

The Light Touch by *Jeanne Westerdale*

TREASURE HUNT

Today I hadn't planned to clean his room, but I begin it. Because my favorite magazine is buried somewhere in it!

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Doubts, misgivings and fears often attend thoughts of funeral homes, arrangements or funeral directors. This is indeed unfortunate, because today's funeral director and his establishment are modern, dignified and reliable. And he is sincerely interested in helping you understand the business aspects of the funeral at a time not burdened by personal loss.

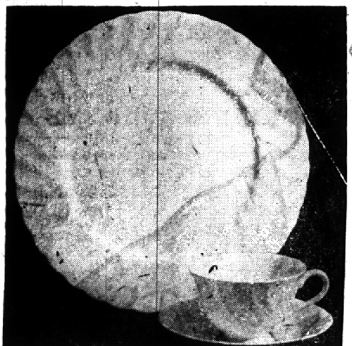
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Beater?

The "beat generation" seems to be joined by its own younger generation. A recent "Beatnik" party by Barbara Brown brought out these potential hipsters from garrets and poetry-filled rooms around town. They are (from left) Wally Booth, 4822 Bryn Mawr; Bob Coy, 27281 Ovid drive; Phyllis Meeks, 457 Cranbrook, and Barbara Brown, 632 Ardmore, Bloomfield Village.

Things are Swinging At Teen Center Again

By **JIM RUHLY**
Special Writer

The Birmingham Teen Center opened its second year last Friday, Oct. 16.

As was hoped and as predicted, it was an enormous success. Over 450 teen-agers from the Birmingham school district, attending dancing continuously to the music of the Dual Tones, a Royal Oak high school rock and roll combo; playing pool, ping-pong, and shuffleboard in the game room; and miscellaneous card games.

APPLE CIDER and donuts and pop and candy machines rounded out the refreshments. Behind the success of its operation were months of work and preparation.

Two weeks ago a meeting was held at the YMCA. It was a combination meeting of the Junior and Senior boards, ironing out problems that faced them in preparation for opening the Teen center.

WITHOUT THE help of these people it would not be open, and its success would be just a dream as it was about a year ago.

The representatives to whom we are indebted are: Mrs. Robert Fokorny and Mrs. Russell Hoyle, representing the Birmingham branch of the Women's National Farm and Garden association; Mrs. Robert Etter of the Birmingham P.T.A.; Mr. Richard Ernst of the Rotary club, and last year's financial advisor; Miss Patricia Huseman of the Birmingham Recreation board; Mrs. Fitzgerald of the Women's club who did such a tremendous job of supplying chaperones; Miss Ruth Andrews also of Women's club and a charter member from last year; and Mrs. Mildred Puddingham of Showcase Inc. in Birmingham.

Also in attendance were Junior Board members Jackie Paulas, Marti Alguire, John Kiser, Kathy Lowe, Steve Collister, Chuck Hartung, Jim Ruhly, Francis Quilian, Gary Downey, and Sue MacLean. All of these junior board members have given generously of their time.

BUT PERHAPS if any five people could be sighted as responsible for the success of the Teen center, the following are sure candidates: Mr. Owen Manchester, executive secretary of the city; whose generosity and unflinching patronage at all meetings were of tremendous assistance in establishing the center.

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MAPLE MATTERS
By **BIL MITCHELL**

Seniors Take The Day With 14-Point Margin

Senior, junior, senior, junior. That's the way the tally sheet read after the totals were in and the contest was over. But the seniors ran a mighty state! They took Field Day honors at Seaholm high school with 14 points over the juniors. Seniors: 113. Juniors: 99. Sophomores: 58. That's the way the figures read, but the excitement and color of the traditional day showed a remarkable unity in class spirit.

HOWEVER there was a serious occurrence that caused a blemish on the face value of Field Day. A senior boy burned the sophomore float, something that has not happened in the history of the event. Apologizing at a class meeting the next day couldn't mend the damage done.

But, because the seniors could have been disqualified and also out of anonymity, they helped the sophomores reconstruct the float.

The juniors also received a blow in the course of the 1959 Field Day. Several societies and clubs, who once approved the junior theme, later reversed the plan for a Negro spiritual theme.

Seniors had decided to blacken their faces and carry out the theme of "When the Saints Go Marching In." The minstrel idea carried less effect when the juniors came "marching in" without the charcoal touch that would have made it more authentic.

Pessimism is now mounting. What is the chance for Field Days of the future?

Holy Name Too Much—or Too Little?

JUDY GOODE

Maybe it was too much of a good thing.

Sunday Holy Name lost to St. Clements of Grosse Pointe, 13-6. This was our first game away from our home field. There weren't enough people there to do much about cheering our team on to another victory.

WE ARE NOW 2 for 2 in the league race. Our one and only touchdown was made by Steve Kwasy. He was outstanding on both defense and offense in this game. Steve is rapidly becoming a star here.

This game proved at least one thing—that our team has to know that there's someone behind them all the way. The poor turnout for this game may have been part of the cause of our defeat.

Next week we play undefeated LaSalle of Berkley. All the school wants is a victory and it's up to the students to get to these games and let our team know we're behind them all the way.

OUR GYM is still buzzing. People are coming to see the free showing of contemporary religious art from 2 to 9 p.m. There are many good pieces in this national exhibition. This art work is all done by nationally known artists.

Modern Ag, They Find, Is an Engineering Feat

By **JOHN P. GRAUER, JR.**
S. H. S. Student

On Friday, Oct. 16, a small group of science students from Seaholm high school toured the Agricultural Engineering department of Michigan State University.

The visit was arranged to let the students meet some of the fifty-three graduate students and see many of their research projects such as the development of a tandem tractor, soil compaction, development of a mechanical cucumber harvester, factors affecting hay pelleting, and the development of the tomato harvester.

THE TOMATO harvester was one of the most interesting. It was constructed by modifying and adding components to a potato digger. The potato digger blade was adjusted to sever the vines just below the soil surface. The plants were then elevated by the potato chain and placed on a shaker bed consisting of steel rods spaced five inches apart.

The machine was designed to harvest one of the new dwarf varieties of tomatoes which mature rather uniformly. A shaker bed was used vibrating at 250 cycles per minute to remove the fruit in about three seconds.

THE MACHINE does not bruise or hurt the fruit at all, in fact it is usually bruised less than in hand picking.

The facilities of the Agricultural Engineering department include the wood and metal shops, farm structures laboratory, hand development laboratory, refrigeration and radiation laboratory.

The tour also covered the food processing laboratory. This is the center of the research activity

devoted to engineering phases of food processing. This includes major items as a roaster, autoclave, centrifugal filter, refrigerator and canning machine.

Also included was a visit to the horticultural department, where the students learned something about isotopes, their use in tracking down different chemicals in the plant, and the uses of choline. The trip helped give the students a basic understanding of what is needed to be done and what is being done in the vast field of Agricultural engineering.

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