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Pertinent comments on the election and the current world picture will be made by Harrison Wood, ace radio commentator, at Detroit Town Hall, Wednesday, Nov. 5, at 11 a.m. in Fisher theater.

The dynamic news analyst won a national following with his handling of world events over a radio network. He is at present devoting his time to lecturing and writing his latest book, "Boy, Are We Confused?" Wood's background as a journalist included several years as head of the Paris office of the old New York Tribune. He participated in the first conference leading up to the writing of the United Nations Charter, and has been a constant attendant at recent meetings of the Security Council and General Assembly.

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ONE OF THE SMOOTHEST FOREIGN-MAKE automobiles to be seen in Birmingham is this 1952 German Porsche. A crowd quickly gathered when Mary Ellen Green, Detroit, parked the compact little coupe in front of The Eccentric office. Miss Green purchased the car in Germany while on a trip to Europe this past summer. (Eccentric Staff Photo)

**NATURE NOW**

By **LYDIA KING FREHSE**

When Indian summer is abroad in the land, and the asters spread a haze like blue smoke over the hills, there comes a night when the first wild geese fly over. Thus the autumn migration of waterfowl begins and so it continues as wave after wave goes over in the familiar V-shape flight until the marshes are frozen and empty and winter is at hand.

And so it was that on a recent trip afield we saw thousands of Canada geese circling and feeding and resting on several large protected marshes. They were on their way from their northern nesting grounds to their southern winter resorts which begin at Long Island Sound and reach into Mexico and across the continent to Southern California.

These are the largest and most majestic of our waterfowl. They are colored brown above and grey beneath with head, neck, tail, bill and feet of black. There is a white crescent-shaped bill placed like a bandage across the throat, and the side tail coverts are also white.

The Canada goose makes her nest on the tundra of the north, near the water's edge. She lines a depression in the ground with any available plant material and softens it with down plucked from her own breast. Occasionally, the vacated nest of an osprey or a

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large hawk is drafted into service.

**SHE LAYS FOUR**—Ten white eggs about twice the size of a hen's egg and more rounded at the ends, incubated for 28 to 30 days. During this time the nest is closely protected and well-cared for by the leader, who is ardent in all his love-making duties. The Canada goose mates for life. If accident befalls one of the partners, the other goes on alone.

The great Audubon, writing of the nesting habits of the Canada geese, makes this entry in his Journal in the year 1840:

"Whenever I visited the nest the gander seemed to look upon me with utter contempt. He would stand in stately attitude until I reached within a few yards of the nest, when, suddenly lowering his head he would open his wings and launch into the air flying directly at me. . . I observed that immediately after such an effort to defend his nest and mate he would run swiftly toward them, pass his head and neck several times over and around the female and again assume his attitude of defiance."

**GEESSE REMAIN** together as a family unit, sometimes for several generations, breeding, feeding and migrating in the same groups. The parents are very devoted to the training and care of the young. When swimming or walking they make a little procession with the gander as leader followed by the goslings with mother goose bringing up the rear. They often give their lives to protect their families or each other from attack by reptiles, fish or strong birds such as eagles.

During July and early August while the young are attaining their growth, the parents lose their primary feathers. During the moulting period they are unable to fly. They remain hidden within the confines of the marsh, protected by tall cattails and rushes. By September the young are strong of wing and ready to undertake the long flight to their winter grounds and at the end of a year they are full grown adults.

Their food is largely vegetarian. They winnow the wild rice with their strong wings or line up in compact rows and clear the left-over grain from the prairie stubble as neatly as if a vacuum sweeper had swept the ground. In their spring migratory flights they feed on aquatic plants and during the warm hours of noonday they frequent sand bars and shallows or frolic in the open water tipping up their tails and sending their feet into the air as they dive for insects and these

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