

**WITH THE Collegians**

ment is Peter Ritchie Thomas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph T. Thomas, 1866 Lahser road. Student councilmen are elected to represent the various dormitories and activities of the academy, according to the student weekly, The Mercersburg News.

**Enrolled at Sterling**

Among the 230 students enrolled in Sterling college, Sterling, Kan. this semester is Joan Grace Allison, 212 Catalpa drive.

**PEOPLE'S COLUMN**

**Protests Naming School In 'Ghost Hunt' Story**

To the Editor: My attention has been called to an article appearing in The Birmingham Eccentric on Oct. 22, 1953, entitled "Hills Police Act to Stop 'Ghost Hunts'" in which you state that the raiding parties "are almost invariably made up of youngsters from one school". In the next sentence reference is made to Ferndale, etc.

Probably the intent is to show that outsiders are entirely to blame for this most objectionable type of vandalism. Police records might be reliable unless local boys and girls are let off without a record being kept of their participation.

My chief objection is that any reference is made to a school when it should be made to the proper source of such conduct—the home. We are just as much interested in curbing vandalism as you are and will continue to do our best along the line of educating boys and girls to proper respect of property. I do not think the approach is to point your finger at someone else.

JOHN J. HOUGHTON, Principal of Lincoln High School, Ferndale.

(Editor's Note: No effort was made in the above mentioned article to affix the blame for "ghost hunting" and its resultant vandalism. Only the facts of the case were reported as they were disclosed by Bloomfield Chief of Police I. C. Banks and from the office of the Oakland county prosecutor.

As Chief Banks stated, "The raiding parties are almost invariably made up of youngsters from one school". This statement was not intended to infer that schools or school systems were at

fault in the matter. Nor was it intended to infer that the offending groups came from any one particular school.

The fact is that when a group was apprehended, almost invariably the participants had a common identity in that they all attended the same school. As Chief Banks reported, the most frequently offending groups were found to be students from Lincoln high school in Ferndale and Royal Oak high school in Royal Oak.

Further, no formal police records have been kept of the offenders as yet. But George Taylor, chief assistant prosecutor of Oakland county, gives assurance that in the future such records will be kept.)

**Claims Townships Not Providing Needed Services**

To the Editor:

Your editorial (Oct. 15, 1953 issue) about township unit changes is interesting to people in unincorporated areas. You quote Jefferson who said government should be as close to the homes of people as possible. Government is only close to the people when they take an active interest in it. Jefferson also said the best government is the least government.

It is the violation of the latter principle which is causing so many problems in suburban areas. Township units of government are not providing needed services even

when staffed with willing and honest officials.

The upkeep of our roads is divided between township and county, the latter having the larger responsibility. But when our residential street needed chloride dust treatment, this is what happened.

A VOLUNTEER neighbor measured the properties and collected the money. Vacant lots and varying opinions as to how the cost should be divided did not simplify the undertaking. Cash in advance was required.

The township accepted the money, cautioning the volunteer to call the county road commission at regular intervals during the summer to have it applied. She did. She also rode the road scraper on their first trip so the operator would know which streets wanted service and which residences to skip. The latter preferred oil! Experiences like this make one critical of the operation of units of government with responsibilities so divided that neither is able to furnish services needed.

THIS IS ONLY one of many absurd situations. At present W. Bloomfield is unable to care for garbage collection or end abuses of pollution of nearby lakes by improper sewage disposal.

The township still has the power to zone lots of a minimum 60 ft. width contrary to the recommendation of the county zoning commission. They say such a lot should not have a well and septic disposal.

Neither the township nor a magician can supply the water that will be needed for all these lots. Water from an outside source, possibly Lake Huron, will be needed before long.

It's time for small units to get together and start thinking about this before the emergency is upon us. (Mrs. Leo) HELEN GIDDINGS 2082 Lakeshire Walnut Lake

**Soroptimist Club Hostess at Party During Conference**

The semi-annual conference for the Soroptimists and Venturists of the Midwestern region was held last weekend in the Cleveland hotel.

Presidents from 29 clubs attended the presidents' forum dinner and 45 clubs were represented during sessions. Guest of honor at the banquet was Mrs. Fluna Batten, first vice president of the American Federation of Soroptimists clubs, whose address was "Service the Business of Soroptimism."

Two \$1500 scholarships, regional awards, are now available to further studies in political science and medical research, and recommendations from six colleges in the Midwestern Region will be accepted in their selection of the eligible woman. Last year's award of \$2000 was given to Mrs. Bertha Baker to further studies in political sciences at the University of Michigan.

Birmingham club was hostess at a social hour following the banquet where they entertained 100 guests.

**Home from Eastern Trip** Recently returned from a trip to New London, Conn., Mr. and Mrs. Ray A. Palmer of East Maple were guests of their son-in-law and daughter, Commander and Mrs. V. E. Schumacher. En route home the Palmers also visited his brother, Col. Irving J. Palmer, at Plainfield, N. J.

**Party Precedes Dance** Hosts at a cocktail party at their Glengary rd. home Saturday will be Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Christon. Following this they will take their guests to Oakland Hills country club for the annual Halloween party and dance.

**Saunders Are Hosts**

The Stanley R. Saunders, 204 South Glengary, are entertaining 18 out of town guests at a dinner party on Friday. After dinner entertainment will consist of the Village Players' production "Mister Roberts." Last week the Saunders entertained 16 guests in the same way.

**First Fall Class Held**

An enrollment of 50 was reported for the first fall meeting of the Ruth Shain International Relations class held Oct. 27 at the Community House. Mrs. Shain, recently returned from New York City gave her report on the Herald Tribune Forum held there, stating that further details would be given at the Nov. 3 meeting.



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