

## Township Firemen Ask Salary Hike

Members of the Southfield township fire department appeared before the township board Tuesday night to seek salary raises.

As their spokesman they presented George Campbell, Detroit fireman and secretary-treasurer of the state firemen's association.

Campbell quoted from figures from the Bureau of Labor Statistics' price index and said that figures prove that it presently takes a salary of \$4,800 to maintain a fair living standard for a family of four.

Southfield firemen receive a top salary of \$4,180 now.

Aim of negotiations between the fire department and the township board, Campbell said, was to have the township adopt a schedule of wages that would keep in line with the rises in the price index.

Supervisor William Rosser explained that the township's difficulty in granting raises on a scheduled basis was in the uncertainty of the amounts of state allotments to the township.

"We do not have the tax rate that a city can levy to offset increases in operating expenses," Rosser continued.

Board members instructed the firemen to submit a letter stating their salary requests and also a report on salary scales in township fire departments in the area.

## Hobbyist's Hobby Is Hobbyists' Hobbies

By ALICE E. MORGAN

"Hobbies are my hobby."

This was the opening sentence when we interviewed ourselves a little while ago, and it's true. Other people's hobbies are our hobby, and a lot of fun they are, too.

Most hobbies, or that is a lot of them, run to collecting things. Like most kids we started off with stamps, which the good old man gave us. The first collection was stamps, which the good old man gave us. We periodically spent. Neither was on a very permanent basis so we gave the whole thing up.

For a long time we were not hobbyists, then we landed our first job on a newspaper and began writing feature stories. Some of these were, of course, about hobbies. That set us off, and we began hoarding all the information we could get our hands on about hobbies.

SEVERAL PERSONS in the United States and Canada spend their leisure time visiting old graveyards, where they take photographs of the old headstones and made careful copies of some of the epitaphs. Some rare sentiments were expressed on tombstones of a century or so ago!

There are those who conform to pattern and make jewelry, rugs, quilts, furniture, clothing for charity groups.

Other people do things as their hobby. One elderly gentleman made a hobby (and a fetish) of being the first to vote in his home town. He carried it to such an extreme that when one election day found him ill, the election inspectors asked two early voters to wait until someone could bring "old man" to the polls. They did not, and the old gentleman's record continued untarnished.

Some people collect pencils, pen points, candy box wrappers, re-cipes, cook books, newspaper mast-heads, postmarks, corks, buttons and knife blades. One lady collects pins and needles while a man has rack after rack of nails and tacks.

THERE ARE clothing collections, from hats to shoes, umbrellas, napkin rings, old names, like Eva Etta Butten, a New York state school teacher, horsehoes, scenic postcards, chinaware, old glass, and even one collection consisting solely of electric light bulbs.

Not all hobbies are collections, of course. Birmingham has a gentleman who makes toy trains to be used as gifts for children. There is another who makes beautiful

mas tree and New Year baby.

One gentleman who has become a part of our collection makes a hobby of greeting every new family in his community and carrying a pair of booties, which he has made, to every new baby. He also goes to it that no child ever has of losing his dog because of leopards fees.

He pays for the tags and supplies a new collar with a name plate for the pets of youngsters whose families cannot afford the extra cost but are willing to share what they have in the line of food.

THE REASONS for hobbies are as varied as the practice itself. Collectors hang onto things because they can't bear to part with them, because they have a monetary or sentimental value, or just to have them around.

The builders work on the same principle, as do the doers. Doctors say a hobby is a good safety valve and has a definite health value to a number of people.

We've never been able to figure out the why of our hobby—just nosy, we guess.

SOME MAKE a hobby of being the first person in town to call the local newspaper and report the first robin, crocus, dandelion, ripe tomato, snowflake, lighted Christ-



MORT NEFF

### Sportsman's Award To Be Given Neff

Sportsman Mort Neff, 2522 Yorkshire, whose weekly column "Michigan Outdoors" appears regularly in The Eccentric, will be given the annual Conservation Education Award by the Merit Award Academy of the Detroit Sportsmen Congress at a banquet meeting Friday night in Detroit.

In praising Neff's work in the field of conservation, the Congress stated that Neff quickly seized the opportunity of reaching the public through the medium of television and his work easily won him the award in education.



Harry Kahl will be honored for his work in the game division of the Michigan Department of Conservation and Hy Dabika will be named "Sportsman of the Year."

Neff presented a color movie to the Birmingham Rotary club Monday on the Gander River in Newfoundland, while he and Bob Swanson were on a salmon fishing trip.

### Mouse Bites Cat

Irwin, Idaho — Attempting to catch a mouse, a big white tomcat, belonging to George Clark, had the strange experience of having the rodent leap up and bite him on the neck. The astonished cat shook the mouse and fled down the street.

## Silence! Volleyball Group Planned At YMCA

London, England. — The audience of 2,400 sat enthralled as the conductor waved his baton and the orchestra played. "The Banks of Green Willow." When the turn came for the horn section, the conductor waved his baton. Nothing happened! The French horn section was not there. Embarrassed, the conductor excused himself from the stage and marched sternly back with the missing horn-players. They were enjoying themselves at the artists' refreshment bar, unaware that the orchestra was playing the only selection which required their services.

Wayne Mortimer, chairman of the YMCA Volleyball Committee, is asking all men between 18 and 50 years of age who are interested in playing volleyball to get in touch with the Birmingham YMCA.

Play will be started just as soon as a sufficient number register. The group will meet once each week for 2 hours in one of the local gyms.

General news deadline is 4:30 p.m. each Tuesday.

## CITY OF BIRMINGHAM, MICHIGAN AMENDMENT TO ZONING ORDINANCE

Notice is hereby given that on Monday, September 29, 1952, at 8 o'clock p.m., a public hearing will be held in the Commission Room of the Municipal Building in the City of Birmingham, to consider an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance, re-classifying the south side of Villa from Columbia to Eton from its present classification of Single Residence to Income Bungalow Residence, and re-classifying Lot 120 Birmingham Gardens Subdivision from its present Business-A Classification to a Multiple Residence Classification.

Irene E. Hanley, City Clerk

September 11, 1952

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FIRST FLOOR: Center Entrance, Living room 14 by 24; hidden dining room 12 by 13, paneled den, lavatory and a pine kitchen that includes large eating space, a disposal, dishwasher and lots of formica counters.

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