at night.

TEA FOR TWO

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able advantage and every stick of furniture within the house, every piece of drapery, each rug is personally inspected by both Mr. and Mrs. Swanson.

Built on Hill
As Pipsan Saarinen, daughter of the famous Finnish architect and head of the Cranbrook Academy of Art, she comes by her creative and artistic training naturally and honestly. As Mrs. Swanson she has applied this talent charmingly and beautifully to her home which is built on the side of a small hill on Lone Pine road.

Interior designing is a relatively new field, Mrs. Swanson admitted. It differs from interior decorating, which is arranging pieces ready available, in that the designer actually creates the furniture, rugs, draperies and all furnishings that are to complete a home.

Although the Swanson residence may look like a baronial castle from the outside, you need only to step into the tiny hallway to realize that within is a home of the utmost modernity. The dining room and kitchen lead off from this small vestibule as does the winding stairway that circles the tower and takes you to the sitting room on the second floor.

It was in this tiny narrow room that I talked to Mrs. Swanson about her work, her husband's high ceilings, room with a large fireplace at the far end, is done in blending shades of blue, green, and gold. The color is carried out in the modern art deco chairs, the one large brown rug, lampshades and curtains.

On the walls of this room, hanging ever so casually, were two baronial paintings, one of Mrs. Swanson done by her brother, Eero Saarinen, and the other a scene painted by Zoltan Speszly, a friend of her father, also brother of Eero Saarinen, set on the piano.

But it was the master bedroom that literally took my breath away. It wasn't large, but it came pretty close, falling into the "dream room" category. It looked like a room that might easily have been lifted bodily from a Hollywood movie.

What distinguished it from anything had ever seen were the furnishings that furnished it. They came from what easily could have been just another bedroom, into a room of breathtaking beauty. The floor was completely covered with a cream colored knobby carpeting and were accented by walls of bleached birch paneling. The large built in bed was covered with a matching cream colored chenille spread and a small alcove at the top of the bed held strong indirect reading lamps. A dressing table also covered with a cream colored fabric, heavy and extremely tailored, was built into a long window on a western exposure.

A second window, this one on the southern side of the room, held a specially constructed window seat that was covered in a delicate shade of old rose. The same bench covered a modern overstuffed chair.

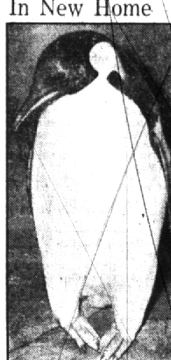
Another room close by and nearly as large is used by the baby, a nine months old boy, chubby and strong and named Pipsan, after his father. A dressing table also was there with his room as well as a window showing me about the house. He lay sprawling at the middle of his crib, flat on his tummy, his legs spread far apart and his arms above his head.

Came to U. S. in 1922
Mrs. Swanson came to the United States from Helsinki in 1922 with her parents and brother after her father had won second prize in an international competition to design the Chicago Tribune Building. Although there was no monetary value connected with the award, Saarinen came here with his family because it had been pointed out by the United States that was a vast virgin territory, architecturally speaking.

It was while the senior Saarinen held a post in the University of Michigan in 1925 that he became interested in a lady named Dorothy from Menominee who was doing graduate work in the architectural school in Ann Arbor at the same time that Saarinen took an interest in the young American, Swanson. They were married in 1928.

The Swansons' eldest son, Bob, was born in 1930 and his younger son, Eino, was born in 1933. They were both definitely architectural savants despite his age. Bob and I met him at the school building where he arrived during this time he

Penguin Shy In New Home



Pigeon-toed penguin from Little America is first of its species to be sent out of Antarctica during current Byrd expedition. Sent north after its journey "out" on the North Star, "Dugan" is headed for national zoo in Washington, D. C.

Magistrate—What made you suppose the accused was intoxicated?
Policeman—He was wearing a watch with an illuminated dial and trying to light his cigar with it.

Workmen's Fight Settled in Court

A fist fight between two craftsmen on a house building job on Latham road, June 8, was settled today by a trial in Justice Forbes B. Haskell's court.

The plaintiff, Carlo Chionini, a tile layer, accused Carl Strang, a plasterer, of assaulting him with the tile man's jaw was broken in the fracas.

Strang said he was at work on a scaffolding at the bath room when Chionini arrived and demanded that Strang move out of the way so he could work. An argument ensued, and Strang struck Chionini, rupturing his eye. The blow was justifiable because Strang was protecting his own property and the case was dismissed.

Latham road is west of Southfield.

Duck Insists Laying Eggs in a Nest Placed in Chimney

Louis Dingenam returned to his cottage at the lower end of Houghton lake recently by discovery that his stove had not drunk. Investigation showed that a duck was nesting in the chimney. He removed the nest, a dozen greenish colored eggs and a defunct mother duck through the stove pipe and placed them in a box outside. The duck escaped and dived down the chimney again. Removing her once more, Dingenam covered his chimney, whereupon the bird abandoned her attempt to raise a brood in that vicinity.

The eggs were turned over to the conservation department's game division. They have been identified as the eggs of the golden-eye duck, or whistler, which ordinarily nests in trees and is sometimes incorrectly called wood duck. Several other instances of ducks nesting in chimneys have been reported from the Houghton lake area.

