

# Part-Time Help Can Be Located if You Look in Right Place

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The Russell Wrights (of pottery fame) have written a whole book on how to make life easier for the homemaker. One fact they emphasize is—we are not going to have the full-time help our mothers and grandmothers had. Their Tillies and Emmas worked hard and long for small wages, tending babies and ironing mountains of clothes—and no nonsense about social security either. But high taxes and high wages have changed the social order. And besides, Tillie's daughter has a college education!

So we may as well face it. We're going to do most of the work ourselves, with the assistance of machines, the family and what part-time help we can find.

And such help can be found—quite a lot of it.

Cleaning women are not too hard to come by and there are more baby-sitters around than you'd think. Just run an ad, and at least a dozen will respond. If you find one who'll take the Small One into her own home it saves you work. (Have you ever spent two hours during a busy morning doing extra cleaning just because a sitter was coming?) Or you may find a sitter who'll come in and iron, for extra compensation.

One housewife found that she could get painting, repairing and other heavy work done by men who worked at other jobs in season. A man who washed walls for her is a plasterer's helper in warmer weather. A city fireman would do odd jobs on his days off. And a man is better help than a woman for heavy housecleaning.

High schools and colleges have employment bureaus listing the names of students who will work part time. Then there is the part-time maid—a housewife herself who needs extra money, yet has her own family to look after. She can come in four or five hours a day, doing the cleaning, laundry (especially if equipment is automatic) and a great deal of the cooking. She is especially helpful to the working wife.

There are professional services too, to help Mrs. Homemaker—the window and house-cleaning companies, practical nurses for new babies or home illnesses, and catering services to help with entertaining.

The Wrights say too that the maidless housewife must cultivate a new outlook if she wants to enjoy life. She must eliminate dust-catchers from furnishings, and adopt a more casual attitude toward housekeeping—even to sweeping the dirt under the rug on some occasions.

### Edits Military Academy Newspaper

Robert G. Kircheis, son of George A. Kircheis, 704 Franklin, has been named associate editor of The Cavalier, student newspaper of Castle Heights Military academy. Kircheis has taken over direc-

tion of a student newspaper which has won highest honors in national and state contests for several years. Cadet Kircheis is a member of the rifle team, the National Honor society, glee club, Red Key Honor society, and the golf team.

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Private Gregory H. Frederick, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Gregory H. Frederick, Sr., 784 Vinewood, completed basic training recently at the Medical Replacement Training Center here. At MRTC, the Army's basic training school for medical enlisted men, he has received eight weeks of basic infantry training and eight weeks of medical training.

### 36 Burglaries Cleared Up by Seven Arrests

Thirty-six burglaries across Oakland and Macon Counties were solved last week when the Oakland county sheriff's department wound up a two-week series of arrests that saw seven Pontiac youths jailed.

Detectives said the youths have confessed to having participated in at least part of the gang's operations that extended as far west as Haggerty road to as far east as points in western Macon county.

Detectives said members of the gang had confessed to burglaries that took place Sept. 9 at Moll's drug coverings store at 1666 Telegraph and Al Hill's Taxidermy Shop, S. Woodward, and the Sept. 10 breaking and entering at Devon Gables, Long Lake and Telegraph. The youths have waived examination in justice court and have been bound over to circuit court on charges of grand larceny.

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## Birmingham Background

Local History in Story and Picture

### Blew Their Chance To Open Bank Vault

Birmingham's first and only attempted bank robbery occurred in May, 1902 at a little remembered bank called the "Bank of Birmingham."

The bank, located on the northwest corner of Maple and Woodward avenues, in the then New Ford block, was a competitor of the Exchange Bank founded by Almon Whitehead and George H. Mitchell of Birmingham.

D. H. Power of Pontiac was president of the Bank of Birmingham and H. S. Lewis, also of Pontiac, served as cashier.

On that particular May morning, Lewis came to work as usual, unlocked the street door of the Bank of Birmingham as usual and walked inside his office, also as usual.

What was not usual was some mud on the floor which Lewis wondered about and quite a little evidence of tobacco spitting on the floor.

THE NEXT instant he was startled to see a hole in the bank-vault door which swung open to his loath without the preliminary evolutions of the combination lock.

When the door opened, out poured a volume of black smoke and through the smoke H. S. Lewis saw the burglar proof safe, all blackened and tipped up against the back wall of the vault with one leg blown off and plenty evidence of the burglars' work.

A sledge hammer, oil can and a crowbar with a brace of other tools lay around the floor, but the iron safe still was closed tight.

Lewis got a hustle on himself and notified the bank officials at Pontiac, the police—and investigations continued at once.

A CURIOUS and fearful lot of people awaited with bated breath the opening of the safe. They waited for almost two weeks.

Local officials could not open the jammed strong box, so experts from Detroit were brought out at the request of the bank managers for the express purpose of opening

s'clock in the evening and doughnuts at Featherston's bakery. (Stores kept open considerably longer in those days.)

It was said that one of the men, dressed in woman's clothing, was around town all one day prospecting.

Without doubt, the robbers began operations before midnight. Several townspeople on returning from some social gathering, heard a shrill whistle which seemed to come from the corner, and Frank E. Brooks, who came home from Detroit on the midnight train with N. S. Shaw, saw a man step out from the doorway of the bank and walk westward.

THE COLLECTION of tools used by the bank robbers had been taken from the hardware store at the railroad and from Walter Nichols' woodworking shop on East Maple.

Nitroglycerine which the robbers had brought with them in a whiskey bottle and a Swamp Root bottle, was exploded around and in the safe twice without attracting attention.

Being foiled in their attempts to open the safe, the robbers left on the approach of dawn.

Stealing a hand car from the section house, they made for Detroit a little after four o'clock in the morning. They were heard passing the house of dentist D. M. Johnson at so fast a rate that Mrs. Johnson remarks how fast those men were pushing that car.

THE DITCHED car near Royal Oak and secured a ride to Detroit with a man who was going into the city with a load of produce.

Suspects of the bank break-in were rounded up by Deputy Sheriff Richmond of Pontiac, and three men were arrested on suspicion of the attempt to burglarize the Bank of Birmingham.

In the examination before Justice Snowden at Pontiac, they were all discharged. They presented alibis so strong that nothing could break them.

The Bank of Birmingham continued its operations in a peaceful and uneventful manner until July 1904 when it ceased doing business in Birmingham, and was re-located at Cassovia in Kent county, Michigan.

Two OTHER MEN believed to have been connected with the attempted robbery had bought Bologna sausage at Philip Schlaack's meat market as late as 10

past nine months, a special 66-member advisory committee, chaired by ex-commissioner John S. O'Gorman, Jr., has been assigned the task of finding out and proposing to the commission exactly what type of fire station residents want.

At the present time, the city has no place in which to house any additional firefighting equipment.

However, city officials that hope that at the April, 1954 city election, voters will approve of a bond issue to build a new fire station, possibly on the west side of the city.

Electors at the April 1952 election by narrow margin turned down a \$350,000 bond issue proposal. Principal opposition came from persons who believed the city was contemplating too expensive a station.

At the present time, and for the

### Will Appear in 'Royal Family'

Mrs. Forrest Fox, 283 East Lincoln, will appear under her maiden name of Gertrude Rogerson, in the Robert F. Hampton production of Edna Ferber and George Kaufman's comedy "The Royal Family" at the Detroit Institute of Arts on October 16, 17, and 18.

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