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Quick on Their Feet

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP—Detective James Keller (left) and Chief of Police Norman Dehnke check some articles against a list of stolen items recovered following a Dec. 8 burglary at the home of S. M. Fleas on Juniper lane, Bloomfield township. Prompt work by police resulted in the arrest of Wayne B. Gordon, 17, of Royal Oak. Keller made the arrest. Loot included two portable television sets, clock radio, six new men's shirts, a wrist watch, ladies shoes and purse and boxes of jewelry.

Yule Accident Rate Lowered in Township

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP—While Detroit and other parts of the state were compiling long lists of traffic injuries and accidents over the holiday weekend, Bloomfield township lowered its accident rate.

On Christmas day, not a single accident was reported in the township.

One of the few personal-injury accidents occurred Christmas Eve when seven-year old Kenney Morgan of 4088 Chestnut Hill, Birmingham, was hurt in a four-car collision at Telegraph and Humphrey.

A passenger in a car driven by his father, Leland E. Morgan, he was the only one of four children in the car to suffer injury.

SO FAR this month, there have been only 50 accidents in Bloomfield township, compared to 99 in December, 1959.

Township police note that a contributing factor in lessening car collisions in the township has been the widening of intersections at Telegraph and Maple and Long Lake Roads.

Our Offices Will Be Closed Monday, Jan. 2; Please Get Your Ad, News Copy in Early Friday

Lathrup Residence Damaged by Fire

LATHRUP—A fire at the home of Carl Danbrun, 18165 Avilla, Friday at 6:36 p.m. caused extensive damage to the basement of the residence.

Cause of the fire was unknown. The home was insured.

Talk of the Towns

By DENI SCANLON

A 1960 New Year's resolution to stop the loss of the albatross turned out to be a successful one for Mike Burkhardt of Oakland, Birmingham.

Mike, whose hobby is letter writing, took up the cause of the gooney bird, in an effort to save them from the Navy's plan to rid them from areas near its air field.

The bird project is finished, rather the Navy is, he wrote in his last week. "I got a letter from that professor at Michigan State University (the one with the terrible handwriting) and he said the Navy retracted its order to do out the birds."

"Rah! Rah! We won!" Seasholm students exclaimed enthusiastically.

The professor did another nice thing, Mike added, "he typed his letter for a change."

And so at the end of 1960, the industrious teenager has closed his bulging file on the Case of the Albatross.

Beauty is not the key to success for working women. At least that's the result of a recent survey.

A pleasing personality and honesty tied for first in the order of importance.

Second, third and fourth spots were taken by intelligence, tact and dependability. Good grooming and loyalty tied for fourth; good looks and voice tied for sixth.

Beauty was the key to success, however, for the William R. Shaws of Maribou Drive, Bloomfield Hills. Attractive Betty Lou and her cooking headquarters are the result of a letter from the Navy's plan to rid them from areas near its air field.

Additional information and photographs are included inside the magazine.

"What a mess!" was her exclamation. "It was a pleasant surprise," Mrs. Shaw said, explaining that the photographs were taken last March and the family had almost forgotten about it. The five little Shaws were especially thrilled.

Birmingham Democrats and their friends (including many Republicans) joined forces this year to show three needy families in the area with holiday food parcels.

The Staples were collected at the homes of two members and brought out the items before filling the baskets. Then she left the room to answer the phone.

What a mess! was her exclamation when she returned to find the room spread across the living room floor.

But the overwhelming generosity of area residents is certainly "food for thought," she commented after helping to deliver the packages to the families.

Post Office Ready To Stamp Out Yule In Lathrup Village

LATHRUP—As persistent as a stuck record have been two queries driving Lathrup post office officials wild during the holiday rush: "When ya gonna close?" and "Do ya know how to get there?"

Postmaster Robert C. Steger takes chucking exception to the latter, since his very presence would indicate he must know the route to the House-in-the-Woods and mail headquarters for the city.

The tripled force for the last 10 days (normal compliment is four—now it's 14) has handled 15,000 pieces of outgoing mail—10,000 pieces of incoming mail and 40,000 pieces of incoming mail.

