Parked 'Overtime' Car Turns Out To Be Stolen 3 Weeks Ago

Today's joys are turned into tomorrow's tears, the Birmingham police department discovered last week.

Saturday morning local police discovered at the corner of 14-Mile and Coolidge highway a car that had been stolen from Pontiac only five and a half hours previously.

But Sunday the tables were turned, the department sighs. For a report was called in asking for a check upon a car that had been parked on South Woodward near Bowers street for about three weeks. Investigation by a squad car resulted in the discovery that the auto had been stolen from Royal Oak several weeks ago. Royal Oak police were immediately informed.

Sunday the deep blue of the police department was tinted with the crimson of embarrassment.

Have You Met . . .

Mr. and Mrs. Irwin T. White? They recently moved to 501 Larchlea from Buffalo, N.Y. with their two children, aged 8 and 7 years. Mr. White is district manager for a manufacturing concern.

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NOVEL

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While her interest in writing dates back to college days, most of her efforts were in the review and poetic line at that time. All of her novels, mystery and this latter one, have been written and published since her marriage.

Her new book is now in its second edition. The foreign rights are being purchased in England, Spain, Norway, and Czechoslovakia.

On September 7 she will be honored at Hudson's in Detroit by the Michigan Writers' Conference, where she will autograph copies of her novel. She will also appear on a radio program at 8 p. m. the same day over WWJ in the program, "Author Meets Critic," along with Nolan Miller and Adrina Gilmartin, two other Michigan writers.

Can't Understand Public

An interesting sidelight on this latest novel is revealed by the author when she says, rather ruefully, "When I wrote the book, I selected John Hendricks, a rising young man who became a millionaire, as the husband of one of the girls.

"Purposely I made him a strong, selfish character—almost the very antithesis of what a husband should be. Since the novel has been published so many women have remarked, 'How I wish I could meet a man as wonderful as John Hendricks!' Isn't human nature perverse?"

Have You Met? . . .

Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Glossop of 1741 Bradford road? They recently moved here from Royal Oak with their one child. Mr. Glossop is with Marsh and McLellan, insurance.

Kim Sigler Receives Endorsement of Herman Dignan

At the Chippewa Club dinner, arranged in Iron Mountain by Dickinson County Republicans for Kim Sigler, Republican candidate for governor, during his recent good-will tour of the northern peninsula, Herman Dignan, Michigan's secretary of state, pledged full support to Mr. Sigler in his campaign for the governorship. Dignan, who lost the Republican nomination for reelection as secretary of state in the November election to Fred M. Alger, Jr., of Detroit, the candidate favored by Sigler, offered not only his full support to the gubernatorial candidate but volunteered to tour the Upper Peninsula and speak in Sigler's behalf. In the accompanying photo, Mr. Sigler, right, is shown in a friendly pose with the secretary of state at the Chippewa Club dinner.

Hills 4-H Club Has Nine Winners In Recent Exhibit

Nine members of the Bloomfield Hills 4-H Club were blue ribbon winners at the annual Oakland County 4-H Club Exposition held recently at the Great Oaks Stock Farm in Rochester.

According to Karl Rhodes, chairman of the Oakland County 4-H Council, many of them will now exhibit at the State 4-H Show to be held at Michigan State College, September 3 and 4. It will be the first post-war State show, and has a premium list of $18,000 for lucky winners.

At the county exposition, Donna Case and John Ziegelbaur were ribbon winners in the garden produce division. Donna's exhibit included carrots which were judged the most perfect on exhibition.

Rabbits Win Prizes

Margaret Pickering and Floyd Eslinger were both awarded ribbons for their giant white rabbits, and George Pickering for his grade Guernsey cow.

Karl Rhodes, Jr., was awarded a first for his Berkshire gilt, Shirley Rhodes for a Guernsey cow and Elmer Rhodes for his Guernsey heifer.

In showmanship, Lawrence Stover and Karl Rhodes received blue ribbons.

