

Local Men Unite Experience to Open Real Estate Office

Robert F. Watt, Ralph Manuel and Myron E. Snyder announce the opening of their new Birmingham-Bloomfield real estate office at 298 South Woodward today. The new firm will be known as

Watt, Manuel & Snyder, Inc. The three men have been working for and against each other in the real estate field for the past 50 years before starting a firm together, they comment. Their first acquaintance came in 1920 as members of the firm of Snyder and Buck (later Snyder, Buck and Bennett). "WE PLAN to make Watt, Manuel and Snyder a service-giving real estate firm," is their

joint statement. "Our three-fold experience and reputation for 50 years will follow us in our efforts to build, keep and improve Birmingham-Bloomfield a great place to live." Manuel and Snyder were formerly associated with Snyder, Kinsey and Bennett, while Watt has been with Max Brock, Inc. People read the Eccentric's classified page to buy something they want—will they find your ad telling them they can buy it from you?

Sea Scout Sailboat Launched



Charles Burnham, skipper of the original Sea Scout sailboat, breaks the bottle of "champagne" as he christens the "Comet", new 16-footer. Skipper Glenn Watson and members of the crew stand by to take over.

Last Sunday marked the opening of a new activity for the Sea Scout troop in Birmingham. The troop's new sailboat Comet was launched with proper ceremony at Camp George, Boy Scout camp on Long Lake. One of the many groups that meet weekly at the Community House, the Sea Scouts were organized here seven years ago. Under the leader, Glenn Watson,

2789 Hunt road, the troop of 14 boys from 15 to 20 years old meets every Wednesday evening. The group, sponsored by the Lions Club, aims to present a program of interest to older boys. A regular advancement schedule is based on sailing and ship-lore. ACCORDING TO Skipper Watson, most of the funds for the

new 16-foot sailboat were obtained by a doughnut sale last week. The young seagoers sold 640 dozen doughnuts. Additional money came from the troop's treasury. Throughout the summer Skipper Watson, who has been in Scouting work for 17 years, will teach sailing at Camp George where the Comet will be moored.

the following day, after spending the night at a youth hostel. From there we went to Arkel and another hostel. Today we are leaving for Breda. This has been the nicest day of my trip, so far. Because the distance between hostels was short, we were in no hurry and cycling was a pleasure. TOUR LEADERS gave us money to buy our lunches en route, according to our own tastes. Today five of us joined together and bought bread, meat, milk and cheese, then had a picnic under the trees. Besides having a wonderful time we each saved half the money allotted us. That's one way to "earn" money I never counted on! We finished the trip to Breda after a short nap under the trees and were asking our way to the hostel when we met Mrs. Anthonia Jla van Everdingen van Dulvenhoden. By that time there were only two of us and she said she would take us there. FIRST SHE invited us to stay the night. She proved very interesting and wanted us to stay so badly that we finally agreed. We went on to the hostel for dinner and returned to her home for some fascinating conversation, delicious strawberries with whipped cream and a hot bath. I am sitting in a room in her home writing this. The uppermost thought in my mind is, how lucky I am to be here, especially under the financial conditions which I am. Otherwise I would never have seen Holland nor met these wonderful Dutch people.

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Birmingham Girl Spends 50 Cents Crossing the Atlantic Ocean

By JANET SOUTER

(Editor's Note: Janet Souter 22, of 19699 Riverside, said she was going to spend \$272.25 on a "very economical" European tour. We said it should cost less than that. Miss Souter described the austerity of the proposed tour, and said that \$272.25 was the rock bottom price. She volunteered to tell us the details as she made the trip. "Every couple of weeks you ought to be getting some 'proof' in the form of a letter," she declared.)

ARKEL, HOLLAND—After 12 days on the Volendam we finally landed in Rotterdam on June 9.

Student class on an unconverted tour ship may not be the fastest or most convenient means of travel, but it is by far the most interesting and the most fun.

About 60 per cent of the passengers were students and young people going to see Europe for the first time. The remaining 40 per cent were either Europeans returning home or naturalized Americans returning for a visit to their native land.

INFORMALITY AND friendliness were the bynotes and it provided an excellent opportunity to talk to and know people who could orientate one to Europe.

I slept in a large dormer—about 200 women of every size and age. We had canvas bunk beds, no closet or shelf space and toilet facilities that were unique, to say the least. The spirit that prevailed overcame all the disadvantages because all we could do was laugh.

The food was plain but what made up for anything lacking was the old Dutch custom of serving

ice cream at every meal in addition to the regular dessert.

WE WERE LUCKY to have a band on board, made up of college boys working their way across.

Other than dancing, our time was spent talking, singing and doing calisthenics. We also took lessons in French and German, given gratis by natives of those countries.

Another point in favor of this ship was the little opportunity one had to spend money. My expenses for the trip were 50 cents.



A BLOW TO OTHERS—Ten-year-old John Barjansky and Janice Latimore, age 13, dealt a blow to other American youngsters with these king and queen-sized bubblegum masterpieces as they blew their way to the title of Bubblegum's royal monarchs in Frankfurt, Germany, competition here.



FIELD OF GOLDEN GRAIN—Aloys Schwerman of Topoka, Kan., proudly surveyed his 140-acre wheat field here, which is expected to yield 45 bushels per acre. He credits his outstanding crop to the quality of seed, proper fertilization and his plan for rotating the wheat with sweet clover.

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