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Mouse House Foils Mickey And His Pals 'Open House' Slated For Area Rodents

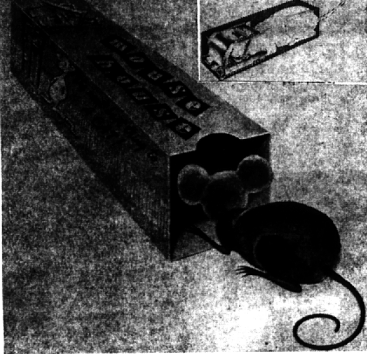
By DENI SCANLON
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My assignment: beat a path to the mouse trap maker's door. But the phone was busy. So I sat in the office for an hour and waited until I just couldn't any longer. But an mouse-house man wasn't home. But . . . but . . . but . . . I finally trapped him, busy as he is making plans to catch mice all over the world.

Interviewing Frank Nobel, sales manager of mouse traps and accessories division of AMT Corporation, Birmingham, turned out to be as much fun as saying "mouse house" around The Birmingham Eccentric office.

As I stood in the elevator of the Briggs building (caught between floors) I thought of that poor mouse caught in the house that AMT built. Was all this darning about worthwhile? Was I trapped into an assignment?

Yes, I guess I was . . . but . . . but . . . but, back to the mouse house.



Here's what happens in the "Mouse House"; trap is set and mouse is attracted to open end; mouse enters, is caught (inset upper right) and killed by metal spring trap at end of box.

Torch Drive To Be Short First Time in 11 Years Area Won't Reach Quota

For the first time in 11 years, the Birmingham-Bloomfield-Franklin (B-B-F) area United Foundation Drive will not reach its quota.

Area Chairman Mrs. Clyde C. Bennett Jr., 889 Sufferd, Birmingham, said the volunteer workers had covered every phase of the collections, but the \$203,907 quota would not be reached.

As of yesterday morning, \$191,337 or 93.8 per cent had been collected, which was 6.2 per cent shy of the quota.

"MORE AND MORE Birmingham area residents who work in Detroit are contributing to the Torch Drive through the payroll deduction plan and don't give in Birmingham," Mrs. Bennett said.

"It doesn't make any difference which chapter collects the money just so long as they contribute," she added.

"This new twist was reflected in a drop in the house-to-house canvassing report and the fact that school contributions also have dropped."

New Rules On Parking Lot Blamed

By WILLIAM J. ARTHUR
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The parking situation at Seaholm high school, Birmingham, hasn't been solved yet.

Residents north of the school parking lot and football field presented a petition with 32 signatures to the Birmingham city commission Monday night asking that no parking signs be erected on Wellesley drive.

The parking situation came about when the school parking lot was put under the supervision of a full-time watchman. In an attempt to regulate the number of cars, students were told a permit was necessary.

City commissioners recommended that the property owners take the matter up with the Seaholm student congress in an effort to check the situation.

WELLESLEY DRIVE residents reported that 15 to 20 cars a day park on the street from 8 a.m. to 3:15 p.m.

They also said that many times there were parking spaces left in the school lot.

School principal Ross Wagner verified this, but he pointed out, there have been more permits issued than spaces allowed in the lot.

"AT FIRST, we made an arbitrary limit from which a student must come before he or she could obtain a permit, but the lot was not full."

"We kept lowering the limit until we have now filled every permit request."

"It's just a case of the students not wanting to park in the lot. We already have issued more permits than there are spaces, but the students are not using them," Ross said.

ONE REASON advanced as to why more students are parking on the outside is the resultant traffic slowdown in leaving the lot when school is out.

Charles Linder, 500 Wellesley, presented the petition to the commission and told the members that this is the first year the problem has come up.

Another resident, George Schnell, 651 Wellesley, said that Midvale (a street that intersects Wellesley) is completely jammed all day.