Six of the young people plan to go to Michigan Exposition, Rhodes said, including Donna Case, John Ziegelbaur, Karl Rhodes, Jr. (who will act as judge as well as exhibitor), Margaret Pickering, Shirley Rhodes and Lawrence Stover.

Obituary

Mrs. Susanna Denny Evans of 663 Harmon avenue died early Wednesday morning in her home.

Mrs. Evans was born in Talbot county, Maryland, and was married to Joseph B. Evans in 1870. Before moving to Birmingham 26 years ago, the Evanses had lived in Pittsburgh and Philadelphia, Pa.

Surviving are three daughters, Mrs. Frederick P. Reinhart of Townsend avenue, Mrs. Morton G. Connors of Brookfield, Mass., and Mrs. William Poole Parker of New Jersey. Also surviving are three sons, Wellington F., of Bloomfield Hills, Boyd V., of Detroit, and Hallock D., of New York City.

Funeral services are to be from the home on Saturday at 11 a. m. Burial will be in Greenwood cemetery with the Rev. W. F. Hill of Christ Church Cranbrook officiating.

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New Type Of Award Made Available To Birmingham Scouts

Birmingham scout troops will now have an opportunity to win a scouting honor known as the "Star Troop Award." Robert Fowler, community committee chairman, has announced.

The award has been approved by the Detroit Area Council, of which Birmingham is a district, and will go into effect in the near future.

Each troop will be sent a round base and as they earn the awards for each of five phases of scouting, they will be sent points to add to the base, the highest objective being completion of a five-pointed star, Fowler said.

The troops can earn points in registration, Advancement, recruiting, leadership training, and outdoor program.

When results are tallied at the end of the year, troops will be awarded a five, four, or three-pointed star emblem to be fastened to the troop flag, and miniature cloth badges of similar design to be sewn to scouts' and leaders' uniforms.

Crites Transferred To Ohio Store

Keith Crites, 370 Townsend, for the past two years manager of the S. S. Kresge store on Woodward avenue, left Monday for Xenia, Ohio, where he will manage the Kresge store in that town.

Henry L. Selters, of Detroit, succeeds Crites in the Birmingham store. Selters has been manager of a Kresge store on Gratiot avenue, Detroit, for two years.

Have You Met . . .

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Stephens who moved to 584 Rivenoak with their 9-month-old child from Chicago? Mr. Stephens is field man for the Moody Bible Institute.

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MARINE

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something you were beaten, Haney declared.

"On Laguna," he said, "four men were caught trying to escape. They were bound in a kneeling position for 24 hours, then were given a bucket of rice and a cigarette, told to dig their graves and then shot in front of their buddies."

"If anyone had malaria and it looked like they were really in bad shape, they got nine grains of quinine a day—10 grains is the minimum treatment which malaria will respond to.

Loaded into Boxcars

"Men were so weak from no food and disease that we were unable to collect and cut up wood for fires. Just before we were moved in November of '42, everyone was given more food and meat and water, so we would be able to stand the trip."

All prisoners, Haney related, sick or well, were marched to Cabanatuan, a distance of 13 miles. There they were loaded into small Japanese box cars, 100 men to a car, which necessitated standing most of the way to Manila.

"Next day we were put aboard the Nagata Maru, 700 men in the forward hold. Because of insufficient air and cramped quarters, two men died. So 150 men were removed, but one or more men died every day on the 18-day voyage to Moji, Japan.

Into Freezing Climate

"We were sent to Wakiyama Peninsula where those that lived stayed for three months. The mortality rate was 100 out of every 375 men. We were dressed for the Philippine climate, or had almost no clothes, and over there the temperature went below freezing. The quarters were thinly constructed barracks with no fire and no blankets.

"Exposure on top of our generally weakened condition resulted in flu and pneumonia and death. Those that did survive suffered horribly from beri-beri, pellagra, and attacks of jungle fever.

