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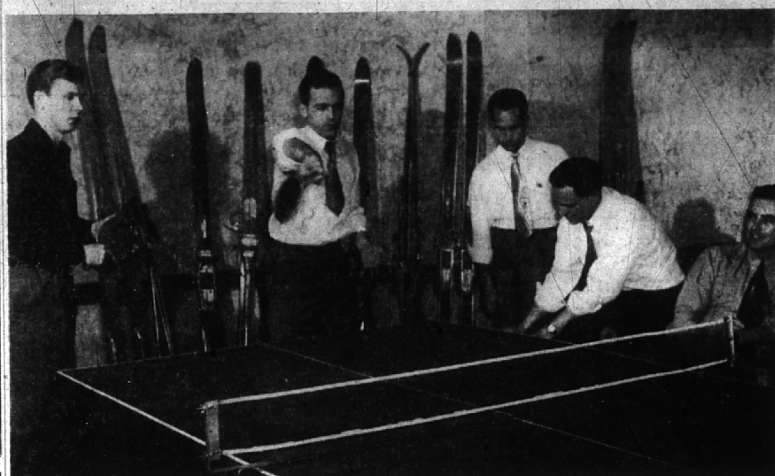
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Five of the Zzzpts enjoy facilities of their basement recreation room

By Don Carlson

The last listing in the Birmingham telephone book is Zeke Zzzpt, 3223 N. Adams. Such an alphabetic conglomeration naturally arouses a considerable amount of curiosity, except from the most blasé Birminghamites.

This reporter, having made a visit to Zeke's, has discovered Mr. Zzzpt is neither a Russian refugee, nor are the activities at his N. Adams mansion as mysterious as the name.

Rather the Zeke Zzzpt "moniker" was chosen only because of its strategic importance as "the last name in the phone book."

The selection was made by a group of 14 young bachelors who live in a congenial fraternity like atmosphere, though they are now far from their college campuses.

IN FACT considerable time has elapsed since this group received their college diplomas; their average age is 28, and they now hold down substantial jobs in Detroit industry.

Zeke Zzzpt made his appearance in Birmingham three years ago, after having appeared as the last number in the Detroit telephone directory for several years. During that time, the original group of young businessmen occupied a large mansion on Boston boulevard.

But for living quarters the Zzzpt group could not have done much better than the present 1929-era mansion on a 16-acre estate, with two three-car garages and stable, a large ballroom in the basement, and gold-plated door-knobs and ornate decorations throughout the interior. The owner, to whom the collective rent is paid, is Dr. H. A. Paysner of Highland Park.

IN RESPONSE to a comment on their grandiose surroundings, comical Ed Heins remarked, "It isn't much, but we call it home." At this point, comedy was also provided by the house mascot, Baron, a huge Dalmatian, who tapped a paw at a small window pane, and after it was opened according to the standard signal, leaped into the living room.

Group Enjoy Parties and Hobbies

To the passer-by, every night at "3223" looks like guest night, as the 14 residents park their 14 cars all over the driveway. It's "first come, first served" for the garage parking privilege.

The activities include parties in the grand ballroom, skiing treks up north, sailing on Lake St. Clair in their own boat, and horseback riding at local riding stables. Two fellows are flying enthusiasts, another "dabbles" with painting, and a fourth is an excellent photographer. The house bowling team hits the pins at the Hillwood bowling alleys on Thursday evenings.

THE FOLLOWING is the roster of members, with home towns and colleges:

Ed Heins, Philadelphia (Lehigh U.); "Cap" Hall, Spokane, Ohio; Harry Toulmin, Mobile, Ala. (U. of Alabama); Herb Bevans, Quincy, Mass. (Yale); Marty Becker, Napoleon, Ohio (Indiana Tech); Ed Carlson, Muskegon, Mich. (U. of Michigan); Sam Williams, Columbus, Ohio (Purdue); Jack Bailey, Philadelphia (Penn State); Art Donnelly, Detroit (U. of Detroit).

Bloomfield Village School News

Kindergarten: the class has learned about different kinds of foods—those that make children grow big and strong and those that are not good for one. Each school day the kindergarten are served milk. Miss Carlin showed colored slides about Popsy Wee, a pig who didn't like foods that were good for him. The pictures showed how the pig grew when he started to eat proper foods.

The class has learned to work.

Bill McCravy, Knoxville, Tenn. (U. of Tennessee); Bruce Thomas, Brooklyn, N. Y. (Cornell); and John Houston, Youngstown, Ohio (Ohio State).

Cliff Elliott, Toledo, Ohio, (U. of Michigan) succumbed on Feb. 18 to that great depleter of the ranks of bachelorhood—marriage—when he wed a Detroit girl.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward J. Carleton are the house-keepers, and also capably prepare the large-scale menu.

Annual poppies should be sown where they are to grow, and their seed may be broadcast whenever the soil can be loosened an inch or so deep with a rake. They stand freezing weather without injury.

Third and fourth grade: a good many students accompanied their parents on vacation trips Easter week. Barbara Nunaday is in Florida. Steve Barnett visited his grandmother in Gulliver. Robert Fegley was in Seneca Falls, N. Y. Suzanne Sawyer visited in South Bend and Helen Cudini went to Chicago.

Peter Palmer spent some of his vacation watching a room being built for him.

Milt Floom, who arrived in this country recently from Estonia, has gone with her mother to New York to live. The children enjoyed having her in class and helping her learn English.

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