

Talk Salesmanship
 "Salesmanship" was the topic and Gustave Zeigler the moderator of the Senior Mens' club meeting last week.

Independence Marks Senior Citizen Today

(Special to the Eccentric)

NEW YORK—A greater number, than ever before of Birmingham's older people now have the means to live alone and are doing so. Locally, in the period since 1950, a large part of the increase in the number of households, which amounts to 74 percent, has been in single units, occupied for the most part by these senior citizens. This developing pattern is brought out in data gathered by the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, by the Department of Commerce and by other sources.

IT HAS BEEN made possible by provisions that were made over the years in the form of pension and retirement plans, in saving and in insurance protection. They have begun to pay-off at an accelerated rate. Benefiting chiefly from it are the elderly and the incapacitated, who would have had to rely on

aid from relatives or from welfare agencies in former days. Instead, they are now becoming self-sustaining. Each year more and more of them are finding it possible to maintain their own households.

The current reports show that in Birmingham, which had a total of 4,553 households in 1950, is now a community of 8,120 households.

THIS INCREASE of 74 percent compares favorably with the United States gain, 18 percent and with that of the State of Michigan, 29 percent.

An unprecedented number of the local households, an estimated 1,915, are listed as single unit establishments.

This rise in the number of people living alone is a national development. A survey by the Bureau of the Census reveals that more than 6 million of the 50 million households in the United States today are one-person units.

THEY HAVE more than doubled since 1940. Since 1950 alone the rise has been over 50 percent.

An index of this expansion is in the payments made under the Old Age and Survivors insurance program, one of the social security bulwarks, which now covers three times as many people as it did originally.

In Oakland County, according to the latest annual report, payments to local residents are at the rate of \$1,707,000 a month and are rising rapidly.

We Heard It Said By:

WILLIAM PHILLIPSON, printer at The Eccentric: "Originally, I came from England—but many years after Sir Walter Raleigh arrived in the United States, I came to the United States. I happened to be in Lansing for the first time and decided to visit the State Capitol. It certainly is an ancient and antique building, no credit to Michigan. Actually, after my first glimpse inside its basement and rotunda I wouldn't have been surprised to learn that the offices were using candles for lighting. That edifice must be almost as old as the British buildings at Oxford and Cambridge."

LEGAL NOTICE

Philip J. McElroy, Atty., 408 Fisher

STATE OF MICHIGAN—The Probate Court for the County of Oakland.

At a session of said court, held at the Court House in the City of Pontiac, in said County on the 5th day of April, A. D. 1959.

Present, Honorable Arthur E. Moore, Judge of Probate.

In the Matter of the Estate of Grace Elizabeth Cooper Anderson having filed her petition praying that the administration of said estate be granted to one Arthur E. Moore, a suitable person, and for determination of the said petition.

It is Ordered, That the 15th day of May, A. D. 1959, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, at the Court House in the City of Pontiac, Michigan, be and is hereby appointed as the time and place for hearing said petition.

It is further Ordered that notice be given to all interested parties as shown by the records in this cause by delivering a copy of this order to each of them personally or by mailing such copy to each of them by registered mail with return receipt demanded addressed to their respective last known addresses as shown by the files and records in this cause.

And it is further Ordered that public notice thereof be given by publication for three successive weeks previous to the date of said hearing in the Birmingham Eccentric, a newspaper printed and circulated in said County.

ARTHUR E. MOORE, Judge of Probate. (17, 8, 9)

'Ace of Space' Award Received By BHS Teacher

Carl H. Zwinnick, who teaches chemistry and physics at Birmingham high school, last week became an 'Ace of Space' because of his efforts on ICHM and other missile space vehicle projects. The honor award was made jointly by General Electric company and the U. S. Air Force.

For over two years, Zwinnick directed education and training and other personnel development programs for General Electric in Philadelphia. He established post-doctoral courses in hypersonics and other new fields for space scientists and helped the Air Force establish the first training courses for military personnel who would launch our long-range missiles in case of war.

Co-operative programs furnishing part-time employment to high school and college students were organized by Zwinnick in Philadelphia. He also arranged for G-E

employees to teach part-time without loss of pay at various universities and established the promotion policy and other personnel procedures used for several thousand civilian scientific and technical employees engaged in missile and space vehicle research.

ZWINNICK, a nuclear physicist, was called upon to organize safe use of radioactive materials required for space vehicle research and development. The ace of Space award was made for his contributions to our national defense program.

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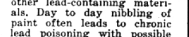
Medical Aidman Promoted to S/4

3D INFANTRY DIVISION, Germany—Lynn A. Benn, son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis E. Benn, 1756 Webster, Birmingham, Mich., recently was promoted to specialist four. Specialist Benn, a medical aidman in Clearing Company of the division's 3d Medical Battalion, entered the Army in October 1957 and received basic training at Fort Benning, Ga. The 21-year-old soldier is a 1957 graduate of Birmingham high school.

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BOOSTER POLIO SHOTS RECOMMENDED
 Q. What is the latest information concerning use of booster polio shots?
 A. Work done at Vanderbilt University suggests that it might be best to give a booster polio shot about 12 months after the last of the original series of three injections. The American Academy of Pediatrics goes along with this recommendation, saying that a fourth shot is advisable although not mandatory. Consult your doctor about booster polio vaccine before the polio season sets in.
 Q. What causes formation of tartar on the teeth?
 A. A current view is that tartar forms around clusters of bacteria and debris that collect on the teeth. Certain tissues tend to encourage tartar formation, such as lack of friction, irregularities of the teeth, and roughness of tooth surface. Excessive tartar formation damages the gums and may lead to pyorrhea. Visit your dentist at least twice a year.
 Q. My three-year-old seems to have a special fondness for chalky substances such as plaster. Is this harmful?
 A. Fondness for substances not ordinarily considered edible (doctors call it pica) can lead to trouble. Most babies will put almost anything in the mouth but pica after 18 months of age should be considered abnormal. In most cases of pica the child is "addicted" to some particular substances like plaster. The situation is worse if the youngster



takes a liking to dried paint or other lead-containing materials. Day to day nibbling of paint often leads to chronic lead poisoning with possible damage to brain and other body tissues. So don't take pica lightly. Use lead-free paints for baby beds and play pens. Protect the youngster in every way possible until they are old enough to be taught better.

Answers do not necessarily reflect the opinion of all doctors. The diagnosis and treatment of disease is the function of the patient's personal physician.

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