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Remind Drivers of Labor Day Hazards

Accidents during the three-day Labor Day weekend alone will take almost as many Michigan lives as polo has taken so far this year, the Michigan Department of Health warned today.

This would not be true, the Department said, if people had the same fear of the family automobile that they have of polo. Last year 75 times as many Michigan people died in accidents as did polo.

Hazards during the Labor Day weekend will be the same as those of any summer weekend, except that excessively heavy traffic will greatly increase the danger of automobile accidents.

Consider These Hazards

Traffic, swimming and boating, over-exertion in the hot sun and falls are the hazards to be considered. Start early and drive with care. Do not mix alcohol with driving, swimming, boating or any exertion in the hot sun. Observe swimming, diving and boating precautions. Don't show off. Give a little consideration to the mismanaged heart.

Remember that you can fracture your skull or break your neck in a fall from a porch rail, off a window ledge or down the cottage steps as well as from a fall from a haywagon or horse.

Have the same respect for Labor Day hazards that you have for polo and you'll be here to vacation another year, the Department concluded.

Price of Plates Cut

Word has been received from the Secretary of State's office in Lansing that beginning today, 1949 license plates will go on sale at half price according to Charles Mortensen, secretary of the Birmingham Chamber of Commerce.

This is due to the fact that there are but six months left for the 1949 plates, said Mortensen.

Some incorrect information received last week caused an error which we are very sorry. It seems that the name "Mike Jerome" was given us for the 12-year-old who ended a nine-hole golf game with a score of 41. The age and the score were correct, but somehow the lad's name was garbled. We hasten to inform one and all that it was Mike Lennane who copied that score in the city's recreational program golf tournament at Springdale Park.

Make the wanderer's column headquarters for your "can-you-top-this-one" contributions. Last week's challenge was hurled at the sunflower growers, and this week's goes to the castor bean group. Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Gilliam 1137 Holland, feel they are offering some pretty stiff competition in that crop this year, since several of the plants they have, soar up into the 12 foot class. A hedge of castor beans forms the front row of their garden, with all of them in the "tall timber" bracket. Mrs. Gilliam reports that they have already bloomed, and are now bearing ripening pods.

With the modern trend being toward bolder colors used in new ways, Birmingham's homes seem to have fallen in line quite readily. Already this wanderer has seen with his own eyes a house in a

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It's a Short Week Coming Up for the Eccentric

This results from the annual Labor Day holiday to be observed next Monday, Sept. 5. We on the editorial staff of The Eccentric, therefore, will have one day less next week in which to work on next Thursday's issue.

You can help us out immensely by seeing that your news items are reported to us by the end of this week, instead of waiting till Tuesday to do so. In the case of a "short" week, we cannot guarantee we can process all the "last-minute" items that are submitted. But if we receive them by Saturday, the news will appear.

So Please Bring or Phone In Your News By the End of This Week

Bits of Birmingham

Very delicate shade of blue and another painted a hold red. Both sport a white trim. To add to this parade of color, it has just been brought to our attention that another home was added to the line—this one painted a solid black.

Mrs. Marianne Strenge Hamnerstrom, director of weaving at Cambridge Academy of the city's advisory committee directing the huge exhibit at the Detroit Free Press building, will continue open Sept. 11, continuing through Nov. 29, and will show some 3,000 home furnishings and home objects, representing the highest standard in contemporary design. Items have been gathered from all over the world for this dramatic exhibition which is said to be the largest and most comprehensive ever held.

We know each copy of The Eccentric is read by an average of four persons each week, but we would like to learn which single person is read by the MOST people each week, on the average. The Eccentric will pay a dollar to the five persons who call us and report the five highest read weekly copies. When you call, ask for Miss Alice Morgan and be ready to substantiate your claim with the names of the regular readers. Those calls must be made by Tuesday, Sept. 13, to qualify. Winners will be announced in the Sept. 15 issue.

In our Aug. 4 issue, the date-line is read by the regulars Parts Two and Three said "August 4, 1949." Only one reader has written in and asked, "Surely, the news is more recent than this." We hasten to say that the news WAS the most recent, but due to a typographical error may occur once in a while. We might add that the date has been corrected. The Eccentric would have been America's FIRST newspaper, and you could have expected to read in its columns about the latest Indian reactions to Left Ericson, the probable discoverer of Greenland and North America.

