



'Headless Horse' Is Home

The "headless horse" is home for a while. Even without his head this fellow has managed to tour the globe, hopping from continent to continent. Usually he travels inside a crate, for actually, this headless creature is a large painting whose full title is "The Headless Horse Who Wants To Jump." After being exhibited in Japan, Europe and all over the United States, the Kunisuyo canvas is back on view at the Cranbrook Academy of Art Galleries. But it won't be around long. The painting is one of Cranbrook's most popular, and is in constant demand for special exhibitions all over the world. Its present value is estimated somewhere between \$7,000 and \$10,000.

Hills' James M. Roche Named Cadillac Manager

One Bloomfield Hills man replaced another with James M. (Jim) Roche became general manager of Cadillac Motor Car division on Jan. 1 replacing Don E. Ahrens, who retired. Roche, who moved to Dunston road, Bloomfield Hills this fall, joined Cadillac in Sept., 1927 at the factory-owned sales and service branch of Chicago. Cadillac's new general manager is an ardent fisherman when the opportunity presents itself, and he shares with President Eisenhower an enjoyment of golf which he plays with a moderate amount of skill.

HE IS A DEVOTED family man and on numerous occasions has flown all night to return home after a meeting or speaking engagement rather than stay over and travel the next day.

Roche and his wife, Louise, have three children, a daughter and two sons. Their daughter, Mrs. James Quinlan is a Birmingham resident. The Quinlan's son, Gerard, is the Roches' only grandchild.

One son, James, attends Harvard University law school, while the second son, Douglas, is a junior at Holy Cross University.

Roche's tremendous memory has placed him in good stead in remembering faces and names as well as in dealing with facts and figures.

HE COMMITS ALL speeches to memory and never has been known to speak from a manuscript or notes. Roche can call all of Cadillac's more than 1,600-dealers by name. His powers of retainment have been termed the "proverbial politicians memory."

Roche, too, has a reputation as a very hard worker, getting into the office early every morning and seldom leaving before 6 p.m., often later. His daily routine is even longer when he is on the road.

Interested and active in community functions, Roche is state chairman for the 1957 Junior Achievement fund-raising campaign, and during the recent United Foundation Torch Drive he was chairman of the major industries unit of the campaign.

HE WAS BORN DEC. 16, 1906 in Elgin, Illinois where he



JAMES M. ROCHE

graduated from high school, and then attended LaSalle University in Chicago.

Through the years of steady advancement with Cadillac, Roche has held such posts as assistant to the Chicago branch general manager; assistant business management manager of the Eastern region; assistant business management manager in Detroit with the sales staff; and in 1935 he was named manager of Cadillac's national business management department.

In 1943 he was appointed director of personnel for Cadillac division, and in March 1949 he was elevated to director of personnel and public relations, a post he held until his selection as general sales manager in 1950.

The Birmingham Eccentric

There is a tendency—stronger in some than others—for most folks to do a bit of self-bragging now and then. Most of it is harmless, therefore pardonable. It probably is born from the fact that human nature does require some praise, and so often one gets so little of it from others, even when much deserved. Praise, and is printed!

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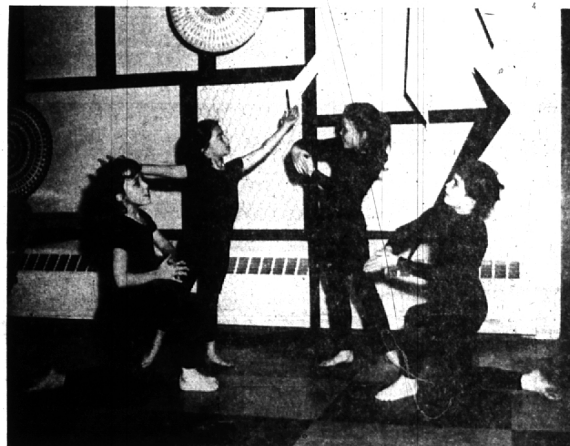
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Double Wedding Ceremony For Hungarian Refugees

SNAPPED AS THEY neared the end of the church's center aisle after their marriage at First Baptist church last week are two Hungarian freedom fighters and their brides. At right are the new Mr. and Mrs. Szilard Kiss, followed by Mr. and Mrs. Istvan Kerekes. At left is Mrs. Victor Almas, of Detroit, who was the brides' only attendant. Several hundred members of the local congregation witnessed the candlelight ceremony, spoken in Hungarian.



