



WHEN DR. N. WEIR Burkman returned to his dental office a few days after the recent opening of the Michigan deer season, he found this enormous buffalo's head occupying the chair in his private office. No mean nimrod himself—but never a buffalo hunter—Burkman thinks he knows who placed this animal in his desk chair. While he has not publicly threatened to expose the malefactors (both male and female) he does intend to keep them in suspense. He admitted that he will not do anything until after Christmas when, he expects, the spirit of Christmas probably will cause him to pardon the culprits. (Incidentally, he did get his own buck while hunting this season.)



CHARLIE, THE PARAKEET, likes to perch on the shoulder of his writer-owner, Will H. Connelly, of 1062 Stratford Lane, Bloomfield Hills. The bird often perches on the typewriter roller and pecks at the bell while Connelly is writing film stories.

Slosson To Speak On Foreign Policy

A discussion of United States foreign policy as applied to the present international crises in Egypt and Hungary will be the subject of Dr. Preston Slosson, professor of history at the University of Michigan, when he speaks here next Tuesday.

Man Hides in Car, Then Runs Away

In an incident similar to one which occurred in the city parking lot at Merrill and Pierce two weeks before, a local woman discovered a man hiding in the back seat of her car as she entered it Sunday night.

Thefts from Store

Two larcenies on two succeeding days were reported this week by Himehloch Brothers, 188 W. Maple. A brown squirrel cape valued at \$125 was stolen Friday, and a \$145 alligator purse was taken Saturday, the store told Birmingham police.

Film Writer's Story Might Make Good Movie

By JULIE CANDLER
 The phrase "By Will H. Connelly" will be flashed on TV or movie screens before millions of people in 1957.

The credit line of this Bloomfield Hills free lance motion picture writer will be followed by celluloid footage covering such diversified subjects as skin diving, ranch wagon camping, and civil defense.

From his study looking out on Woodward avenue at 1062 Stratford Lane, the distinguished looking, 62-year-old, prolific writer produces one of the heaviest individual film story turn-outs in America.

YOU COULD WRITE an interesting film story about the career of Will H. Connelly.

Scene 1, reel 1 would begin with Connelly as a young newspaper reporter with the Miami Herald, then later with the New York American.

The film cuts next to a picture of Connelly as a slide film writer. The next scene would find him at the Jam Handy organization in Detroit, where from 1950 to 1953 he wrote motion pictures.

"WRITING FILMS for Jam Handy is sort of the 'union card' for free lance film writers," says Connelly.

Actual free lancing began for Connelly in 1953.

"You starve the first couple of years," he said. Even though I had customers and work to do, sometimes I had to get along for four or five months before receiving payment for my work.

The make-believe film's happy ending comes in 1956. After 30 years as a writer, Connelly now has an imposing list of customers which includes the entire automotive industry, and even Uncle Sam.

TYPICAL OF HIS work is a film on Michigan state police criminal investigation, to be released early next year. Titled "State Trooper," the police film reveals recruits' training in the state crime laboratory, and how a crime blockade is established with the troopers' all-state communications network.

The film is being produced as a public service presentation of the Ford Motor Company. Some of the most important sequences, Connelly says, were filmed in Oakland County.

SOON THE CONNELLY scene will shift from the Connelly study at home in the new Jaikins building, to be occupied by a staff of workers who assist him in the painstaking research and other work necessary for his film scripts.

But for the final scene, the camera lenses would switch back to the Connellys' terrace apartment where he will continue to do his writing.

Here, on a typical day, young-looking Charlotte Ramsey Connelly might be viewed preparing a meal for her husband and their handsome 6'5" son, Brian, 21. Another son, 19-year-old Dennis, might be home on a visit from the Michigan State college campus. (The boys' 26-year-old brother is a sales manager for a Los Angeles firm.)

UPSTAIRS with his parakeet perched on his shoulder, their father appears in a last close-up shot. He is at his typewriter, writing future scenes for TV and film viewers.

Last Days

We don't take time to look at the sky
 And see the beauty there.
 We are always busy with many things
 And have no time to spare.

We don't take time to count our joys,
 Though we know they are manifold,
 And false ambitions rule our days
 In actions we behold.

We don't take time for the friendly word
 That someone is waiting to hear
 And that friendly thought is never heard
 By that someone we hold dear.

COHA D. HOLMES,
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Finland last summer under the program, spoke of her experiences abroad, illustrating her talk with movies of her trip.

DON THALACKER, who was sent by AFS to Germany last summer, showed a scrapbook of photographs and souvenirs of his trip.

Last to speak were Helene Heldenstein from Luxembourg, and Tom da Fonseca from Portugal, foreign exchange students in Birmingham this year.

Concluding the program, interested parents were asked to fill out applications either to send a high school son or daughter abroad through AFS next summer, or to offer a home to an AFS foreign exchange student next year.

Sue Tabor, exchange student to

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