

'B'ham Address' Statement Ires Eccentric Reader

Letter to the Editor: Irritating to this reader—and doubtless many others—were some of the emotion-loaded remarks of Henry DeMeyer as he espoused the cause of Southfield incorporation in the last edition of The Eccentric. He departed sharply from the realm of logic when he said: "You can no longer live in a little world of your own as they (the north) want to do . . . I think it's real nice to have a Birmingham mailing address without actually being a part of it."

If they (the northerners) would devote the time making Southfield a model community it would then be a comparable community to Birmingham without the disadvantage of the Birmingham tax rate.

MR. DEMEYER, it would seem has become extremely satisfied with himself, for in his some three years of service in elected capacities in Southfield and frowns darkly upon those who have never stepped forth for similar offices. Because these same persons—were once in northerners—are concentrating upon making a model community quite apart from Mr. DeMeyer's, we are castigated.

All of us, apparently, are to believe that unless we play the game of marbles under his rules, and in his backyard, we are slackers. The dynamic Mr. DeMeyer also gains himself no admirers among the 7,000 individuals of the northward with his "Birmingham mailing address" implication.

IT IS A subtle way of repeating the crude charge of "snobbery" that we in the northern portion have been hearing frequently of late from the southward. We, who have no more worldly goods than those who have been making the accusation, have worried to death we hope that many of the pro-city campaigners also are ashamed and disgusted when they hear it made.

Perhaps our best defense is to look up all the harder to free ourselves of the group which looks upon us with such an attitude—for surely, we could never be truly accepted and happy members of their household.

Sincerely,
TED SHURTLEFF
3174 Sheridan
"Birmingham Mailing Address"

East Southfield Cubs Hold Annual Potluck Dinner

EAST SOUTHFIELD — Cub pack 8 of the East Southfield school held its annual potluck dinner March 1 at Lathrup school. Oren Downs, East Southfield PTA president, gave a short address to the boys and Milky the Clown entertained.

The following clubs received a award: Brian Butler, silver arrow in bear; Dennis Gladich, bear badge and gold and silver arrow; Danny Heth, bear badge; Richard Carr, bear badge.

Bobby Bush, silver arrow in wolf; Carl Cadwell, silver arrow in wolf; John Middleton, wolf badge and gold arrow; Kendall Akers, silver arrow in wolf; David Gustner, wolf badge and gold arrow.

Ronnie Sill, wolf badge and gold arrow; Jimmy Moler, wolf badge; Rex Brasseur, silver arrow in wolf and Tom Nortote, silver arrow in wolf. The following boys received lion badges: Tommy Noyes, Wally Coultis and Brian Eastlick.

Lathrup Village

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Lathrup Social Briefs

Mr. and Mrs. George Eheman of Lathrup have returned from a week's vacation at L'Ance, Mich., near the copper country where they visited relatives.

Houseguest for the past week of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Emblin of Rainbow drive has been Miss Vera Davis of British Columbia. During her stay, they visited points of interest in and around Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. Roland S. Evans of Eldorado announce the birth of their daughter, Dinah Marie, March 2. She weighed 8 lbs., 11 oz. She has a sister, Georgianna, 2.

Georgianna's birthday is March 21. It was celebrated this year with a family dinner at the home of her grandmother.

Dr. and Mrs. Frank A. Duwe of Avilla were among 30 guests at a Monte Carlo party given by Dr. and Mrs. Michael LaHoff of Magnolia.

Among Lathrup guests attending the party were Dr. and Mrs. John Tracer, Dr. Charles Berger and Dr. and Mrs. Jay Pringel. Other guests were from Detroit.

Regular Monte Carlo games of chance, rented for the occasion, were played. Those not wishing to gamble played bridge.

Guests were served a catered buffet.

Lathrup Square Dancers Hold March Gatherings

LATHRUP — Chairmen of the Lathrup Supper Club square dance Saturday evening were Mr. and Mrs. George Burnham, Mr. and Mrs. John Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Fischer and Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Oliver.