DANCING IS AN important creative activity taught at Bloomfield Hills' City and Country school. Depicting a story through a dance are Karen Eeven of Detroit, Lisa Mackie of 2725 Juniper court, Troy, Carl Moses of 4751 Cove road, West Bloomfield, and Karen Roeper, daughter of the school's headmaster. The girls study modern dancing under Norma Carter, of Wayne University. While girls have dancing sessions, boys get fencing lessons. Most of the school's 180 nursery through eighth grade pupils live in Oakland county.

Gifted Children Drilled in Three R's

By JULIE CANDLER

With the school being reorganized for the education of gifted children, the large majority of the students at City and Country School, Bloomfield Hills, are extremely bright children, according to Mrs. George A. Roeper, wife of the private school's headmaster. Mrs. Roeper is director of the school's nursery and kindergarten departments.

Though many of the children have high IQs and can assimilate broad and varied material rapidly, an important part of their teaching is in reading, writing and arithmetic.

Training in the old-fashioned basics was recommended to the school by a panel of experts on educating the gifted child. Meeting at the elementary school last June, the experts also recommended the use of club gatherings to offer the children a variety of subjects, and the teaching of "process skills," such as how to study.

MANY OF THE school's 180 pupils were enrolled last year despite the planned gradual change-over to a school exclusively for gifted children, beginning last fall. "About 60 per cent of these pupils from last year," says Headmaster Roeper, "fall under the classification of gifted, with IQs of 130 or more."

The reading, writing (which includes spelling) and arithmetic are taught in a drill type of instruction. The reason, as Mrs. Roeper puts it, is that "these children need to be challenged."

"TO MANY GIFTED children go through school without having to learn," Mrs. Roeper continued. "We try to allow a certain amount of leeway, to keep each child challenged."

The three R's are taught, not as an end in themselves, Dr. Roeper said, but as tools for students to use in further studies.

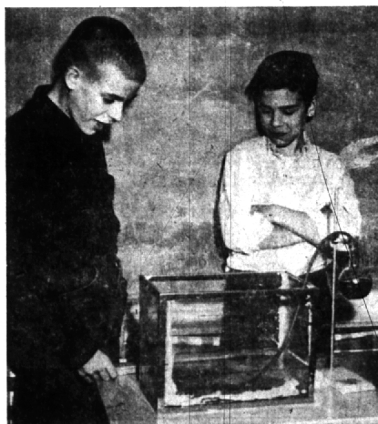
Experts on gifted children feel that these youngsters should have a broad background in every way, and should not specialize in one subject before it is acquired. To further encourage the creative and critical thinking which classroom projects strive to stimulate, and to promote varied interests, the school maintains nine "clubs" which meet twice a week.

ideas and problems. Other clubs include art, sewing, science, shop, newspaper, singing, and a dance club. All are in addition to regular studies in these subjects.

In both clubs and classes, according to Dr. Roeper, nearly every race and religion is represented.

"It's a more democratic situation for the children," said Dr. Roeper, "and there are gifted children among all backgrounds. You wouldn't want to exclude some of them."

"At City and Country school, selection is on the basis of intelligence, and no other," Dr. Roeper said.



CONDUCTING A science experiment in which colored water is induced to flow upward through a tube, Bill Rudell (left) of 4175 Squirrel road, Bloomfield Hills, and Sandy Clark, of 473 Puritan, Birmingham, watch the results.

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Indianapolis '500' Pace Car

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