"If our condition was bad enough so that we absolutely couldn't be forced to work, then they sent us to the hospital. I went to the Jap Military Hospital. We got no medical treatment, but the food was the same as the Jap hospitalized soldier received, and the deficiency diseases subsided. The nurses in those hospitals are not trained, though, but were common laborers."

Gets 'Soft' Detail

Following his release from the hospital, he and other prisoners were sent to Work Camp No. 1 at Osaka where they worked as stevedores on the waterfront. The work was hard, the food poor, and more men died.

"I was lucky," Haney said. "I got a comparatively soft detail so it wasn't bad for me, but was rough on the other fellows. I gained a little weight in that camp."

When Osaka was bombed in March, 1944, the men were moved to Notagawa, staying at a town prison camp.

Everything Worse

"In that camp everything was worse. We thought it had been bad before and couldn't get worse, but we were doing hard labor—reclamation work, re-building a dam, and the food was not worth eating. We got almost no starch, more greens than before, and no fat. In the three months there men lost as much as 60 pounds. My buddy, Hez James Bussey, from Shawnee, Oklahoma, who was here at my home for the V-J Day celebration, lost his eyesight at that camp through malnutrition and lack of vitamins. Even though nearly blind, he had to work.

"The only thing that kept the remaining men going was the air show overhead. We saw them come over from the States, and we saw Jap planes shot down often. But we never did see an American plane go down."

Learn of Jap Surrender

When the bombing stopped in August, none of the men knew what had happened. When the food began to increase in quantity and quality, they knew something was up. Eight days after the surrender, they formed a body and asked the Japanese officials what was the matter.

"When we found out that the Japs were licked, Hez and I hit out of there in short order. We took the train for Osaka in case some of the fellows we had left there hadn't heard about the surrender. Then we went to other camps—Kobe and Kyota.

"Finally we were contacted by the U.S. Army on September 10, and were sent down to Yokohama. From there the Navy sent us to Guam by plane to the hospital, then to San Francisco, New York, and home—for the first time in eight years."

ARC Tried to Help

When asked what the Red Cross did for the prisoners in the camps, Haney said, "The Red Cross tried, but the Japanese wouldn't let them help. They wanted to send in food and medical supplies, but nothing came of it. Boxes of books were left unopened by the Japs, and we couldn't read them. A phonograph the Red Cross sent was shipped to one camp and the recordings to another. Every few months, they would send the phonograph to the camp, and send the records back to our camp."

Though Haney is still suffering from attacks of pellagra, that's not what bothers him most.

"Since I've come home, I'm disappointed in everything. When we were due to come home, so many politicians made big promises about what they were going to do for the boys, and generally sobbed on the public's shoulder in order to get votes. Now that the boys are home, it looks like those same politicians have forgotten all about their promises and their talk of what they would do for the boys."

Wants Trees Removed

Removal of three partially dead trees from between the curb and sidewalk in front his property was asked of the City Commission Monday evening by Bert Forman, 208 Brown street. The commission set Sept. 16 as the date for the hearing on the petition.

Bruised In Accident

Mrs. Louise Marsh, 34, of 480 West Vernor highway, Detroit, suffered bruises when the automobile driven by her husband, Royal, 35, was sideswiped by another car Sunday on Delemere street, near East Maple.

Have You Met . . .

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon C. Johnson of 2238 Buckingham road? The Johnsons moved here from Dearborn with their 14-month-old child. Mr. Johnson is with Management Research.

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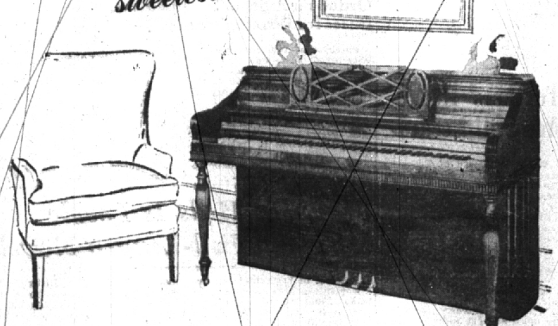
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