The Village Square Dance Club will meet March 16 at the Southfield high school. Chairman of the supper committee are Mr. and Mrs. Reinhold Buhl, assisted by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Pollard. Members of their committee are Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bowers, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hines, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Marquis and Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Zateff.

Little Newcomers To Southfield

SOUTHFIELD — To Mr. and Mrs. Edward Harvey, 2853 Marshall, a son, Mark Edward was born Feb. 25 weighing 7 lbs., 12 oz. This is their first child and also the first grandchild of maternal grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Edward Burke, 28729 Marshall. Paternal grandmother, Mrs. Wayne Dorris lives at 28563 Marshall.

To Mr. and Mrs. Martin Lawrence, 28174 Brentwood, a 6 lbs., 5/2 oz. daughter, Ellen Louise on Feb. 18. She is their second child.

A 7 lbs., 14 oz. daughter, Victoria May, was born Feb. 20 to Mr. and Mrs. Royce Dean Nygard, 28738 Brentwood. This is their second child.

A son, Patrick Lee Jr. was born Feb. 19 to Mr. and Mrs. Patrick L. Beaudin, 30180 Fairfax. Weighing 7 lbs., 14 oz., he is their second child.

Woman's Club To Sponsor Golf League

LATHRUP — The Lathrup Woman's Club for the first time this summer will sponsor a Golf League to play at Glen Oaks Golf Club on Mondays.

An organizational meeting has been set for March 22 at the House in the Woods at 1:30 p.m. to set up rules and elect officers. Old and new golfers have been invited to join the league. Mrs. Richard Cogger or Mrs. William Hayes may be contacted for further information.

To Attend Golden Wedding Celebration

LATHRUP — Mr. and Mrs. Fred W. Emblin of Rainbow drive will attend the golden wedding anniversary of Mrs. Emblin's aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lemch at New Haven, Mich. this Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lemmon were born in New Haven and have lived there all their lives. This accounts for the more than 400 guests who will help them celebrate at dinner in the parlors of a local church.

Following the dinner and the renewal of their marriage vows, entertaining will continue in numerous homes.

Club Members to Model Hat Fashions

LATHRUP — The Lathrup Woman's Club will hold a luncheon and card party on Wednesday, March 20, at 12:30 p.m. at the House-in-the-Woods.

Chairman for the party is Mrs. Buertle assisted by Mrs. Carl Wolfgang. On their committee are Mrs. Marie Vioffari, Mrs. Alex Martin, Mrs. James Worten, Mrs. William White, Mrs. Raoul Dubaque, Mrs. Lloyd Oliver and Mrs. Paul Ritter.

A feature of the afternoon will be a hat show by Schillers with club members modeling. Models will be Mrs. Thomas Gibbs, Mrs. Martin Hartwell, Mrs. John Fox, Mrs. Herman Witt, Mrs. D. W. Tretric, Mrs. Donald Forrest, Mrs. Robert Hoke, Mrs. James Odom, Mrs. Gene Peron and Mrs. Herbert Starkey.

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Kay Berger Hosts Sorority Members At Rushing Party

LATHRUP — Kay Berger, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Berger of Sunnysbrook was hostess in her home Saturday evening for the Delta chapter of Kappa Beta Gamma sorority of Wayne State university. The occasion was the final rush party for 48 members and pledges.

Guests came costumed depicting their repressed desires. Such characters as angels, devils and even Elvis Presley appeared.

Kay, the hostess, a sophomore in pre-medical school, dressed as a witch doctor, complete with broomstick. There were also tom-boys, a Spanish dancer and some as Alice in Wonderland.

The sorority brought the food and a 6:00 p.m. supper was served followed by a short business meeting, acceptance of pledges and kits.

K of C Turned Down

SOUTHFIELD — Request to build a Knights of Columbus lodge 3829 on Mile road, was denied by appeals board last week because sideyards were not large enough. Members said they would seek a larger site.

