

Every man, to gain personal security, must have a job; it is that job he ought to give the best that he has, but not the job he takes and the man's. That is, he should give everything but the best of his ability, lest the job destroy him miserably.



THIS IS THE PLAQUE which was awarded last week by the National Editorial Assn. to the Birmingham Eccentric as being the nation's second best suburban weekly newspaper during 1952 in general excellence. Last week's honor is the fifth top national rating won by the Eccentric in the past four years.

THE ECCENTRIC'S Have You Met Editor this week is eager to publish the following invitation brought to attention by one of our news readers: "Dear Sir: An error was made regarding my appearance in the issue of your paper, dated April 30, 1953, Section 1, page 1, column 1, 'Have You Met...'. My age is not six but twelve. Paul A. Matteson, 2480 Manchester."

BOB HOWELL, of Birmingham, and proprietor of the Golf Mart at 217 Pierce, is the tournament schedule committee chairman for the Detroit District Golf Association and has announced that the entire tournament schedule is now compiled and in printed form through the courtesy of a Detroit newspaper. These folders with the entire local and national calendar listed for the private club and public links golfer is ready and available at no cost at The Birmingham Eccentric and the Golf Mart.

IF THE CITY in four years hasn't decided how or where to widen Willets, between Bates and Woodward, maybe the special assessment district should be abandoned and a new start should be made when the definite project is known. City Commissioner Dean C. Beier has suggested, "I think we owe it to the property owners who have paid their assessments years ago," he commented to fellow commissioners. "I don't believe it's right for the city merely to say something we're going to widen it and continue to hold the money indefinitely." Beier's comment follows the commission's action two weeks ago in which it voted to form an assessment back because it still was going to be used—eventually. Commissioners have agreed to review the proposed widening with the possibility of abandoning the assessment district and starting over.

THE CITY'S BOOKLET, "A Welcome to Your City Commission Meeting," available to persons attending regular Monday night sessions of commissioners, is to be given a careful working over to see if it can be condensed. Commissioners Dean Beier and Vincent Watkins will work along with City Manager D. C. Bebert on the editing job.

THERE ARE TWO young women in Birmingham wondering if they are seeing things. One tells of driving north on Woodward avenue the other afternoon and pulling up beside a station wagon carrying eight passengers. Seven of the group sat staring straight ahead very solemnly, with their mouths as if in pain. The second woman, while returning her younger son from nursery school, saw a small boy standing on the curb, busily fishing through the grating of a storm sewer. She knows she didn't imagine it all, because her own youngster popped up "Mommy, why was that boy fishing through the things that has marks on the top?"

AFTER 13 YEARS as a city resident in Royal Oak, Malcolm V. Ferguson, principal of Pierce school, has gone "rural." He has moved his family to an acre and a half farm on 10 1/2 Mile road in Southfield township, and reports there's nothing like living in the country!

SHORTLY AFTER noon Monday, this Wanderer learned just how far news of the annual St. James Pet Parade has traveled. A gentleman whose home is in Cleveland telephoned this office to ascertain the date of the 1953 event. He explained that business and pleasure trips bring him to the Detroit area frequently, and he tries, whenever possible, to have one coincide with the Pet Parade so he and his family may attend. We hope he can make the May 23, 1953 event!

Richard G. Brooks To Marry Marilyn Jacobson August 29th

Of interest to Birmingham was the announcement in Grand Haven, Mich., of the engagement of Marilyn Jacobson, currently making her home in Detroit, and Richard Gale Brooks.

Miss Jacobson is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Jacobson of Grand Haven. Her fiancé is the son of Miss E. Brooks of Henrietta avenue and Dr. Glen R. Brooks of Rochester.

The bride-elect attended Ogontz Junior College, Bydala, Pa., and graduated from Denison University where she was a member of Alpha Phi. She also attended Katharine Gibbs in Chicago.

THE PROSPECTIVE groom attended Albion College where he was affiliated with Delta Tau Delta after graduating from Castle Heights Military Academy, Nashville, Tenn. He graduated from the University of Michigan, and is currently in his junior year in the U. of M. dental school, where he is a member of Delta Sigma Delta.

The wedding is planned for August 29 in Grand Haven.



MARYLIN JACOBSON

Immediate Family Hear Friday Vows

Only members of the immediate families were present in the Towns Community Church as seven o'clock Friday evening, May 7, when Trudy Elise Kurth became the bride of Bruce Albert Foster.

The Rev. John Koze performed the doubling ceremony. The bride, daughter of Erich G. Kurth of Ward street and the Rev. Mrs. Kurth, wore a light blue linen suit highlighted by a white orchid. Helen Hofbauer was her only attendant.

THE GROOM is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Paice of East California drive, Lathrup Village. Jerome La Ray was the best man. After a very brief honeymoon, the couple returned to make their home in Lathrup Village.

Committee To Assist 'M' Alumnae Hostess

Mrs. Walter Powers and her committee, Mrs. Charles Davidson, Mrs. Robert Porter, and Mrs. Arthur McDonald will assist Mrs. James Bain of Willow Lane when she entertains members of the University of Michigan Alumnae Association at two o'clock this afternoon, May 7.

Guests of honor will be speaker Mrs. Stuart Batts, only woman regent of the University of Michigan. Mrs. Batts' toast will be "The University Looks Ahead."

