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Some men and women seem to be born to achieve great and heroic stature in the affairs of mankind. Books are written about them, pictures painted, sculpture sculpted . . . and a few of them have changed the course of world history. Yet there also takes place countless smaller heroisms, smaller sacrifices for others—and every one of them is precious as a contribution to mankind's growth.

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Measuring The Marigold?

... or reading Hans Christian Anderson? See photo on page 6-B.

Sweet Sounds

... of Junior league chorus echo on page 1-C.

Tax Topic

... will come in the mail to township areas. See page 1-E for a run down on the financial scene.

Tankers Roll

... to victory in Bloomfield Hills. See story on page 8-E.

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This and That

By George R. Averill

Detroit's Coda High School Principal Herman G. Schumacher who has spent some time in a hospital. When he returned home recently he found some Coda students on hand to serenade him at the front door. Principal Schumacher must be quite a splendid human being, as well as an educator. Those students who paid him homage, too, deserve much praise. Such occurrences would do much to lighten the burdens, inspire the teachers and others who spend their lives in the educational world.

A motorist pulled up at a filling station deep in Texas, and noting an elderly man who was reaching the car, he got out and struck up a conversation with him.

"Everything looks terribly dry,"

"I'll say it is,"

"When did it rain last?"

"About three years ago."

"That must be very hard on the ranches around here." The old man shook his head.

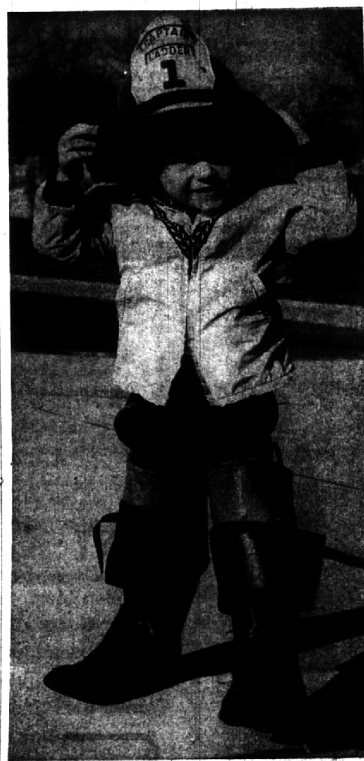
"Don't know what's to become of us," he said sadly. "We were sunk thousands of wells as drilling for water. And what comes up? Oil!"

What spirit of adventure! What a splendid family drama was enacted when that Seattle, Wash. mom, dad, three young sons and a daughter recently completed a four-month trip around the world. They sold their home and its furnishings, then set forth on their adventure "while we still had the chance," as mom and dad later related. That a \$100 per month worker, now will build himself another home, get back to work and mom staid will be another other ten years we can make a similar trip to places we didn't get to.

Hazel M. Look, a U of M astronomy professor, issues a monthly news article, telling what we can observe during that month as he gazes heaven-ward. This release is read by many Michigan citizens, since its theme and style are understandable to the average layman. Keep it up, Doctor.

Two Republicans, Vice-President Nixon and New York's Governor Rockefeller are gallivanting through the U.S., making speeches, talking to politicians . . . yet, as I write this, they are not, only seeking the Presidential nomination for their party. No! They're not! All they want to do is to travel and see people . . . see people as they travel. (Of course, each wants to meet enough people so that the journey's end for one of them will be 1800 Pennsylvania Avenue, Washington, D.C.)

Battery Electric Razor Free—See For Sale Misc. Classified Section.



'Where's the Fire?'

Little Chipper Larsen, two-and-a-half year-old son of Birmingham Fire department Captain Al Larsen, of the Adams station, is following in his father's footsteps—both literally and figuratively. Birmingham Eccentric photographer Joe Apeach was on his way to another assignment when he saw Chipper stumble out of the station and snapped the youngster a few minutes later. Chipper seemed a little bewildered for a moment, but it didn't last long.

Two Women Blue Up Commission Meeting

Next time Birmingham Mayor Pro Tem Florence Willett knows she's to preside at a regular Monday night city commission meeting, she plans to phone City Clerk Irene Hanley beforehand.

Object: to check their evening's costumes. Mayor Harry M. Denyes and Commissioner Charles Renfrow were absent from Monday's meeting. They were in Denver attending the American municipal league convention.

SO MRS. WILLETT was to preside while the at-home commissioners dealt with city business. Miss Hanley sits to the left of the mayor. As soon as she took

the presiding chair, Mrs. Willett and Miss Hanley simultaneously realized their color schemes clashed.

Mr. Willett was wearing a powder blue, three-piece ensemble. Miss Hanley had on a one-piece brilliant blue dress.

"Wow! What a combination we make!" they laughed together.

