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SECTION A

Leaving the Columns of Michigan's Finest Suburban Readings After

Wee Witches Getting 2 Nights Out Which Witches Make Pitches and Keep You in Stitches?

By AL SANDNER
Staff Writer

The witch of today—as well as her assorted friends and fellow-workers—like almost everyone else, has it pretty soft. The life of a 1959 witch, especially one of the younger variety—like those that will prowled through Birmingham Saturday night—does not compare with that of her great-great-grandmother who prowled through New and old England in 1659.

UF Drive 25% Shy Of Quota

Late reports are expected to account for the majority of the money, but the Birmingham-Bloomfield-Franklin United Foundation drive was still 25 per cent shy of its quota as of yesterday.

Many of the reports are expected to cut down the \$52,848,484 of its \$71,500 quota and Birmingham has contributed \$48,844 of its \$71,500 quota while Bloomfield Hills and Bloomfield Hills have contributed \$69,907 of their \$89,547 total.

Oakland Hills has contributed \$97,776 of its \$9,000 quota and Farmington Hills has contributed \$2,335. Other area community contributions as of yesterday show Wing Lake with \$2,453 (\$3,600); Franklin with \$1,374 (\$3,388); Beverly Hills, \$5,692 (\$8,811); and other areas contributions, \$1,650 of \$3,000 quota.

The high schools in the Birmingham area have contributed \$2,000. Birmingham high donated \$1,000; Bloomfield Hills, \$1,138; Cranbrook, \$1,350 and private schools, \$158. Southfield has reached \$14,951 of its \$25,165 goal and Troy has contributed \$2,907 of its \$3,710 quota.

Shades of Ichabod

... left on area doorsteps. For faces from various places see the pumpkin-page on 1-B.

125 Years

... is worth celebrating for area Presbyterians. See page 4-B.

Cinderella Had a Ball

... at the annual fund-raising dance. See page 1-C

Indecided Now

... but each little leaguer knows what to do. For the story on the tight little league grid battles see page 8-E.

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I have said, numerous times in these paragraphs, that one can be a happy, healthy, and secure—even though there are others nearby whose lives are not so successful. It does not mean that material abundance is necessary to an environment of happiness. To deny one's inherent ability to be happy is to deny the ability of God to create the aid of His children. Think of that!

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About the only thing a dog's got to live for is an occasional pat on the head!

It's Still Too Much Of a Dog's Life for Man's Best Friend!

By GEORGE WM. AVERILL
Managing Editor

Man's best friend needs some help. I am trying to aid him by bringing his plight to the attention of my column readers. I hope to plant the seed that in years to come will result in the emancipation of that friend.

My determination to help the downtrodden stems from the realization that Nov. 1-7 is Cat Week International. This nation's population of 215 million are aware for millions is to scratch his neck when it itches. His collar gets in the way. (Ever try to scratch YOUR neck thru your shirt collar?)

The dog must pay a fee to the city to stay alive. He can't wander around chasing mice, and other wildlife whether for fun or for food.

HE IS SUBJECTED to constant vigilance of the municipal discrimination enforcer, the dogcatcher. Consider the enlightened and careful existence of his animal buddy, the cat.

THE WIDESPREAD municipal discrimination against dogs. Most municipalities, you need not be reminded, require dogs to go around with tags fastened to the collar. Both cost the dog owner money.

DOG, IN MANY communities, are severely restricted in their movements. Here in Birmingham, a typical example, a dog may not leave his owner's premises without being under the owner's control.

TOO, A DOG which can't read his city ordinance—and thus gets caught—must be ransomed from the dogcatcher's hands.

AND DOGcatchers like to keep their city bosses happy—and they do this by catching dogs. (Incidentally, can you recall any city which employs a catcher?)

NOW JUST THINK of all this discrimination against dogs by municipal authorities. The dog can't have the freedom

This and That

By George R. Averill

Instead of using the shop-worn word "inflation," why shouldn't we use "depreciation, your dollar," "dollar shrinker," or perhaps, just "drop-shit"? Another question: "How can you get so long as you state and federal government continues their step-by-step policy on the route that leads to the Socialistic Welfare State?"

THE ASSOCIATED Contractors of America estimate the cost of building in the United States is related to cost by "featherbedding." Thus, the builder of a \$20,000 home pays \$30 to \$40 to the contractor, which finally is paid for by the one who buys the home.