Pianists in Recital at Highland Park Library

Nine Birmingham piano students were among the pupils of Ruth Bayer who accepted the stage in the auditorium of the McGilgator library Monday evening, May 4, to present a Spring Matinee.

Performing were: Billy Bessie, Virginia Palaban, Pamela Pierce, Barbara Morris, Inge Koschitzky, Katherine Patton, Katherine Mahley, Cathy Bemis and Carolyn Blacklock.

Social Briefs

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Filkins of Chestnut street recently returned from two weeks in St. Petersburg, Fla.

Have You Met...

The new residents of 1244 Kuffner avenue? Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Palmer and their two year old daughter, Dale, moved from Toronto, Ont., in February. Palmer is a found maker for Moultrie Engineering. He enjoys fishing in his spare time.

Smith Alumnae Meet In Bloomfield Village For Dessert Gathering

Catering "shorts" have been delegated to the young Smith Alumnae headed by Mrs. Richard Van Dusen at the May 5 dessert meeting of the Smith College Club.

Mrs. Howard H. Robinson of Waddington road will host the group. A large number of recent graduates as well as alumnae who have lately moved to the Detroit area are expected to be air hand.

New officers will be elected, and plans for next year's activities and projects will be discussed.

Will go to Ann Arbor For U. of M. Institute

ANN ARBOR—Mrs. William O. Merrill of Will-D-Way, Bloomfield Hills, will participate in the Adult Education Institute at the University of Michigan May 13-14.

Mrs. Merrill, former president of the Michigan State Federation of Women's Clubs, will preside at the general assembly at 1:45 pm. Wednesday, in the Rackham Lecture Hall.



FRANCES ELAINE BENDLER

Bridal Plans Revealed At May 2 Party

Pink and white shaps and carnations keyed the decorations for the May 2 party at which Mrs. Arthur P. Bendler of Westchester Way announced the engagement of her daughter, Frances Elaine, to Marcus Sailer Johnson.

The bride-set is the daughter of Mrs. Bendler and the late Arthur P. Bendler. Her fiancé is the son of Mrs. Percy S. Johnson of Pleasant Ridge and the late Mr. Johnson.

MISS BENDLER is a graduate of the University of Michigan where her sorority was Alpha Xi Delta. Her fiancé received his degree from Albion College where he was affiliated with Delta Tau Delta.

An August wedding is planned.

Local Pi Phis Go To Rochester For Tuesday's Change of Slate

The installation of officers will be the main order of business Tuesday, May 12, for members of the Bloomfield Hills alumnae club of Pi Beta Phi. Hosted by the 12:45 luncheon will be Mrs. W. L. Shafer, sister of Peach Tree Lane, Rochester, who will be assisted by chairman Mrs. A. E. Little, Mrs. V. B. Watkins and Mrs. T. F. Sharp.

Heading the list of incoming officers is president Mrs. G. T. Christensen. Mrs. William Douglas will be installed as vice-president; house were Mrs. Robert Watt, Miss Clare Gordon, Mrs. Stanley Kelley, Mrs. Andrew H. Madson, treasurer; Mrs. W. S. McNary, recording secretary; and Mrs. John C. Lindley, corresponding secretary.

REPORTS WILL be made by members of the local alumnae chapter who made the trip to East Lansing for the April 25 state day. Pi Phi from all over the state were on hand to mark the 60th year of the sorority's founding.

Among those joining the activities and alumnae at the chapter house were Mrs. Robert Watt, Miss Clare Gordon, Mrs. Stanley Kelley, Mrs. Andrew H. Madson, treasurer; Mrs. W. S. McNary, recording secretary; and Mrs. John C. Lindley, corresponding secretary.

Women's Club Juniors Slate Tuesday Meeting

The Junior department of the Birmingham Women's Club will hold a business meeting at eight o'clock Tuesday evening, May 12, at the home of Betty Bricker, 673 Ridgedale avenue.

At the group's April meeting they were entertained by member Carolyn Voolster Hall who discussed textiles, designs, and ceramics, as well as showing several children's books which she had written and designed.

Gifts and Cards for Mother

Sunday, May 10

On this day, your gift presented as a silent ambassador of your love and remembrance, will let your best friend on earth know that she is uppermost in your heart.

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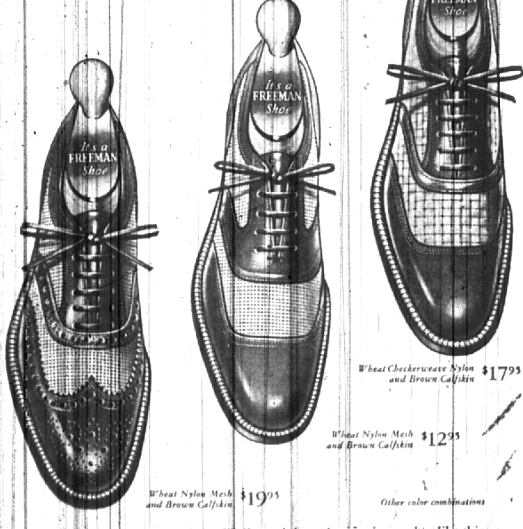
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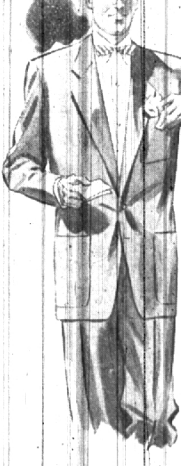
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