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East Southfield Births Announced

EAST SOUTHFIELD — A child, daughter, Marie Ann, was born To Mr. and Mrs. Don Bush, Feb. 26 to Mr. and Mrs. James 30732 Marshall, their second child, Wright, 30107 Fairfax. Weighing on 8 lb. 2 1/2 oz. son, David Michael, 7 lbs. 14 oz., she is their second born Feb. 17.

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By NATALIE YINGLING

FRANKLIN—What would you do with 170 pounds of woolen blanket scraps, 1 1/2 pounds of fine twine, and 10 spoons of extra-heavy-duty carpet thread?

Mrs. Emil Bates has taken all this, plus hundreds of hours of labor and has almost completed a beautiful braided rug, oval in shape, which measures 10 by 20 feet.

There are tricks in every trade and rug making certainly has its share. Ever since Mrs. Bates started the rug, just one year ago, she has been on the lookout for any trick or improvement in technique which would save time. She has worked out a good system now, and knows just how long each part of the operation should take.

THE WOOL ARRIVES from a blanket factory in Indiana, in strips one inch wide and nine feet long. She first takes it out to the back porch and shakes each piece thoroughly to remove as much of the lint as possible, and then rolls each strip and packs it into boxes according to color. Even with a good shaking enough lint remains to form huge piles during the actual braiding.

The braiding is done on a small table with a vice-like gadget to hold the wool tight, and a "braiding" tool to turn in the raw edges of each of the three strands. Mrs. Bates sews the strips together by hand with heavy duty thread, as she goes along and makes each braid the necessary length to encircle the rug.

AT THIS POINT it takes 1 1/2 hours to make a 50-foot braid, the present circumference. About 10 more braids are needed, each one just a bit longer than the one before to finish the job.

It takes 2 1/2 hours of hard labor to lace on the braid with twine which is fine, but strong. It is necessary to give a hard pull forward and backward in each loop to make it secure, and hide the twine.

Because it requires a strong right arm, Mr. Bates has done much of the lacing, especially now that the rug is so cumbersome. He has worn through several pairs of gloves and has acquired a hard callous on the outside of his little finger from pulling the twine so tight.

AFTER THE braid is on, it takes Mrs. Bates another half hour to carefully sew the ends together so that the threads won't slip, and the rug will be flat. After seven hours of steady work, just two inches have been added to the width and two inches to the length of the rug.

The center of Mrs. Bates' rug is brown and tan, and of course in the beginning, each braid was not very long. However, according to Mrs. Bates, the outside rows of gold, grey, rust and blue have been more fun to do.

A border of dark brown will complete it and set off the other colors to best advantage. It takes five rows of braid to introduce a new color in and then out of the pattern.

THE RUG more than covers two ping pong tables in the recreation room, and one end of it has to be rolled and unrolled as the braid is laid on. That's another job for Mr. Bates.

"It's been fun to make, and a wonderful family project," says Mrs. Bates. "We've never done anything that has given us so much a feeling of accomplishment and satisfaction. Sometimes it's hard to find the time to go down and work but once we get started we hate to stop."

Both Mr. and Mrs. Bates are working at top speed now as they are anxious to finish the rug before their daughter, Mrs. Worth Booth and her two children, arrive from Des Moines for a visit next month.


House Guest
EAST SOUTHFIELD — Recent houseguest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Crona, 28783 Everett, was Mrs. James O'Brian of Athens, Ga.



MRS. EMIL BATES, of Franklin Village, at work on a 10 by 20-foot braided rug. Almost completed, it has taken her a year to make.

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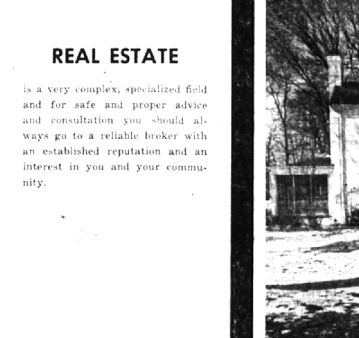


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