

The Commuter's Wife Discusses Filing Method

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Many a husband expects his wife to know where everything is—even business papers he ought to keep track of himself. She must be able to find the things he needs to renew the auto license, the stub that proves he paid the gasoline bill and even the stuff he needs to make out his income tax.

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But just let a husband come home and ask for the "Certificate of Title" for the car, and a wife's mind will go completely blank. She doesn't even know what it looks like. After a frantic search in the desk, the buffet and even in the old cracked teapot, she admits sheepishly that the precious document is missing.

THEN BEGIN THE fireworks. Husband says he wonders why Wife can't keep track of things, and Wife reminds him of the myriad of details she does know about around the house. The thing degenerates until husband makes some remark like:

"And even though you took trigonometry, you can't even keep a checkbook straight."

All of which proves that wife is a nit-wit. The only way she can prove that she isn't one is to begin keeping some files, though the very idea of filing leaves her cold.

Some girls already have their own Home Management files, especially those who are Home Ec. graduates. In such a file there's a 9 x 11 folder for each of: FAMILY, birth certificates, clippings about family members, memos for each one. HOUSE, home appliance guarantees, names of recommended repairmen, home-decorating pictures and plans, household-goods inventory.

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HEALTH, Booklets, immunization records, records of serious diseases. RECREATION, family hobbies, travel folders, booklets on games and family fun.

BUT IF A WIFE is expected to have a rough idea of where the money goes and is often asked to find a receipt or cancelled check in nothing flat, she'd better add a few more folders: BANK, cancelled checks, savings books, records of loans, list of what's in the safety deposit box.

BILLS, PAID, break down into department store, food, medical and dental, utility, fuel, miscellaneous. CAR, license records, insurance, repair and gasoline bills. INCOME TAX RECORDS, INSURANCE, receipts and whereabouts of policies. SAVINGS, including investments.

A weed-out is necessary when the file becomes crowded, but don't throw away the overflow. A ledger where main expenditures are put down each month when bills and cancelled checks come in, helps keep the record straight. All of this sounds like a lot of work. But averting a family crisis several times a year makes it worth the trouble.

The way of a tyrant is hard... whether he sit temporarily on a throne or at the head of a table. For tyrants live only on power and more power, in the form of those who adore them. They seldom earn the love and affection of others.

DOWN TO EARTH Garden Adventures Make 'A Fuller Life'

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Some of you who follow the garden adventures of this flowerer have morning glory seeds already popping up out of your pots for your east and south windows.

After one becomes interested in gardening they surely become aware of the directions, north, south, east and west, in relation to their home on their lot. Place the right plant in the right place and you will have good results using average cultural care.

Some gardeners become so wrapped up in the "good way of life" through their interest in horticulture that they become impatient with members of their families who are not so interested, as well as the very nice neighbor who is not a gardener.

That is bad. Just such a good job that when that relative or friend feels a friend of interesting things.

They will at once know that the hobby of horticulture will be their answer to a "fuller life."

THERE IS A comparatively new garden book out. "The Gardener's Troubleshooter" by Victor H. Ries, which I am very enthusiastic about. For over 25 years this writer has been doing extension work in the communities of Ohio for Ohio State University. This man is "down to earth," very friendly, and really knows plant material.

As his experience has been in Ohio we can be sure that we can safely follow his advice in Michigan. He gives expert advice with the latest garden aids. The book is pleasing and humorous to read.

Many are interested in forcing hyacinths, using small-necked containers designed for that purpose.

CLEAN OFF the bottom of the bulb and fill the glass to within an inch of the top of the bulb with water. Humidity will cause the bulb to soften and sprout.

Place it in a "pitch dark" location until the roots grow to the bottom of the glass and there are about two inches high, on top of the bulb. Now bring it into the light, and tie a paper bag or place the bulb in a paper bag.

