



## Accordion Time

Guess who was the innocent party. Frank Lewis, 23, of Detroit and the fellow in front of him were waiting for the light to change at Woodward and Long Lake Monday afternoon when Eugene Polk, 40, of Detroit drove up with a big bang. Not much of Lewis' 1937 auto was left in its original shape.

Polk and a passenger were taken to the hospital for treatment of cuts, the only Labor Day weekend accident victims in the Birmingham area. Bloomfield Hills police had two traffic counts waiting for Polk when he left.

## 98 Markers Now Advertise State History

**LANING** — A report from the Michigan Historical commission on the official state historical markers program reveals that 98 of the colorful cast aluminum markers will have been erected by this fall in 57 of the state's 83 counties.

The report is contained in an illustrated booklet entitled "Historic Michigan: A Guide to Michigan's Official State Markers." A glance through the booklet indicates the wide range of subjects covered by the markers that have been erected during the past two years for the most part with funds appropriated by the legislature.

**NOT ONLY** is the early period of the Indian, the French, the English and the American pioneers represented, but the guide points out the commission has not forgotten more recent history. Lumbering, mining, transportation, education, agriculture, industry, conservation, aviation, and immigration

are among some of the broad areas that state markers have touched upon to the enlightenment of residents of the state and tourists alike.

The completion of the program which the commission has drawn up, which calls for the erection of at least one state marker in every county of the state, is largely dependent upon the restoration to the

commission budget of markers funds eliminated by the legislature at the last session. "Much has been done," Dr. George S. May, historic sites specialist of the commission, notes in his introduction, "but much remains to be done if all the facets of Michigan's historical heritage are to be revealed to the state's visitors and to its own citizens."

The round-trip equipment in a railroad dining car contains 240 tablecloths, 800 napkins, 500 dishes, 700 pieces of silverware, 200 glasses, plus towels, pantry and kitchenware and food.

A well-known character in a Western Canada town is Brother Joe—a black bear that hibernates every winter under the platform of the railroad station.

## Obituary Notices

**GUY EUGENE SCOTT**, of 548 E. Lincoln, Birmingham, died Sunday at Bloomfield hospital after a long illness. Born July 15, 1895 in Effingham, Ill., he lived in Birmingham for two years coming from Pontiac. Mr. Scott was plant protection man for Ford Motor Co.

He leaves his wife, Elizabeth. Services were Wednesday from the Manley Bailey funeral home with burial at Greenwood cemetery.

**RICHARD T. CHISSUS**, former Birmingham resident, of St. Petersburg, Fla., died Wednesday in Birmingham, Ind.

Arrangements are being made by Manley Bailey funeral home in Birmingham.

**THOMAS G. ELDER**, 81, of 1223 Webster, Birmingham, died Friday at St. Joseph Mercy hospital after a short illness. Mr. Elder

was a blacksmith in Royal Oak from 1919 to 1937. He was born Aug. 12, 1877 in Scotland. Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Chalmers White of the Webster address; four grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and two brothers, Phillip of Chippewa, Ont., Can., and Dodd in Scotland. His wife, Christine, died in 1944.

Services were Tuesday from the William Sullivan and Son funeral home with burial in Oakview cemetery.



"Men who win their wives by soft soap often end up washing the dishes."

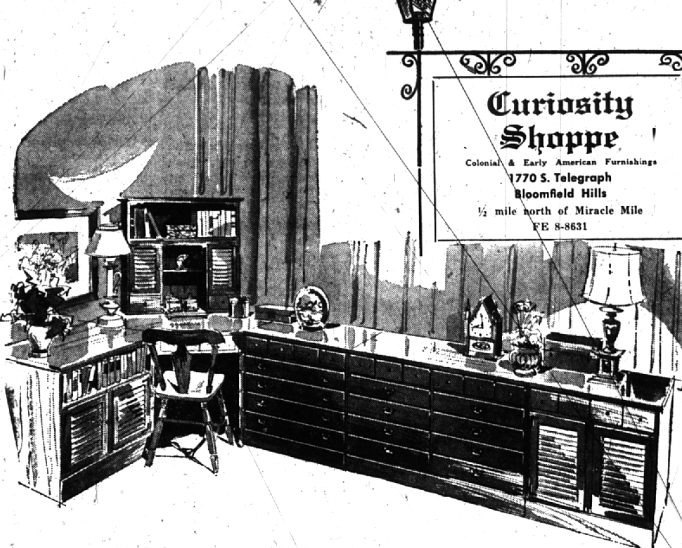
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Well, the council says that while no official figures are available, many auto accidents are caused by just such otherwise harmless objects as cigarettes, children and ice cream cones. "Distractions contribute to a great percentage of the nation's motor vehicle mishaps," the council says.

**LET'S SUPPOSE** you're cruising down the highway at 60 m.p.h. and drop your cigarette. Take only four seconds to pick it up and you've gone the length of a football field—and then some!

Same thing with a back-seat squabble. Turn around to break it up and you may find yourself welded to the rear of another car that stopped suddenly in front of you.

Same thing with ice cream cones. Drop one in your lap, and then watch the fun start.

"The tales of woe of persons who've been victims of 'distractions' the council says, are usually good for a laugh—until an accident occurs. Then it's not so funny."

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