"CHILDREN from Midvale (SEE PARKING, Page 2-A)

As civilization continues to advance into the environment of more and more personal distractions, and the job of earning a livelihood for later retirement security becomes a veiling concern, what will you do to occupy the time of your former job? You will be forced into more inactivity than ever you endured; you may not enjoy "just sitting". NOW, then, is your "preparation for retirement time."

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Strains Remain
... of Fred Waring concert. See Eccentric picture page on the Lion-sponsored musical event. Page 1-B.

Reach For The Sky
... is what members of St. Stephen's church are attempting. See page 6-B for the story of a congregation in the midst of planning new pillars of faith.

Fair's The Word
... both at Harlan and Bloomfield county day school. See photographs on page 1-C.

He Collects, Then Inspects
... and finds great enjoyment in his hobby. For the story of versatile youth see page 5-D.

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A Critical Opinion?

There's somebody in town who thinks our municipal off-street parking lot meters is a pumpkin-headed idea. Saturday morning about half a dozen carved pumpkins adorned this row of meters in Birmingham's city lot at Ferndale and Hamilton. When the photographer arrived, only two pumpkinheads were left. To deposit their nickels, early parkers had to bust the other pumpkin faces.

Neighborhood Pool Draws Protest from B'ham Women Voters

If it means taking away a natural recreation area, then the Birmingham League of Women Voters is against the city's selling a site to a proposed family swimming club.

League president Mrs. Evan B. Hannay, in a letter to the city this week, said her group opposes the sale of the park area on Shepherdsham in northcentral Birmingham.

"It's a valuable asset to our city and public recreation program," Mrs. Hannay wrote.

Neighbors also are protesting per-hour case Oct. 19, on U.S. 10.

Nab Suspect In 18 Home Thefts Here

IT'S A SIMPLE little gadget, the brainchild of Allen C. Gruchow of Grosse Pointe and Harry Verser of Fraser, who nearly three years ago brought it to the attention of AMT officials.

Just the first of last month the mouse house went on the market after tedious hours of research and reworking.

Advertising that accompanies it says women will welcome it. Customers will beat a path to get this new great mouse trap! No unpleasant tasks, no fuses, no mess. Simply throw away Mouse House with the mouse inside.

"It's fast, clean, easy! It's pre-baited, fire-set!

It sounds like the next best thing to a cat and for next best, it looks that way."

BUT MORE THAN this simple explanation is behind the mouse house.

"We spent a long time determining the right size and the right bait," Nobel said. "After much research, we concluded that the one-inch by four-inch rectangular box would be the best proportions and that a kernel of corn, the best bait."

RESEARCH PERSONS tested bacon and cheese and chemicals but ruled them out in favor of the corn. "These oxidizes after it is in the air for four hours," Nobel said, "and it has a different taste and smell to mice. It isn't quite as appealing." The theory that mice like to crawl into dark places was used and found to be true. Thus the

This and That

By George R. Averill

Sen. Humphrey Plays Political Game to Enter White House

Few, if any, objects that occupy this old planet earth are more interesting, or unpredictable, than the genus homo. Among the primates known as men, few are more interesting, or unpredictable in their behavior, than most career politicians.

Especially those who occupy, or aspire to, top places in those great American side-shows that are also known as legislative branches of government.

Among such interesting and often unpredictable persons, is a chap from Minnesota, whose name is Hubert Horatio Humphrey. Presently, he is a Democratic member of that greatest of all public-supported clubs called the United States Senate. As men 89, he is better than average-looking; women might call him handsome. Few would call him homely. None would call him ugly.

REASON FOR current interest in Sen. Humphrey lies in the fact that he is a Democratic candidate for his party's nomination to the Presidency next year. To win support, he is making a nation-wide speaking trip. He spoke in Pontiac Friday night to 650 avid Oakland County Democrats.

In case you may not know much about this location, Minnesota, he was born in 1911, elected Mayor of Minneapolis in 1945, from which political post he jumped to the U.S. Senate.

Humphrey has been a political science teacher in a small Minnesota college. He speaks with the rapidity of a well-oiled machine gun, seldom hesitating for his next word. He knows how to use his face and arms to emphasize his words, too.