A resolution expressing the city's regret at the death last week of a former village-city manager James W. Farley was passed by the city commission Monday evening.

Next Monday being Labor Day and a workman's chance for a one-day vacation, the Birmingham Rotary club won't hold a meeting that week. They'll be back for their luncheons at the Community House Sept. 12 when they plan to discuss what disposition to make of their proposed Peace Memorial for the city. And the city commission will not meet next Monday night, but hold their meeting over till Tuesday evening.

On Page One of Part Three in this week's Eccentric, you will find the first in a series of 12 articles prepared by the State Bar of Michigan which give a resume of a number of the bills passed by the 1949 state legislature. Some of the bills you may have heard about, some you will learn of for the first time since they were given their or no publicity because of their relative unimportance in comparison with other bills. Yet many of these laws will affect you when a number of them become effective September 23. You may learn about them by following this series.

During his travels, this Wanderer met with a familiar, but for the moment unrecognizable, aroma in the Hanna, Stuckeyville district. At the time, he thought it was the smell of fall setting in. But no, this odor was a little too rotten for that. The problem called for closer inspection. And in a flash the whole "stinkin'" thing was solved. A garbage truck had washed itself out at the intersection.

Since last week's sunflower report, this Wanderer has received a few calls which set new records. Way out in front is the one grown by Mrs. W. M. Phillips of 18201 Beverly road. Her 19" 3" tall and the blossom hasn't opened yet! She contributes its success to the fact that it is growing next to a chicken coop and also receives lots of extra watering.

Mr. H. H. Gilbert of 1822 East Maple reports one measuring 13" 4" and lots of them 12" 6". George W. Armstrong 64 1/2 years an Eccentric subscriber, has one 13" 3".

Hills School Board Names Faculty for Coming School Year

Staff members for Bloomfield Hills, for the coming year, have been announced by the board of education as follows:

Among the new teachers will be Miss Ruth Ziegler of Ferrisdale, a University of Michigan graduate, who will teach vocal music. Another Michigan graduate, Miss Arlette Harbour of Detroit will teach Spanish and social studies. Miss Marion DeConick, of Birmingham, has been engaged as physical education director for girls and will also teach junior high school social studies and English. She is a graduate of Bowling Green University.

Miss Genevieve Fournier, of Detroit, will replace Mrs. Carey as third and fourth grade teacher in the Vaughan school. She is a graduate of Michigan State Normal college in Ypsilanti.

The board also announced that Mrs. Josephine Long will continue her duties at the Tusculora school; Mrs. Geneva Forslund and Mrs.

Violet Boss at Wing Lake and Eva Thompson at Pine Lake school.

Faculty members at Vaughan school are to be Mrs. Hazel MacGirr, kindergarten and elementary supervisor; Miss Gretchen Bigman, first and second grades; Mrs. Kathleen Flint, fifth and sixth grades; Mrs. Virginia Condon, seventh grade and mathematics; Edward Cole, art (part time); Miss Ruth Woodman, Latin, social studies and English; Kenneth Olin, speech, social studies and English; Edward Dykstra, sciences; Felix Wotila, mathematics, junior business training, social studies and elementary physical education; Richard Spiess, high school principal, mathematics and physical education. John Jacobs a superintendent of schools.

Have You Met? . . .

The newcomers from Fowler, Ind. Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Green, graduate of Michigan State Normal college in Ypsilanti, Lesley, Christine and John who are living now at 2209 Windemere? Mr. Greenwood is a construction engineer with Argosaut Realty Co.

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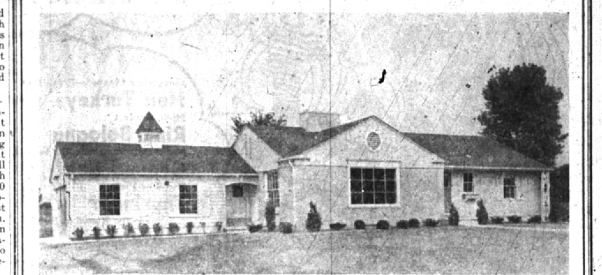
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