

## R. C. Walter Tours Europe

LATHRUP—A three-week tour of Europe was recently taken by R. C. Walter of Dolores road. Walter and five men from General Motors toured Holland, Switzerland, France, Italy, Germany and England.

Walter especially enjoyed Holland and Switzerland because of the cheerfulness of the people, the good food and the hospitality extended to him.

He was impressed with the industry in Western Germany, noting the terrific comeback they have made in recent times.

He was able to watch the changing of guards in London and visited many of the beautiful and elaborate churches throughout Europe.

GIFTS FROM all the countries visited were brought back for members of the family. Mrs.

Walter particularly liked the cashmere sweaters and jewelry from Germany and Switzerland, and the music box from Switzerland. Walter returned home Dec. 23, just in time to spend Christmas with the family.

## Airplane Contest

SOUTHFIELD—Details of the AFA "U" powered model airplane contest will be given by John Mort, co-chairman at tonight's meeting of the Optimist club of Southfield at Fruitridge inn.

## Village Man To Front '58 Torch Drive

Walker A. Williams, Glenayry road, Bloomfield Village, Ford Motor Co. vice-president, today was named campaign chairman for the 10th annual Torch drive to be held Oct. 14 through Nov. 6, 1958.

Announcement of his appointment was made by Ray R. Eppert, executive vice president of Burroughs Corp. who is president of the United Foundation of metropolitan Detroit, non-profit corporation which sponsors the annual campaign to raise funds for 195 local, state, and national health and community services.

"We are announcing the appointment of Williams at this early date because of the tremendous importance of this year's campaign, which will mark the 10th anniversary of the origin in Detroit of community-wide united fund-raising," Eppert said.

Williams, in addition to being a vice-president of the Ford Motor Co., is vice-chairman of the company's dealer policy board. He has been with the company for 32 years, starting in the accounting department of the Kansas City plant and serving as branch manager in Omaha, Kansas City, Salt Lake City, and Somerville, Mass. In April, 1946, he was appointed Ford sales manager, and became general sales manager of the Ford division in 1948. The following year he was elected by the executive committee of the company to the position of vice-president, sales and advertising. Last year he was appointed to his present position.

Williams' rise to top leadership in the automobile sales field was accompanied by active interest in voluntary fund-raising. In 1954, he served as co-chairman of the Torch drive's major industry unit. In the next campaign, he served as chairman of this unit, which traditionally raises more than half the money contributed to the Torch drive.

DURING the 1956 Torch drive, Williams served as general co-chairman in charge of Promotion. He was one of four co-chairmen under General Chairman Sherrod E. Skinner. General Motor vice-president during last year's Torch drive, which raised the record-breaking sum of \$10,663,580.

## PTA Open House

SOUTHFIELD—An open house is planned by Northbrook PTA Jan. 21, at 7:30 p.m. at Northbrook school. Each class will exhibit special projects and there will be a bake sale and white elephant sale by the PTA.



## Teaches Course Here

Dr. Elizabeth Drews, right, of the Michigan State university college of education, is the instructor for a MSU extension course in "education of the gifted student" at Birmingham this term. Talking with her is Dr. L. A. Doyle, assistant director of continuing education in charge of university extension.

## Students Rebel Against Church If It's A Chore

Despite a "rise in religious feeling" called prevalent in the United States today, director Harold Duerksen of the University of Michigan's office of religious affairs finds that only a very small proportion of college students shows an active interest in religion. General disinterest, he explains, may stem from several factors: 1) release from past religious ties; 2) desire to avoid involvement in demanding associations; 3) doubt in one's religious belief; 4) conformity to group feeling; 5) plain facts.

One of the main reasons students—underclassmen in particular—are not concerned about religious affairs, Rev. Duerksen explains, stems from a natural rebellion against home pressures where religion was made a chore for them.

SUCH STUDENTS may even make a serious effort not to take up religion after they have finished school, he believes. Much disinterest in religion, he continues, comes from annoyance or confusion in the students' minds about the church. Perhaps they have felt the church's handling of current problems—such as the segregation issue—has been inadequate. Or else they may feel confused about trying to reconcile old religious doctrines, with new beliefs and standards of conduct acquired in schools. Many students fail to realize, Rev. Duerksen explains, that there are many universities and colleges trained to help students deal with religious problems. With many other students, he contends, the decision to take an interest in religious affairs is largely determined by the norms of their group of friends. If these associates tend to look upon religion as a dull pastime grounded on little evidence for belief, this attitude is bound to influence them. Reverend Duerksen was interviewed by Susan L. Read, U-M student from Detroit, for the Michigan Journalist, laboratory newspaper of the U-M Department of Journalism.

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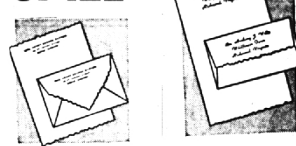
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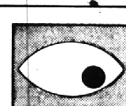
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