All-in-all, Sen. Hubert is quite a political orator. His rapid rise in national politics offers proof of his talents to sway people into voting for him.

ONE OF THE salient criticisms currently being directed against... (SEE THIS & THAT, Page 2-A)

'Come Clean' Demand Faces Truckers Here

"The Big Cleanup" is on in Birmingham. Municipal officials this week thought back over the tons of dirt which has been spilled or tracked onto city streets. What they remembered they didn't think fitted Birmingham's character as a fine, clean, residential city.

PRIMARY OFFENDERS, it is claimed, are contractors whose trucks are improperly or heavily loaded or which pull on streets from muddy excavations.

So city commissioners Monday night instructed City Attorney Dean G. Beier to come up with a nuisance ordinance amendment providing for more street cleanliness.

IN THE PAST, the city has had to wait until a private citizen swore out a complaint.

Now the city soon will be able to swear by itself.



The center of attention last Friday at the Bloomfield Hills home of Dr. and Mrs. Howard H. McNeill was Minnesota Senator Hubert Humphrey. Talking to him are (from left) the McNeills, with other members of the Bloomfield Democratic club, Mrs. Harold J. Schultz, 2755 Colonial way, Bloomfield Hills; Mrs. Cass Jarvis, 122 Concord, Bloomfield township. Seated at right is club president Mrs. William A. Clemmons, 465 S. Williamsbury, Bloomfield township.

Russians Take to This Hills Couple

By JULIE CANDLER
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Wayne state university opens the series next Tuesday in the library from 1:30 to 3 p.m.

MRS. MCGAUGHEY plans to show her color movies when she and Mrs. Hatt take up the Russian picture.

"My dining table was loaded down for weeks with splicing equipment and film," says Mrs. McGaughy of the film editing.

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HE WAS EXTREMELY vague, the detective went on.

"These sounds like one I did" was a common answer, Chambers said.

"We drove him around to the home we suspected him of burglarizing," he went on, "and that helped his memory."

The series started on March 22, 1956, with the burglarizing of the home of Israel Gravelin, 1714 Yosemite, where he took silverware, pillows and food.

THREE DAYS LATER he hit the St. James Episcopal church, 335 W. Maple, with an estimated loss of \$1,500.

McGinnis claims he took only \$500.

He took \$4,025 from the home of A. M. Coville, 1814 Banbury, in August, 1957. Four thousand dollars in government bonds was later recovered in Royal Oak.

A job at 1462 Dorchester, the home of Morris M. Halsted, in October, 1958, netted him \$2,456 worth of milk stole, silverware, whiskey and perfume, according to the Birmingham police tally sheet.

IT ALSO LISTED \$305 in jewelry and silverware taken from the home of Donald Brunke, 926 Abby in October, 1958.

McGinnis is being held in the Oakland county jail awaiting trial in circuit court.

Burglary has been McGinnis' full-time job for the last three years, Chambers said.

THE BURGLAR is scheduled for more questioning, Det. Lt. Merlin L. Holmquist said.

"We plan to go over many of the jobs we suspect him of doing. We hope to jar his memory a little more," Holmquist said.

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Returns with Animated Owl

There wasn't too much to buy in Russian shops, Mrs. William H. McGaughy says, but she managed to find a few gift items for her Christmas box. Among them is a hand-carved toy owl whose wooden wings flap when a string is pulled.



Just three months ago Dr. and Mrs. Hatt and the McGaughys together watched the sun go down behind the Kremlin as they dined in Moscow's National hotel.

The Hatts spent two weeks touring Russia, their eyes especially trained on museums (Dr. Hatt is director of Cranbrook institute of science).

MRS. HATT and Mrs. McGaughy found they agreed on most of their impressions of Russia.

"I just loved the people. They were just so over my many of the jobs we suspect him of doing. We hope to jar his memory a little more," Holmquist said.

"I think we agreed about everything, practically. But then on the day we discuss Russia at the library, you may find differences of opinion. If so, that will be interesting."

Their discussion will be the