

It's human beings have a perfect right to become cultured. . . for unless one has a certain amount of culture, cannot be civilized. But more does not require one to shoot his virtues; culture, like virtue, rewards itself.

## Returns to Find Prize

The James Siddalls, of East Beverly, who shared the hurry of securing oversized glass for Mrs. Siddall's entry in the Michigan State fair art exhibit and another show before they departed for a Maine vacation, shared in surprised pleasure of hearing that Mrs. Siddall had won a prize.

When they returned, loaded with odd objects as the roughly blown glass bottle Dorothy Siddall shows in the photograph, they found her award—third place in the watercolor division.

"We've decided you have exactly the same chance as anyone else when you enter these shows," says Mrs. Siddall. "Some have fees, but never very high, and others, like the Michigan Artists don't cost at all. And when the show is in the Detroit area, you can take your painting there, saving the freight costs."

TALKING OF art shows because both have entries in Michigan State fair and Kirk of the Hills shows the couple praised Michigan painters.

"We didn't see any shows on our trip that had any better art than we see in Detroit shows," said Siddall as he told of their trip. Siddall took many photographs of scenes that they sketched and did in watercolor, for future reference.

HE ALSO DOES jewelry, such as earrings and cufflinks in colorful enamels for his wife. He teaches art full time at Mumfords High school in Detroit, and evening classes in jewelry. His wife, who has been a teacher when they were first married, had been teaching again, but just eight courses in oil painting at Mumfords.

The couple have decorated the home at 3115 Sheridan in modern, soft toned color, with all-over printed draperies that repeat the designs of their watercolor paintings by Mrs. Siddall. A white frame on one painting shows off the stark feeling of stick-like people. All the frames are in subdued tones.

MUCH OF MRS. Siddall's painting is done just off the living room, where the three children have long since learned "hands off" rules about paints and brushes. The youngest began kindergarten last week.

## Recreation Articles Praised by Board

The Birmingham Eccentric has been commended by the city's recreation board for its select series of articles on the municipal recreation program, written this summer by Ruth Sillar.

"Everyone felt the information presented was excellent, timely, accurate, and well-written," Frank Whitney, recreational director said. "There is little doubt The Eccentric has performed a splendid service in enlightening our citizens concerning a matter of vital importance to their future."

## Buses To Increase Seating Capacity

More seats for more passengers will be made available to suburban commuters on September 18 when the first units of 12 brand new 52-passenger air-suspension-ride buses will be placed into regular service by Great Lakes Greyhound Lines.

Costing \$22,000 each, the new General Motors-built diesel-powered coaches will go into operation on Greyhound's suburban schedules operating between Birmingham and Detroit and servicing Pontiac, Bloomfield Hills, Royal Oak, Berkley, Clawson, Ferndale, Pleasant Ridge and Huntington Woods.

## Chickens Moved, Complaint Dropped

Two women neighbors have come to agreeable terms over where seven chickens should be kept in the back yard of one of them. Therefore Birmingham Justice John J. Caffill has dismissed the complaint of Mrs. David Waldron, 1011 Chapin, that Mrs. Lee Warner's chickens constituted a nuisance. The chickens were moved further away from the fence separating the two backyards.

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She belongs to Women Painters and Sculptors, in Detroit, and has shown in the Detroit Ecclesiastical Guild show at Hudson.

HER ENTRY in this year's Fair exhibit is based on machinery and other items assembled in the Saline Mill, where they had gone to see a friend, Barbara Hamed, in summer play productions. "I didn't name it Saline, though," she explains, "because so many people are apt to say, 'Oh, that doesn't look like that.'"

"A little abstract in heavy watercolor," is what she describes the painting, which she says is "recognizably the machinery and junk that recalls the old milling days."



FRAME-MAKING equipment, held by James S. Siddall, enables the young art-teaching couple to frame oils and watercolors in woods of their choice.

## Jack W. Minor Gets New Post At Dodge Div.

Promotion of Jack W. Minor, 1536 Dorchester, director of advertising and merchandising for Dodge division, Chrysler Corp., last week was promoted to the newly-created post of sales manager in charge of advertising, merchandising and related sales activities.

His new duties will concern all phases of these activities for both Dodge passenger cars and Dodge trucks. Minor's responsibilities also will be broadened to include dealer relations, customer and public relations, as well as working directly with the Dodge Dealers' Advisory Council, coordinating factory and dealer cooperation and activities.

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FALL MEANS teatime comes more frequently for mothers, with children in schools or nursery schools and with clubs meeting again. With her twins, Joan and John, aged 11, among the 12 pre-school tots starting this week at Mrs. Xlax Meyrick's school on North Adams, Mrs. Frank Roby of Dunstan road, Bloomfield Hills, waits at right while Mrs. Meyrick fills her teacup.

## Imagine Beavers Big as Bears !!

ANN ARBOR—The Giant Beaver, which lived in Michigan ten thousand years ago at the end of the Ice Age, was as large as the modern black bear, according to University of Michigan geologist Russell C. Hussey.

"How the prehistoric forest must have reverberated when he slapped his tail! Plainly the beaver that toils in Michigan today would have been no match for that giant creature."

"The house of one of these oversized beavers measured nine feet across."

"The Giant Beaver was just one of an amazing assemblage of animals, completely unknown to our state today, which came to live here with the return of the forests and grass lands after the ice retreated," he states.

"SKELETONS of the Woolly Mammoth have been found in Michigan and the condition of the bones indicates that they are only a few thousand years old. This elephant came to North America by way of a land bridge that connected Siberia and Alaska. He was well equipped to withstand low temperatures since he was protected by a heavy growth of woolly hair next to the skin and several inches of fat just beneath his shaggy hide," Prof. Hussey says.

An unusually well preserved skeleton, found near the town of Oshtemo, has been mounted in a standing position in the U-M Museum and is one of the University's finest and most spectacular exhibits.

THE PROFESSOR calls attention to the fact that many of the Mastodon bones from the swamps of Michigan are so recent and fresh that they still contain some of the original organic material, and seven pieces of cartilage are found fastened to certain parts of the skeleton.

"Such discoveries mean that mastodons survived in our state until comparatively recent times. They have been found in a number and they must have been common of places throughout the state, from the forests of Michigan, but nobody has been able to explain why the elephants and mastodons survived the worst conditions of only a few feet" he states.

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ditions of the Ice Age and then, when living conditions were apparently getting better, disappeared completely from North America. Describing still another animal now vanished from the scene, Prof. Hussey remarks that the musk ox lives today in Greenland and the northernmost parts of Canada. "When the great glacier occupied most of the Canadian region these animals were forced to retreat southward before the slowly advancing ice front and then when the climate grew warmer, they migrated northward, since their natural habitat was in the cooler parts of the continent and there is a well preserved skull of one of these animals in the University Museum. "Some of these long-vanished animals may have been seen by the advance guard of Indians who lived in this region. But they are all gone today and the cause of their disappearance is a profound mystery," he concludes.

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