Paraffin Catches Fire; Fire Dept. Delayed

About \$10 damage was caused to the kitchen of the home of Mrs. W. R. Ogden, 1276 Smith avenue, last week. Paraffin she was heating caught fire. The switchboard and finally arrived at the department excitedly directed the fire department to 426, Smith street, near Verdere.

Chief Verizon Griffith said, and by the time the department reached the call through the telephone switchboard and finally arrived at Mrs. Ogden's, she had extinguished the fire herself.

Wax for Sills

Window sills may be protected by applying a wax film similar to that applied to automobiles. This will protect the paint from the air-cleaning rags and to which the sills are subjected. Inside sills may be similarly treated so that no wax may come in on dampness from a flower pot that is set on the sill will not damage the paint.

Community Sing Plans Developing For Next Thursday

Birmingham's annual community sing will be held at Piercy Field next Thursday evening under the supervision of the Birmingham Recreation Commission with Song Master Bill Seabee acting as master of ceremonies.

This year's program is to be a family affair with both young and old urged to attend. Both modern and classical numbers will be sung and several novelty numbers are on the program, which is being arranged so that it will appeal to both young and old members of the family.

Mr. Seabee, last year's leader, is an able band leader and, as experienced at this kind of work. He is no stranger to Birmingham people as he had the role of leader at last year's vocal contest. People are still urged to submit numbers they would like to have sung.

Like last year, the songs will be projected from layered slides onto a screen from which everyone may see the words.

Among the features at this year's program will be a German band, two soloists, and a chorist. Approximately 20 numbers will be sung.

50 Attend Hearing In Bloomfield Twp.

About 50 attended a public hearing Monday night at the Bloomfield Township Hall for the new zoning ordinance which immediately went into effect, following the hearing.

There were several objections to parts of the ordinance, and they were told to put their objections in writing and to submit them to the Township Board for possible amendments to the ordinance.

Request Improvement On Northlawn Drive

The City Manager is studying a request of property owners along Northlawn Drive, bordering Birmingham Golf Club, to install water and sewer facilities. The petition was signed by Millsie Belle Brown, David Lawson and Lotta E. Broadright. The cost will be high because private owners on one side of the street must bear the whole cost. The other side of the street is outside the city.

Highway Department Increases Salaries

LANSING—The state highway department this week announced salary raises for 98 employees effective on July 1.

State Highway Commissioner Murray D. Van Wagner said that the total amount of the raises would be \$1,750 a month which makes the average increase a little less than \$12.00 a month.

No raises were awarded to employees receiving more than \$2,400 annually.

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BISQUICK 1/2 lb. pkg. 26c

PREMIER GRAPEFRUIT JUICE 3 cans 25c

PREMIER PINEAPPLE JUICE 2 cans 25c

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Gov. Arthur H. J. Doney of Pennsylvania, answering critics

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TODAY - FRI. - SAT. CAREY GRANT IRENE DUNNE

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DOGS

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There are many amusing dog that wasn't a nuisance."

Commissioner Walter E. Moody says he is not sure whether the ordinance would result in more freedom for dogs, but he is not sure.

However, Mayor John E. Martz interpreted the idea that the police department may relax its vigilance somewhat during the winter months.

The ordinance provides that a certificate showing immunization costing \$1.50) within six months must be presented to the City Clerk before a license will be issued. Dogs must be licensed as soon as they attain the age of six months. The new ordinance also restricts kennels in residential areas.

The complete ordinance will be published in next week's Eccentric.

Iron Ore Traffic Busies 291 Freighters

Of 291 freighters operating on the Great Lakes, 291 now are engaged in carrying ore down the lakes from northern Michigan and Minnesota. An indication of the importance may be that the cessation of hostilities in Europe would not result in any important decrease in production for some months with the proposed national defense program taking shape.

Cellar Trunk Room
A trunk and basement room in the cellar solves a major storage problem. A small dry space is all that is necessary. It should be completely enclosed to prevent dust and ashes from settling on the bags. Shelves may be built in and small bags and a platform raised from the floor for the trunks and boxes. Bulk bags are usually arrived during this time he

PENNSYLVANIA'S TURNPIKE COMPLETED

For 160 miles the Pennsylvania Turnpike stretches on like this with few curves and no grade intersections.

PENNSYLVANIA has just completed the \$700,000 Harrisburg to Pittsburgh Pennsylvania Turnpike, first highway in this country to compare with the military roads of Germany.

Designed for speeds up to 120 miles an hour, the turnpike nation of the Pittsburgh district, with the sea by a ribbon M concrete requiring less time to traverse 50 miles now taken by the fastest train.

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TWO-THIRDS of the entire turnpike highway program will be completed by July 1. The Alleghenies were pierced by seven tunnels, partially constructed more than 50 years ago for the South Penn. railroad, which are abandoned when half completed.

Turnpike construction entailed the removal of more than 24 million cubic yards of earth and rock—more than that involved in building the Magnin Line. Concrete was used in the higher pyramids the size of the pyramid of Cheops in Egypt. All this had to be done in 21 months.

Tolls will be levied on all vehicles using the highway. The construction costs have been met—probably in 15 to 20 years. Then the toll will be turned over to the State by the turnpike commission, and the highway will become toll free.