

One of the greatest criticisms being directed to our nation's leaders is the ever-increasing refusal of most of our citizens to develop their own individual talents to the end that we may "stand up to the basic challenges of life." Our people are tending to seek the shelter of the "conformity" of the "placidity" of the "conformity." Chief evidence of this is our dependence upon government for security.

That's One Souvenir She Won't Handle Much

By IRMA N. DAVIS
Staff Writer

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A VETERAN of many trips to Europe, South America, and Mexico, she strongly believes that languages provide a special passport, not only to bargain, but to friendly and exciting experiences in foreign lands.

She says she "can't emphasize enough the benefits of learning at least a few phrases of a language before visiting a country. It is an icebreaker and, most of all, it shows an interest in the localities one visits."

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Her green passport print Cheong san is a definite type of Chinese dress, Mrs. Schjolin explained.

"The higher the slit at the side, the more wicked its wearer." Hers was slashed only a discreet inch or two.

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HER PARENTS came from Vienna but Mrs. Schjolin was born here.

She related the benefits that sometimes come to the linguist, as she pointed out a quaint little chest she acquired in Sweden. While there she struck an acquaintance with a "passant" who admired their American car.

The couple kindly promised him a drive and he appeared "looking

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B'ham Man Gets Scout Executive Job

Merritt D. Hill, Birmingham, president of the Detroit Area Council, Boy Scouts of America, announced today that R. Robert Kilmer, deputy scout executive of the council, has accepted the scout executive position of Indianhead Council in St. Paul, Minn. He will assume his new responsibilities on or about Jan. 15, 1961.

Kilmer, a Birmingham resident, is a graduate of Case Technical High School and attended Wayne State University. An Eagle scout, volunteer and executive leader in Scouting for almost 20 years, he is known to thousands of scouts and scouters in this area.

Mr. and Mrs. Kilmer and their two children have resided in Birmingham for the past several years. They are members of St. James Episcopal Church.

These Tips May Make Holidays Safer for You

The combination of hurrying shoppers, poor visibility and slippery streets make December the most dangerous month of the year for pedestrians.

Here are some suggestions which may help Birmingham-area residents enjoy a safe holiday season:

1. Don't carry so many parcels that your visibility is hampered. Make two trips, if necessary.
2. Cross only at intersections and wait for the green light. Don't try to run across when the amber light is on.
3. Try to shop during daylight hours. The most dangerous time for pedestrians is between sundown and darkness.
4. Pay attention to traffic of cars. They will try to protect you.
5. Hurry through your shopping, if you must, but don't hurry on the streets. If there is the slightest doubt about getting across the street before the light turns red, wait.

In Oakland County . . . County Family Service Aids Business, Industry

The fact that family troubles can seriously affect on-the-job performance has brought increased attention from leaders of business and industry. It was reported last week by James C. Allen, board president of the Family Service of Oakland County.

He stated that the agency's experience in Oakland County confirms that Family Service agencies, by helping people solve family and emotional problems, are proving valuable to business and industry as described in a special 60-page issue of "Family Service Highlights," the official magazine of the Family Service Association of America (FSA).

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ROBERT JAMES, executive director, stated that this agency has always been interested in referrals from business and industry. They represent close to 10 per cent of the applications.

However, a closer relationship with local agencies as board or committee members, by helping people solve family and emotional problems, are proving valuable to business and industry as described in a special 60-page issue of "Family Service Highlights," the official magazine of the Family Service Association of America (FSA).

With a theme, "Family Service: Its Value to Business and Industry," the magazine carries statements by 24 industrial leaders and 24 family service agencies to business and industry.

Some of the valuable statements were Benson Ford, vice president, Ford Motor Company; Thomas J. Watson, Jr., president of International Business Machines Corp.; Pierre S. duPont and others.

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Robert L. Menzies Promoted in Hawaii

Robert L. Menzies, son of Mrs. Kathryn B. Menzies, 6925 Castle Court, Birmingham, has been promoted to the rank of specialist fourth class at Tripler U. S. Army Hospital, Honolulu, Hawaii.

A graduate of Bloomfield Hills High School, he attended Hilldale College until he entered the Army in September, 1958.

He was assigned to the U. S. Army Hospital at Ft. Sill, Okla., until his transfer to Tripler in July, 1959. Menzies serves in the hospital's radiology clinic as an X-ray technician.

Detroit and County End Welfare Fight

Oakland county and Detroit welfare officials described their differences as "a misunderstanding and a difference in policy." Thus setting the Detroit charge that Oakland welfare families were being persuaded to move to Detroit.

Detroit had cited two cases in which families were forced to move because Oakland welfare officials withheld rent money. George H. Burt, county welfare director, said his department avoids payment of back rent.

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Historical, Legal Volumes Donated To MSUO Library

Recent acquisitions by the Michigan State University Oakland County library include almost 1,000 volumes of historical and legal collections of former U. S. Congressmen and State Representative Louis C. Cramton of Lapeer.

The medieval collection belonged to the late Dr. Sidney Painter, history department head at Johns Hopkins University. The volumes provided material for several standard histories of France and England.

David Wilder, MSUO librarian, arranged for the purchase of the collection from Painter's personal library.

Bids Submitted On Big Program For Highways

A good share of the \$42 million State Highway department's construction bids that were opened last week were for work in Oakland county.

The big figure was for the biggest highway construction program in the nation's history. It included was 122 miles of Chrysler expressway work in county territory north of Pontiac.

THE TWO LOWEST bidders for 7.4 miles of that stretch were S. D. Solomon and Sons, Pontiac with a bid of \$4,018,804 and Holloway Construction company of Livonia with a bid of \$4,019,109. Contracts will be awarded soon.

A highway department spokesman said that it appeared the lowest bid amounts to \$2,857,000 less than original engineering estimates.

Engineers Establish Student Loan Fund

A \$500 student loan fund has been made available to engineering students at Michigan State University Oakland by the Oakland County Engineering Society.

The fund will be administered by the foundation in accordance with rules set up by the university and will be available from the society upon request.

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