The evening's agenda, however, was polished off more harmoniously.

Little Kings and Their Queens —It's a Busload of Dreams

There's vastly more in a school bus than school children—at least in Bloomfield Hills Driver T. C. Riddle.

What he's found there he's just put into verse—a medium he is wont to use whenever he wants some fun.

For the past seven of his 60 years, Riddle's driven a school bus for the school system of nearby Rochester, where he lives.

BUT APPARENTLY HIS MOVE into the driver's seat of Hills school bus #1 Oct. 2 crystallized the moods and feelings he has while bussing his load to and from school.

For here's what he wrote, entitled "A Bus Full":

A bus full of girls, a bus full of boys,
A bus full of problems, a bus full of joys,
A bus full of children, with different names,
Writing the same on frosty panes.
A bus full of questions, as many complaints
Abating sometimes, but never ceasing.
A bus full of questions, as many complaints.
To satisfy, a bus full of saints?
Bats, and balls, and dinner pails,
Airplanes and boats, with paper sails.
A bus full of buckets, a bus full of wrags,
A bus full of overhauls, a bus full of dogs.
A bus full of imagination, of cats and hats,
Of crows, and ducks, of cows and hogs,
Of goats and chickens, and ack ack dogs,
Of all kinds of music, of big bass drums.
A bus full of future, builders and teachers,
Of doctors and lawyers, of farmers and preachers.
A bus full of life, and mine to preserve,
To drive real safely, while I serve.

Monday Is Men's Night in B'ham

Men Can Avoid the Hustle and Bustle -- And Their Wives

Birmingham men's night, something that is attracting national attention and becoming more popular each year, will be held by local merchants next Monday from 7 to 10 p.m.

Men will be able to get all their shopping finished in one evening this year—simply because the women will not be allowed in the stores. It has long been established that men do not shop . . . but merely walk in a store, take one quick look around and then start buying.

WOMEN—BLESS their iron constitutions—walk from store to store for hours upon hours, then start making the rounds again . . . and perhaps make a purchase or two.

These are only a few of the features to which men can look forward Monday night:

● Pick up merchandise without your wife de-

clining: "That is perfect for Uncle Jim!"

● Move up to a counter without having to push through hordes of women.

● Pick out your wife's gift without looking over your shoulder to see if she's around.

ALL THESE FEATURES are available—without extra cost—at most of the stores in downtown Birmingham Monday evening.

Merchants participating in the program will be bringing out every available piece of merchandise in order to offer gift ideas to the man of the household.

New Store Hours in Birmingham

On December 14, most of the stores in downtown Birmingham will be open till 9 p.m. for the

Christmas shopper who can't reach the shops before 6 p.m.

For shoppers' convenience, merchants will be open every night till 9 p.m. from the 14th until Christmas.

Miss Santa Claus Reigns Again

MISS SANTA CLAUS will be around this year—flitting from store to store and giving out gift certificates to lucky shoppers.

She will begin her rounds of gift giving on December 14 and will visit different participating stores during the afternoon and evening hours.

The gift certificates will be redeemable at any of the participating stores.

See McGee Spree 'Looming' in City

By DENI SCANLON
Staff Writer

Just walk down Woodward avenue these days and you'll see McGee McGee handwoven scarfs. McGee photographs, McGee designs, McGee exhibits.

Joyce and Charles (Mick) McGee are local artists who have combined an international flavor with a homespun quality.

"Homespun" is Joyce's department. She's a Cranbrook faculty wife who does more than cook and sew. She began at the beginning by "getting that man off to class."

THEN SHE stands over a hot stove, but the brewing ingredients are hardly commonplace. Into her "shirt boiler" go golden rod, beets, dahlias, lily of the valley, acorns or other Michigan plants. And out of the mixture evolves styles for the threads she has spun and will weave into cloth which in turn is made into a suit or a coat or the scarfs you see at Gwynn's on Woodward avenue.

JOYCE ACQUIRED what she terms "a sensible love for the weaving at the national school for weaving in Helsinki, Finland. And she and Mick spent a 14-month combined honeymoon-Full-bright scholarship assignment.

Mick, head of the Cranbrook design department, continued his studies in Scandinavia after teaching at the University of Missouri. That was where the distinguished young professor fell in love with his pretty student, married her and then set off for Europe.

THEY SPENT time in Sweden, Norway, Finland, Denmark, England, Holland, Luxembourg, Belgium, France, Spain, Portugal, Italy, Austria, Germany and North Africa.

Since that time, the McGees have been to Mexico and South America. They have seen a lot of weaving and art of the countries. While in Europe, the McGees were asked to return to Cranbrook where Mick earned his master degree in textile design of the design department in the fall of 1957.

