

State Lawmakers Put in Long Hours, Says MSU Professor

State legislators in general are devoted to public service and usually put in long hours at a thankless job.

That's one of the conclusions of Dr. Leroy C. Ferguson, Michigan State university professor of political science.

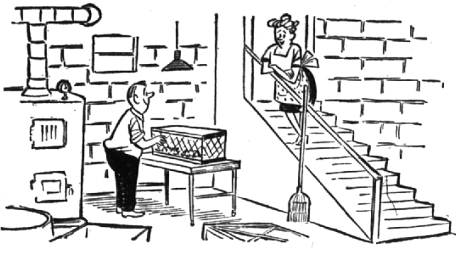
He and colleagues from three other universities interviewed nearly every member of the New Jersey, Ohio, Tennessee and California legislatures gathering data that

will be used in a forthcoming book. The typical legislator, they found, is likely to be a lawyer. He follows informal "rules of the game" in the legislature and expects his fellow members to do likewise.

He is probably favorable to education, especially if he did not go to college himself. Word from persons or groups in his home district strongly influence him.

Whether he regards his proper role as doing what he thinks best or acting strictly as a representative of his constituents' wishes, he thinks most of the people in his district agree with his views.

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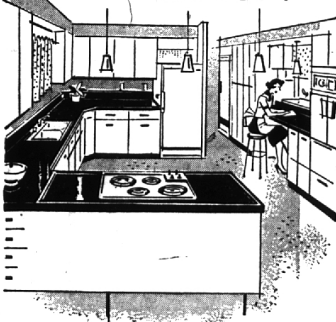
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B'ham Humane Society Asks Funds for Animal Shelter

Mrs. Mae Koehler, secretary of the Birmingham Humane Society, today appealed for funds for an animal shelter in the city.

"As the Christmas season approaches," said Mrs. Koehler, "our thoughts are turned to words of gaiety, parties, gifts, etc. But let us pause in the midst of all this and direct our thoughts to our poor, neglected, forgotten four-footed animals."

Since the local society was chartered in 1956, said Mrs. Koehler, "we have been struggling along and imploring all to help by donations toward getting a small shelter or piece of land on which to build one, to feed these lost, strayed, stolen or abandoned creatures until a suitable home can be found."

"It could be your own net seeking shelter," she declared.

Mrs. Koehler explained that the society exists only on donations and is not supported on a membership basis.

"We get no help whatever through the United Foundation as some societies do . . . We receive no help through the various police departments, only to

relieve them of a lot of extra work, any time of the day or night, seven days a week."

She said there are no high salaries or overhead in her organization.

Mrs. Koehler said donations may be sent to either of two offices of the Birmingham Humane Society, at 275 E. Maple or 619 W. Frank.

"No matter how large or how small the donation may be, it will be greatly appreciated and will help toward a good cause," she said.

And it will be one Christmas gift that will show returns long after the Christmas season is over.

Russian Trip Inspiration For Article

By RUTH YOGT

Mayra Mannes, a regular contributor to The Reporter and a frequent one to the New York Times, had an article about her trip to Russia printed recently in the former magazine.

Miss Mannes used an informal technique as she recorded her impressions of the city of Moscow and its inhabitants. It was so effective that one was struck by its literally see, feel and even smell her musty hotel room which "had the odor of having been dusted daily but not scrubbed or swept."

WHEN SHE RELATED how the Tower whose only purpose was to deflect radio or TV. messages loomed over everything and instantly made her freedom seem unripe.

With her keen insight she asked why shouldn't they be friends? They had seen two wars, a depression, oppression and millions of their men-folk slaughtered. And while we take our face creams and clothes for granted, they know nothing about them. She saw so many 'kerchiefs' tied around the head and under the chin that she longed to see just one good looking hat.

SHE THEN DWELT on quite an unusual fact—couldn't get over the phenomenon of everyone, be it in the subways, on street corners or on city benches, reading. This seemed to her to be the biggest hobby. She added that one saw no cheap gipsy-sunglasses or tawdry paper-backs on the stands or in the subways, but quite substantial stuff.

AT THE END of the article she spoke of the outstanding, great tender care each parent showed on his offspring. She wrote that on this affection and attention seen was something not easily shaken off.

"And the children? They were utterly happy! They were smiles, had gracious manners and seemed truly at peace and ease, making up for the drabness and seriousness which characterized the oldsters."

Some articles don't die the minute they have read. Some stick with you. I look at my cosmetics in a different light. I consider the clothes hanging in my closet so fervently. I look at my children. I find myself comparing myself with those women who "don't smile too often."

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For all practical purposes, Dr. Drews found, the slow students

are "silent Men" in the usual type of classes.

"They are so overwhelmed by responses made by the brighter students that they rarely, if ever, say anything," she explains. Superior students monopolize the class discussions, talking 10 times as much as the typical slow student.

However, Dr. Drews does not advocate teaching by ability groups, his choice and made aware of the study, he is willing to teach such groups and have the use of special teaching materials.

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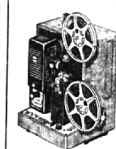
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