"Daring," said the new bride boarding a train, "let's do our best to make the other passengers think we were married for years." "Okay," the husband replied, "Do you think you can carry both of these suitcases?"

Everybody in the United States ought to place this sentiment in their wallet or pocket as a motto of government—whatever and wherever they are—namely, "Don't tax money to do so. They want to do more and more for you. Most of the time you encourage them to do so by your failure to let them know you want them to take care of your dollars. After all, Mr. and Mrs. America, ONLY YOU can decrease government spending by decreasing their tax money. Instead, try targeting your criticisms at those who levy and spend your tax dollars."

Before our pre-historic ancestors discovered how to make fire they suppose they ever "got into hot water" among themselves?

Some men bring flowers home to their wives the year 'round—others let her come them in the yard during the wedding season.

\$9,500 Saving Under Newest Refuse Contract

An annual \$9,500 saving in the city's rubbish and garbage collection costs is reflected in a new three-year contract awarded last week.

Suburbia Does Have Some Benefits, Critic Admits

The author of "The Exurbanites" probably has done more to point out the shortcomings of non-urban living than any other man, either living or dead.

In November's SUBURBIA TODAY—which will come to you with NEXT WEEK'S Birmingham Eccentric—he admits that all is not black across the city line.

BEFORE YOU READ the lead feature, however, why not glance at the situations our cartoonists depict in "Suburbia—Any Day." It helps to think if none of these misdeeds have ever befallen you.

MSU-O Gets Tough With Liberal Arts

By JULIE CANDLER
Staff Writer

ROCHESTER—"We have felt and continue to feel vocational education isn't really the need of the moment in higher education," said Chancellor D. B. Varner of Michigan State University-Oakland.

In our article last week, Dr. Varner explained why the new university curriculum dropped old college curriculum specialties like accounting and required physical education.

By being scholastically tough, for another. "We think we're tougher than most schools," admits Varner. "We made it clear from the beginning that this isn't to be a playground. That if learning is a chore, students shouldn't come here."

WITH THE school in operation a little over a month, about 15 students have dropped out, according to Varner.

"Our young faculty demands more of its students," says Varner of the 28 instructors, average age 33 and all but two of whom hold the Ph.D. degree.

MSU-O has stricter and more extensive reading requirements. Students are marked severely on their writings. No pre-college level courses are offered (the school will not accept a "junior" available for students who need them). The MSU-O math program starts with calculus.

Special Aide To Develop CBD Studies

By AL SANDNER
Staff Writer

BIRMINGHAM Plan Director Herbert Herzberg received the go-ahead this week on hiring a special assistant to work on the central business district's future development.

THE MONEY will be used only to pay the additional planning department costs of the CBD studies.

CHILDREN will assemble in front of Hill school, at Chester and Main at 7 p.m. They start the parade at 7:30.

THAT'S FOR the younger spirit. The slightly older ones have been invited to parties at Barnum and downtown Birmingham for social activities as dancing, games, movies, refreshments.

MSU-O foundation, came the thinking that led to the liberal arts concentration. Business leaders said they would train for the man with a good liberal arts education. They would train for the man with a good engineering education today is obsolete.

THE UNIVERSITY tops it off by requiring three terms of composition and literature courses which will help other cities as a model for the man with a good liberal arts education. They would train for the man with a good engineering education today is obsolete.

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By AL SANDNER
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PEOPLE'S COLUMN
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Early last spring a letter was published in the Eccentric which could be interpreted as a cry for help from a Birmingham high school graduate now attending college in Ohio.

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Trying to Hold Water Costs at Present Level

By AL SANDNER
Staff Writer

ALTHOUGH Detroit will charge the South Oakland water authority 12 cents more per thousand cubic feet of water, rates will not go up in Birmingham until it is determined whether there is need for passing along the increase to the consumer.

THE BIRMINGHAM chamber of commerce is trying its hand at coordinating the community party for the first time this year.

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Waring Went, Glitter Stars

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THE BRIGHT lights and glitter of the Fred Waring "Stargate Festival" are shining brightly in Birmingham in the pleased smiles of Birmingham Lions club members.

THE FINAL list haven't been paid, said Lion's vice president, Dom S. Caputo. "But the show was a great success," he beamed.

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