LIKE EVERYTHING else the young couple has done, the return trip to the United States was an adventure.

"We boarded an immigrant ship bound for Canada," McGee beam, "and sailed down the seaway to Montreal."

"Then we took a plane to Toronto and Windsor," Joyce continued, "and a taxi to Detroit."

McGee jokingly added, "And then a bus to Bloomfield Hills," Joyce interjected.

THIS SITUATION of one-ups

US-10 Alley Pavings Being Readied by City

Alleys behind US-10 business properties from Lincoln to 14 Mile AVE in the offing.

This was made clearer this week when City Commissioner Florence Willett and City Clerk Irene Hanley checked back over city's minutes.

Miss Hanley recalled the commission on Nov. 23 accepted City Manager L. R. Gare's recommendation that "if and when" the alleys were improved, they were to be assessed entirely against benefited business properties.

THAT WASN'T the way Commissioners William Roberts, Lane Minor and Carl Ingraham understood it.

"We understand Gare will bring in a recommendation for a hearing, probably the middle of next year," they chorused.

And that's how the minutes that were corrected to read.

GM Promotes Monaghan

By DENI SCANLON
Staff Writer

PHILIP J. MONAGHAN

DETROIT — Appointment of Philip J. Monaghan, 540 Cranbrook, Birmingham, as vice-president of General Motors Corp. in charge of the process development staff was announced today by GM President John F. Gordon.

Monaghan will succeed R. M. Critchfield, who will retire Dec. 1 under the provisions of the GM retirement program after 38 years' service with the corporation.

In his new assignment, Monaghan will direct a staff of engineers and other specialists at the General Motors Technical Center, Warren. Their efforts are aimed at improving existing manufacturing methods and devising means of converting the ideas of basic research and engineering into production-line reality in the form of new or better products.

The staff conducts long-range development programs and explores and develops new methods and processes, with their findings available to GM's various divisions.

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Two Area Teens Face Exam as Phony Police

A Bloomfield township youth and a Birmingham teenager will be examined before west Bloomfield township Justice Robert F. Scott at 2 p.m. tomorrow on charges of falsely impersonating a police officer.

Demanding examination at their arraignment were John E. Bennett, 18, of 750 E. Square Lake road, Bloomfield township, and Richard B. Whitney, 17, of 166 Linden, Birmingham.

A third youth, George R. Widger, 17, of Royal Oak, was released after making a statement to the Oakland county prosecutor's office.

THE THREE were arrested Sunday night by Bloomfield township Patrolman Martin McLaughlin who saw the youths talking to a motorist they had pulled over to the side of the road at Woodward and Berkshire, Bloomfield township.

A home-made flasher on the dashboard of the youth's car was still going when McLaughlin saw them.

The trio had a clipboard and a military cap when they pulled over to a "traffic violation."

SNOWER TOLD officer McLaughlin that the youths had used abusive language after pulling him over.

Ferdale police questioned the youth in connection with a similar incident involving a Birmingham youth last week.

Gery Schuman, 17, 1646 Northlawn, Birmingham, told Ferdale police he had been pulled over by some youths impersonating police and that he paid \$5 "for a fine" even though he knew they were not policemen.

THE PAIR BEING held by police denied any connection with the Ferdale incident.

This was not the first time that Bennett has been in trouble with the law.

He was sentenced to 60 days in Troy last July.

IN ANOTHER teenage incident in Beverly Hills the trial of Rodney S. McDonnell, 1189 Worthington, Beverly Hills, was postponed until December.

McDonnell was charged with assault and battery against a police officer and with being drunk and disorderly.

He allegedly began fighting with the arresting police officer who broke up a teen drinking party in Beverly Hills two weeks ago.

B-1 Zoning Not Tied to Downtown Area, Says City

There's more to the problem of additional non-retail business areas than to be just in the downtown area," repeated Roberts.

Commissioner William Burgum pointed out that presently there is very little B-1 zoning.

(A B-1 zoning is primarily a professional office, or transitional zone between residential and retail business.)

Commissioner Carl F. Ingraham said he'd like to see the plan board study the problem on a city-wide basis.

CITING ITS limited availability, Ingraham recalled the city utility now has been using the B-1 classification "to plug trouble spots between business and residential."

Herzberg said he understands the commission's approach, and would convey it to the plan board at its next regular meeting.

Battery Electric Razor Free—See For Sale Misc. Classified Section.



Now Move Over, Maude!

Joyce McGee gets assistance when she sits at the loom for an afternoon of weaving. Sarah nestles comfortably in a completed rug while her young offspring Maude helps.

Joyce untangle thwarted threads that the kiplish kitten can't keep away from. Maude and Joyce spend a good bit of time discussing just who is head weaver in the house.

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