Most of us readily admit, if honest, that we fall far short of the dreams and visions we had at a more youthful period in our lives. Though accounted successful by others, (who only see our manifest activities) each of us knows how we have wasted valuable time, fallen to laziness, or indifference, lost our sense of dedication.

The Birmingham Eccentric

SECTION D

Thursday, February 28, 1957

De Soto's Chief Engineer Started as Company Student

A. Elliot Kimberly, chief engineer of De Soto, who has been associated with the Chrysler Corporation since 1935, is the person most responsible for the creation and development of the company's cars, and the engineering and design of the prized Adventurer high horsepower special model.

"Kim", a nickname since student days at the Ohio State University, was named chief engineer of De Soto in January, 1953—just 18 years after starting with Chrysler as a student engineer. He lives at 711 Abbey, Birmingham.

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HIS NICK-NAME actually is more fitting than his rather forbidding formal name because "Kim" belies the popular conception of the reserved, studious engineer of serious mien. He is a handsome, reddish-blond Nordic type, whimsically witty, sparkling, affable, and easily met.

However, he is, appropriately, staid and all business when it's time for business. He is, therefore, widely recognized and respected by competitors as well as hosts of friends in the automotive field and in engineering circles in general.

Typically, "Kim" keeps two offbeat pets, hound dogs, Bowser and Thumper. He likes them, he says, because "they are silly looking." Their neighborhood antics have required his building a five-foot fence on his one-acre wooded homesite.

BUT EVEN that sometimes is inadequate, Kim says, when the hounds "doggedly" scale it or burrow under. Naturally, he loves them for their non-conformity.

A. E. KIMBERLY

A home tape recording and high-fidelity sound reproduction fan, "Kim" strongly favors "Dixieland" music and is enthralled with "big band" sounds. Here his engineer's training often comes into play as he seeks perfection in his own performances on radio and or TV or in other speech-making.

He has his home recording device tuned into such events when possible so he can later replay his speeches, etc., and study them to improve his technique.

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LIKE MOST persons with a flair or taste for music, "Kim" says he hates to go to bed at night and, similarly hates to get up early in the morning. He is a man of ticks and opinions. A personally listed rundown of his pet peeves and preferences are:

Likes—Personable people, dancing, good jazz music, rare beef and steaks, lobsters, comfortable lounge chairs, to win, automobile racing, short wave radio monitoring, high performance aircraft, precision equipment such as high fidelity sound systems, cameras, binoculars, power tools, time-pieces, etc., San Francisco, fishing, travel, tinkering with machinery, weekends, vacations, composing prose and play-writing.

Dislikes—Well-done beef, disorder, poor drivers, overhead interior light, waiting in line, uncomfortable chairs, gardening, warm drinking water, interruptions, incompetence, people who talk too much, overheated offices or rooms, being "shoved around" and poor sound equipment.

From 1937 to 1939 "Kim" worked at Chrysler Central Engineering as an engineer in the transmission laboratory and later was appointed head of the lab. In this capacity he was project engineer on the development of the automatic tracking radar, first used in the Battle of Britain, and which later saw vital service throughout the remainder of World War II.

From 1942 to 1952 "Kim" was head of the mechanical laboratories of Chrysler's Central Engineering. During World War II he also headed development work on the Chrysler-built medium tanks, aircraft engines, guns, and other equipment used by the services.

In the post-war era he worked on development of Chrysler's automatic transmissions. As head of its mechanical laboratories, he also played an important role in the development of the many new engineering and mechanical features now found on the corporation's automobiles.

In January, 1953, he joined De Soto as chief engineer and since then has contributed importantly to the engineering developments in the De Soto automobile.

A native "Buckeye," he was born April 20, 1913, in Columbus, O. He was graduated from Ohio State University in 1934 with a degree in mechanical engineering. He received his master of science degree from Ohio State in 1935.

"Kim" later attended the Chrysler Institute of Engineering, where he earned his master's degree in automotive engineering.

He was married on November 30, 1935, to the former Louise Ann Bayha, also of Columbus, O., and an Ohio State grad, too. Their first son, A. E. Kimberly, III, 15, attends Birmingham high school. Ironically, he is being trained by former University of Michigan swimming coach, Matt Mann, for that school's swimming team, a traditional foe of "Kim's" alma mater. Another son, Lawrence William, 11, attends the Adams School in Birmingham. Both boys are avid Michigan fans, so there's plenty of good-natured kidding around the Kimberly household each fall prior to the annual Ohio State-Michigan grid game.

"Kim" is a member of the Society of Automotive Engineers and has served on several of its important committees. He is also a Delta-Tau Delta fraternity member.

Colorful and humorous, "Kim", projects many facets rare among those of an engineering and mathematical bent. An avid fisherman and golfer, he also dabbles in silver craftsmanship. He especially enjoys "tinkering" with his own car. An auto racing enthusiast and hot-rod conscious car lover, he "soups up" his own cars, all De Soto's, naturally. Obviously, he personally drives a Golden Adventurer. It follows that he is intensely interested in safety and endurance, and in regulated speed trials for automobiles.

