

BITS OF BIRMINGHAM

MR. AND MRS. TRUMAN W. EUSTIS, 371 Linden, have a deep interest in a wedding which will take place in Schweinfurt, Germany, on Sept. 6 when Miss Ruthild Panten becomes the bride of Sgt. John Eustis, serving with American Occupational Forces. Eustis, whose home is in St. Petersburg, Fla., is the son of T. W. Eustis's cousin. The bride is the daughter of Hans Panten who visited Oakland County Red Cross earlier this year in a tour to study American municipal agencies.

SUMMERTIME BECOMES COMPLICATED for some of Birmingham's service club members. Take the Kiwanis club, for instance. Their publication, "The Kwill" carried no news items this week—just a large map showing the members how to get from Birmingham to the home of their host, Don Donaldson, on Union Lake. For a man who couldn't read maps, or forgot to take his along, there was a pretty good chance for a large hunger as well as missing the fun of the group's first outdoor steak roast of the season held Tuesday evening.

ARNOLD ISSETTE, 12, son of Mr. and Mrs. Armand Issette of Beverly Hills, is a polio patient at St. Joseph Mercy hospital, Pontiac. Latest reports are that the boy is making an excellent recovery and may soon return to his home. A year ago Arnold was cited on the Boy Scout of the Week program, originating in Detroit, when he pulled a small child from a water-filled ditch near his home. This season Arnold has played with the Hornets' Little League baseball team and, when taken ill, had a .480 batting average.

"How to lose friends... also chickens" could be one of the chapters in his book if Dr. Archie L. McNaughton, local dentist, ever went into the writing game. He lives on a considerable acreage north of Clarkston, and one of his hobbies is raising chickens. At the moment, he has 4,000 of them, getting ready for the market. Recently a friend of Archie's called him and said: "Dress me out 25 chickens and I'll be out later this afternoon to get them." So the chicken fancier went to work on the project, spending much of his Sunday to do it. The friend, however, failed to show up. What did Archie do? He took them to the nearest frozen food locker and, paying seven cents per bag for each chicken, plus storage charges, he saved his investment in the poultry. From now on, say Archie's local friends, he will require advance payment for the sale of chickens.

MRS. GILBERT COODE, JR., 544 Harmon, "So now the police department wants to put parallel parking on Woodward avenue, taking even more parking area away from the shoppers! If it keeps on we'll all have to go around on roller skates or bicycles. At least we should be able to find room enough to park them."

It's a good thing the Republicans had a number of Eisenhower pictures and "We Like Ike" signs around the Baptist church auditorium for their July 29 rally. The casual observer might well have thought he'd landed in the Williams camp, by the number of how ties in evidence!

The environment we have at children in the responsibility and work of others, in adult life, this responsibility becomes even more. One never attains the Utopian heights of happiness that only death can limit the height of the climb.

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Finds Fun In Model Railroad Building

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Do you thrill to the wail of a distant locomotive whistle on a quiet evening? As you stand on the platform, does your heart start to pound when you see the Grand Trunk Commuter down the track? If so, you are susceptible to the hobby of model railroading.

Since very few people have the opportunity of running a real railroad, those with the urge can fulfill their desires with a model set-up just as John S. Winttingham of 1155 W. Lincoln did.

For the past three years, Winttingham, associate director of automotive research for Ethyl Corp., has been building model trains for his model railroad.

These trains, exact duplicates of real trains, only on a small scale, are not toys, Winttingham insists. Making the models requires patience and skill and are suitable for boys over 12 years of age and adult rail fans (no difference).

THERE SEEMS TO BE many ways in which to construct model trains, but Winttingham chooses to buy a "kit" which contains the many necessary pieces to assemble the various models of locomotives, freight cars and other pieces of railroad equipment.

"Diesel locomotives, freight cars and other types of box cars are easy to make," Winttingham said, "and can be made in one evening's work. However, a 'steam' locomotive is quite intricate and to complete one will require every evening of the week."