At the end of twelve days remove the covering. The reason for doing this is to force the flowers to grow tall and not be stunted down in the core area of the base of the bulb.

A WAX PLANT or "Hoya Carnosa" is another you will want in your collection. After we moved to Birmingham Mrs. Norman Lyle called on us, and after hearing of my plant interest, gave me a cutting from a choice plant growing luxuriantly in one of her kitchen windows.

This particular plant has thick leaves which tell you that it only needs a good watering once a week. They are shiny and dark green on this vine-like plant.

If you keep it "on the dry side" it will bloom.

Other plants you will want in your collection are: A. F. Bogue, Bosworth, C. H. Brisenden, F. R. Boherty, H. D. Bogue, E. W. Hay, B. R. Jones, F. McKinley, C. T. Oakley, DeHull Travis and L. S. Zider, Jr.

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BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS proudly inspect their new fire truck which increases the township's fire equipment to three trucks. The 1,000-gallon tanker is equipped with a 300-gallon per minute high pressure pump and is mounted on a 2½-ton G.M.C. chassis. Taking their turns at the cab, from left to right, are Police Chief Clark Green, Supervisor David E. Anderson, Treasurer Arno L. Hulet and Fireman Lester Allen. (Eccentric Staff Photo)

Wins Small Home Design Contest for Second Time

Top honors in the annual Indianapolis home show have just been awarded to the same Cranbrook architect who won first place last year, according to an announcement by Robert Snyder, instructor in architecture at Cranbrook Academy of Art.

Sewell J. Mathre, who received a master's degree in architecture from the academy last year, was awarded for the best small home design among 108 entries in the 1952 competition, the same distinction he achieved in the 1952 contest.

Three current architecture students at Cranbrook, Carlos B. Baer, Francisco N. Nakpil and Humberto C. Solis, each received an honorable mention award. All three are from the Philippine Islands.

Birthdays, anniversaries, guests, births, party et al. all new—call the service editor about them.

Community House Holds Off Opening Of Eight Classes

Several extended enrollment periods for several adult education classes were announced this week by Mrs. Ewald E. Schaffer, director of this Community House service.

Scheduled to open this week, but delayed one week because of low enrollment are ceramics classes on Mondays from 1-4 and 7-10 p.m.; Tuesday drawing class, 1-3 p.m.; Thursday creative writing, 8-9 p.m.; Wednesday rug hooking, 9-12 a.m.; Wednesday silver, 1-4 p.m.; and sewing classes scheduled for 10-12 a.m., Mondays and 8-10 p.m., Tuesdays.

"THESE CLASSES will be started on their scheduled days next week if enrollment warrants," Mrs. Schaffer said. "Full information may be obtained by calling the Community House office, although enrollment in any class must be made in person."

Methodist Church Plans Programs For Youth Week

Birmingham's First Methodist church will observe Jan. 25-28, Feb. 1, with other Protestant churches throughout the country, as National Youth Week.

Planned to create a stronger bond between youths and adults and to show young people their importance in the church, the week's activities here will open with a special service at 11 a.m., Jan. 25.

"When Christ Calls Youth," will be the sermon topic selected by the Rev. Arnold P. Runkel, D.D., at the service which will also feature special choral numbers.

TWO YOUTH meetings are scheduled for 7 p.m., with the Intermediate Fellowship group having a discussion on "Unexpected Treasure."

"The World—Our Field" is the topic chosen for discussion by the Senior High Fellowship. From 6-8:30 p.m., Monday, a youth supper will be served in the church. A radio skit, "Let's Talk about God," will highlight the program which will conclude with a series of games.

On Tuesday evening's program, sponsored by the sub-district Methodist Youth Fellowship, will include a program of skating at the Clawson rink. The group will leave the church at 7:15 p.m.

A rally on Sunday, Feb. 1, at the Clawson Methodist church will conclude the week's activities. Young people of intermediate and senior high school groups throughout the area are invited to take part in the week's activities.

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