"Kim" also possesses a literary turn of mind, which is very unusual for an engineer. He taught English at night school during his early years with Chrysler and has written prose, plays, and doggerel poems, the latter for friends' birthday occasions, etc., and which usually are of a razzing nature. He has written a number of serio-comic playlets for occasions such as retirements of friends and business associates.

MARINE 2nd Lt. Edwin A. Matus, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kalman E. Matus, 240 Aspen road, made his first solo flight recently at Saufley field Naval auxiliary air station, Pensacola, Florida.

A Pow-Wow-erful Entertainment

AT A TRIBAL gathering of Birmingham YMCA Indian Guides, members of the Iroquois team (above) entertained the pow-wow with a skit. They are (sitting, from left) Rober Hilborn, Clifford Gibson, Rickey Seeburger. Standing are Dave Welch, Bob Kelly, and Jim Kelly. Songs and a display of craftwork were features of the evening, when approximately 175 gathered in the Torry school gym. The Indian Guide youths participate in the organization program with their fathers.

Enjoying the Arizona Sunshine

MR. AND MRS. Donald Mills and their children, Sue, 12, and Rand, 5, have some fun around the pool of the Villa Motor Hotel in the all-year vacation capital of Phoenix, Ariz., and the Valley of the Sun. This is their second visit to the Phoenix area and they are staying for about two weeks. The Mills live at 1301 Romney, Bloomfield township.

Refugee Clothing To Be Collected Here Wednesday

A drive to collect new and good used clothing for Hungarian refugees will be conducted by the Red Cross' Oakland county chapter next week.

Mrs. Alfred T. Barnes, general chairman, announces that next Wednesday will be "City of Birmingham Hungarian Clothing Drive Day." A collection depot will be located at the Detroit Edison office, 220 E. Merrill. Local drive is under chairmanship of Mrs. J. S. Ricardi, 1124 Birmingham boulevard, who named items especially needed. They are men's suits, jackets, sweaters and overcoats; women's suits, skirts, sweaters, blouses and coats.

Contributions will be sent for distribution to refugees at Camp Kilmer reception center, New Jersey.

Students Debate

University of Michigan students are debating national issues in seven Michigan communities Tuesday they appeared before the Birmingham Exchange club, and appear tomorrow at Bloomfield Hills high school. Among debaters are Ruth Cortright and Dorothy Ojala, both of Birmingham.

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INCOME TAX FACTS No. 4

Claim All Exemptions for Yourself and Dependents

(This is one of a series of articles on federal income tax filing. These articles are based on information provided by the American Institute of Accountants, and the Michigan Society of Certified Public Accountants in cooperation with the Internal Revenue Service.)

Many people overpay their taxes because they cheat themselves on their personal exemptions.

Here is how to count your exemptions (each one takes $600 off your taxable income).

One exemption for yourself, two if you are 65 or over, two if you are blind, three if you are both 65 and blind. The same applies to your husband or wife.

If your husband or wife died during 1956 you can still file a joint return claiming the exemptions, including those for age or blindness, to which the deceased would have been entitled at the time of death.

Who Qualifies

One exemption of $600 can be taken for each person who fits the definition of a dependent. This $600 is not doubled for age or blindness, however, as in the case of your personal exemption.

To count for an exemption, the dependent must:

(1) Have less than $600 gross income for 1956 (except that this does not apply to your child if he is under 19 or is a full-time student).

(2) Have received more than half of his support from you, unless you file a Multiple Support Agreement (see below).

(3) Not file a joint return.

(4) Be either a citizen of the U. S. or a resident of the U. S., Canada, Mexico, Canal Zone, Panama and in some cases, a serviceman's child living in the Philippines.

(5) Live with you (absence while attending school does not interfere) or be a close relative as defined in the instruction book or be a cousin receiving institutional care for a mental or physical disability who had lived with you before going to the institution.

Multiple Support Agreements

If you shared with others in the support of a dependent, but none of you provided more than half the support, you may still be able to arrange among you for one of the group to have the $600 exemption. You might agree, for example, to take turns in having the exemption from year to year.

The one who claims the exemption must have contributed more than 10 percent of the support, and he must be a member of a group who altogether provided more than half support, and that person must have been entitled to claim that dependent except for the requirement of providing more than half support.

In order for one of the group to have the exemption all other members of the group who contributed more than 10 per cent must sign declarations that they will not claim the dependent. The Internal Revenue Service provides Form 2120 (Multiple Support Agreement) for this purpose.

Children and Disabled Dependents

There is a deduction of as much as $600 for care of children under 12 while the breadwinner works. This child care deduction is available to mothers, widowers, divorced and legally separated persons, who are allowed to deduct expenses paid to someone other than a dependent for the care of a son, daughter, stepson or stepdaughter under the age limit. This regulation also applies to any dependent of any age who is mentally or physically incapacitated.

A working wife is entitled to this deduction if her husband is physically or mentally incapable of providing support. Where the husband is not disabled, the working wife may also take the child care deduction only if a joint return is filed, and the $600 limit must be reduced by the amount of the couple's gross income exceeds $4500. It should be kept in mind that you can't take this deduction if you take the standard 10 percent deduction.

The instruction book which comes with your tax form gives further information. Help is also available by telephone or at offices of the Internal Revenue Service. The Revenue Service urges you to consult a properly qualified advisor if you decide to seek outside help.

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