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IN ALL MODELS, things work. Doors open that are supposed to open, springs are where they are supposed to be and spring, wheels turn as they do in their prototypes. The models are painted the same colors as the railroad line they represent. On the sides of the cars are the names of the railroad, exactly like the "big boys", put on by dozens of appropriate signs. All that is missing from the Winttingham railroad is the smell and the living riders.

He has set up his model railroad in a good sized basement room, which he shares with a water softener—the only other thing in it. The railroad is mounted around three sides of the room, built on a plywood platform with sturdy supports. Winttingham can sit at his controls and switch cars in the freight yard, drop off cars at sidings, and operate his railroad from this one position. (Look, Ma, no hands!)

one caboose complete with a member of the train crew climbing up the railing.

At the present time he is working on a round house and a turn table and has been re-laying track. His trains can travel a mile and a half (scale miles) over a trestle, past farms and through villages which he has constructed. It will be a long time before Winttingham runs out of things to make, as he keeps getting ideas on how to make his railroad better.

Winttingham, he says, is a better time for the hobby of railroading, because in the summer so much time has to be spent pushing the lawnmower.

He is a member of the National Model Railroad Association, of which there are seven or eight members in Birmingham. So if on a winter evening, you want to see John Winttingham, go down in his basement where he and some other members of the Association, and perhaps some neighbor boys, are having real enjoyment with a little scaleable railroading.

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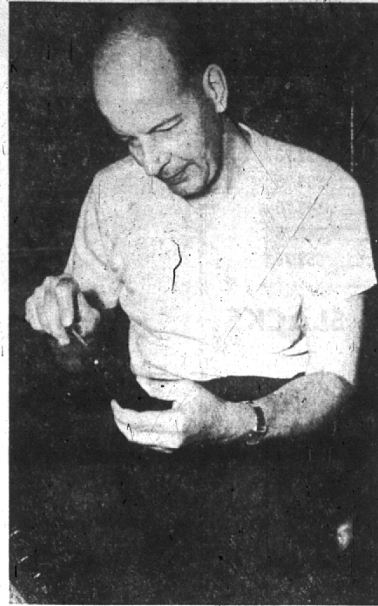
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He calls his railroad "frivolous" and yet he has built at least four different types of locomotives, and a number of box cars, cattle cars, tankers, refrigerator cars, gondolas, hopper cars and

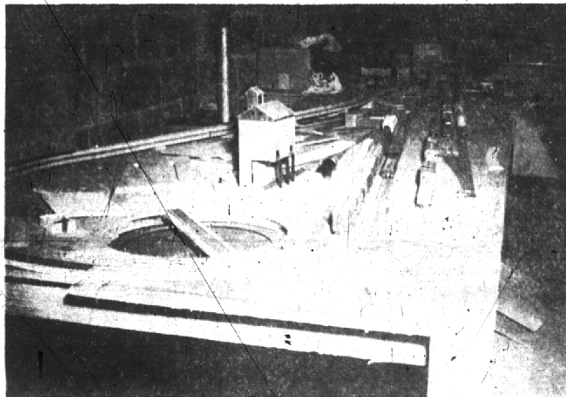
release all paid personnel at Veteran hospitals across the country. It is a part of the drastic economy drive to divert more money into disaster relief funds and the blood program.

MR. WALKER, with Mrs. Ferd Brock, of Bloomfield Hills, Red Cross volunteer field consultant attended a meeting of Detroit chapter volunteers last week, when hospital staffing was discussed.

Oakland county people have been asked to fill the post at Dearborn once a week, directing volunteers serving the hospital; the work of Gray Ladies, staff judge, nurses aides and other A.R.C. Be Wise—Use Classified!



WINTINGHAM MAKING MODEL LOCOMOTIVE ADJUSTMENT. He started his hobby three years ago.



TRACK LAYOUT IS BEING REMODELED TO INCLUDE ROUNDHOUSE (at left center). It also extends along two other sides of basement wall (Eccentric Staff Photos)

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The move, she explained, is a part of the Red Cross decision to

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