

Why don't we human beings laugh more? The better we read, the funnier cartoon and it made me laugh loudly, heartily, heartily. Laugh and wonderful material for persons and melancholia; let's try to enjoy more good, clean laughter.

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Recreation Board to Claim Right to Operate Ice Rink

THIS and THAT

By G.R.A.
Winelee Writes The Saga Of Dux—Her Incredible Husband

Next Monday, Oct. 10, there will appear in many bookstores throughout the middle-west, and other parts of the nation, a 236-page volume titled "One More River to Cross". Its author is Winelee (Mrs. H. L.) Gentry, of Jackson, Michigan; published by Westminster Press (\$3.50) of Philadelphia, Pa.

The book tells the poignant story of the married life of Winelee and her husband, known to her and others as "Dux," (pronounced "Dukes"). Both are good friends of mine. I have been a guest in their home as well as in the fine quarters they own on a 1,600 acre ranch on Sage Lake, in Ogemaw County.

THIS TWAIN, parents of a son and two lovely daughters, have been married for 30 years; yet were they to be in their prime, they are little as an hour you would assume they were newlyweds, on their honeymoon. For they are that fortunate rarely among wedded people who have managed to continue the romantic days of their courtship...

NINE TEAMS under the direction of Granville Morse, business chairman, will launch their United Foundation campaign in Birmingham, Bloomfield, and Franklin sections somewhat in advance of the overall campaign date, Oct. 18, because of the detailed coverage necessary.

ALTHOUGH still active in directing his business, Gentry every winter finds time to spend several weeks in southern waters with his wife and guests aboard the "Winelee," a sixty-foot yacht that is now being navigated. Another combination business-pleasure talent Dux has been engaged in for over 20 years, is that of flying airplanes; he has two of them today.

SHE ACCEPTS this bit of hill-billy kidding good-naturedly, replying, "Why should I try to deny reference to my Kentucky background, anyway? Maybe I am one... at heart."

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Seek Tentative Costs on New Police Building

Which would be cheaper—revamp the Birmingham municipal building to provide more room for the police department, or move it to its own new, separate building nearby? To help get this answer, city commissioners this week authorized City Manager D. C. Egbert to obtain an architect's estimate of the comparative cost of the two plans.

UF Workers Make Ready For Drive

Community business leaders took the wraps off their well-organized plans for the annual Torch Drive in area business and industry at the group's kickoff sponsored dinner Wednesday night at Devon Gables.

High praise for the enthusiastic support being given the 1956 Torch Drive by Birmingham businessmen was voiced by Mrs. Joseph C. Dodge, Birmingham residential chairman.

THE marvelous job of organizing being done by the captains and readiness to serve shown by workers, has been an encouraging sign, as was pointing to the eventual success of the drive, Mrs. Dodge said.

AN AUTO driven by Maurice E. Allen, 41, of Rochester, nudged the boy in passing after Everett saw the car and turned back. The boy was pulled to the roadside and was treated at St. Joseph Mercy hospital for a scraped hand and leg bruises, according to Police Chief David Grattopp.

ALPHENS, long active in United Foundation work in the metropolitan Detroit area and its General Chairman in 1954, told the business captains and town members they could be confident of their drive program, since it is based on a formula that permits business and industry to contribute more effectively to local needs while saving time and money.

NOT FOR HUNTING

Despite opening of duck season last Saturday and pheasant hunting's start on Oct. 20, there's still no hunting allowed at Hades's pond, though several mallard ducks swim with the sparkling white pekin ducks.



DR. ALEXANDER G. RUTHVEN, president emeritus of the University of Michigan, Friday night dedicated Michigan's first public planetarium at the Cranbrook Institute of Science. The \$55,000 planetarium was named for Robert R. McMath, solar astronomer and Institute of Science trustee since its founding in 1930. Ruthven is also a Cranbrook trustee.

Dedicate Robert R. McMath Planetarium at Cranbrook

CRANBROOK—Probably the oddest thing that ever happened to me occurred Friday when I saw the stars move, in just a few seconds, from their normal overhead position and arrange themselves as they will be this Christmas.

ALL THIS occurred when Cranbrook's first, publicly subscribed building, and Michigan's first public planetarium was dedicated. On hand were the Institution's trustees to hear Dr. Alexander G. Ruthven, U. of M. president emeritus, dedicate the planetarium to the honor of Robert R. McMath, solar astronomer who has served the Institute of Science as trustee since its founding in 1930.

McMATH, moved by the occasion, responded to the dedication with "God bless you all."

ARMAND Spitz, director of Spitz Laboratories Inc. of Elkhart, Md., operated the machine which bears his name. The instrument was donated by the Edison Company. Dr. Robert Hart, Director of Cranbrook, assisted Spitz in the demonstration which was viewed by about 300 persons.

SPITZ'S machine projects the solar bodies on the planetarium's dome. A twist of the controls sends the stellar bodies whirling into the middle of next year or back to the position they held in the heavens of forgotten yesterday.

It is hoped that the planetarium's interior will be completed sometime in November, when public demonstrations will be given daily to groups and clubs and reservations for school groups can be made for Mondays through Fridays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Each demonstration will last one hour.

Breaks Rib Again

Out of the hospital after having two broken ribs, Basil J. Quinn, 2315 Valleyview, Southfield, suffered a fractured rib when his car struck another at Stadium and Monroe streets, Southfield, Tuesday morning.

BELEIVED TO BE

BELEIVED TO BE fed by seven springs, the pond was originally just an excavation, where peat was taken to fertilize crops of ten years, on Jan. 1.

BEGGS RAISED 28 DUCKS

year, sold 24, and then put the mallard eggs with the pekin eggs. When they hatched, "some pekins they did their own young," Beggs said.

BEGGS AND his wife moved

three years ago to the modern home on Hylane drive, a short dead-end lane, having had the resident manager at WXYZ, where they also raised dogs and birds. Beggs sold his metal shop in Detroit, which he had operated for ten years, on Jan. 1.

Seek Clarification At Special Meeting

A misunderstanding on exactly who will operate the new Eton ice skating rink will be ironed-out at a special committee meeting Oct. 12.

Mayor Charles Renfrew set the date when recreation board member W. Galt Allee asked for the conference.

Everybody Assumed Too Much

Birmingham's artificial ice skating rink on Eton park will be a skating facility complete with hotdogs, cold drinks, and fireplaces.

THIS WARNING room has been enlarged into a brick-faced building which now will include a food-storage, office, and equipment room. The ice-making machinery, room and public restrooms, which will be at the ends of the building.

THE RECREATION board has been authorized to open a full-time recreation director, who will be in the process of determining what his qualifications are. The city officials doubt, however, that a qualified candidate could be interviewed and employed in time to supervise the rink operation.

ABOUT \$2,000 damage resulted from a Tuesday evening fire in a bedroom of the Clifford McClush home, 1475 E. 12th St., Southfield.

STRICTLY FRESH

Chief constable of Surrey, England, says the British television TV programs for hunting shows, rob homes while Britons gather around their sets. Fellow hunters are urged to be as robust when he bought his set.

NEVERTHELESS, THE FIRST

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NO HUNTING

NO HUNTING. No Trespassing. SIGNS FOR SALE AT THE ECCENTRIC OFFICE.

WHAT'S MADE

WHAT'S MADE? "as a horse? The man in Springfield, Ill., who tried to burn out a horse's nest, got stung in the nose of \$1000 in fire damage to his house.

LADY IN CHARGE

LADY IN CHARGE. A fly, found a shiny, new dime in a pile of bread. THAT'S the kind of jerking whole what we've been looking for all our lives.

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