So far, only concrete indication that a new post office is in the offing is a resplendent artist's conception of what the building will look like. Williamsburg in feeling, to tie in with architecture of the rest of the village. Bids went out Dec. 14, but haven't been picked up as yet.

Library Board Denied Funds For Construction

WEST BLOOMFIELD—A request by West Bloomfield's library board to borrow \$12,000 from township funds until 1961 collections are completed, was denied by West Bloomfield's board at its meeting.

A resolution passed by the township board stated that the request denied until next year because, legally, there can be no transfer of township funds to libraries.

According to library board member Mrs. Winston Ely, the advance of the funds was needed to meet construction costs of the new library building on Orchard Lake.

The building, costing \$100,000, is financed by a special one-half-cent tax levied by West Bloomfield residents in 1959.

Local Man Heads So. Oakland YMCA

LATHRUP—William H. Arveson, 28077 Sunset, has been elected president of the South Oakland YMCA. He has been first vice chairman of the Y since 1957.

Arveson succeeds Thomas J. Peterson, Bloomfield Hills, formerly of Royal Oak, who served two years as chairman.

Pinned by Cars, Man Suffers Severe Injuries

SOUTHFIELD—A 27-year-old Birmingham man is in critical condition in the Detroit Osteopathic Hospital after being pinned between two cars early on the morning of Dec. 22.

Suffering severe injuries to both legs, Ronald A. Kriet, 3906 Bridgeman Road, He was struck by a car shortly before 2 a.m. on Light Mt. Road just west of Evergreen.

Southfield police said Kriet had gotten out of his car which had apparently stalled and was trying to flag down a car driven by William J. Thurston, 46, of 23065 Warner Road, Farmington. Thurston told police that he did not see Kriet in time to avoid hitting him. He swerved, crushing Kriet between the bumpers of the two cars.

Birmingham Woman Suffers Injuries In 3-Car Crash

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP—Edna Terry, 3906 Birmingham woman, remains in satisfactory condition in Pontiac General Hospital following a three-car crash Dec. 20 on Telegraph Road opposite the Pontiac State Police post.

Police said that Mrs. Terry, who lives at 2925 E. Maple, skidded on the snow-covered highway, crossing the centerline to strike opposite-bound cars. She sustained arm cuts and a fractured scalp.

Drivers of the two other cars escaped injury.

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FOXCRIFT—In a South American way, these visitors from Buenos Aires help decorate the Christmas tree at the home of the Russel Stanfords. They are (from left), Mrs. Jules A. Lussier holding daughter Monica; the children's nurse, Lidia Ortega; Ann, Grant, Jay and Papa Lussier, holding the smallest Lussier of all, Paul.

Visitors from South America Participate in Yankee Christmas

By KAROL DARLING, Special Writer

FOXCRIFT—Three days before Christmas, neighbors of the Russel Stanfords of Woodland Pass received frantic phone calls requesting all the warm clothing they could spare—sweaters, jackets, hats, mittens, boots or what have you in sizes to fit or nearly fit youngsters from one to seven years.

This was just a bit puzzling until Russ explained that his sister, Mrs. Jules A. Lussier and her five children, Jay, 7, Anne, 6, Grant, 5, Monica, 2, Paul, 1, and their nurse Lidia Ortega had arrived from Buenos Aires, Argentina.

No one of them was equipped for sub-zero temperatures or snow, experiences brand new to the children.

FOR THE PAST SIX YEARS the Lussiers have made their home in Buenos Aires where Jules is associated with Industrias Kaiser Argentina.

Before her marriage, Mrs. Lussier was Pat Stanford, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Brooke Stanford.

Sr. former Birmingham residents now living in Winter Haven, Fla. Pat is a 1944 graduate of Birmingham High school and an alumna of the University of Michigan, class of 1948.

The 8,000-mile jet airplane ride was a new and exciting experience for the little Lussiers. While Jay, Anne and Grant had made the trip once before they were much too young to remember.

As a matter of fact, Jay looks upon his brothers, Grant and Paul, and his sister, Monica, as native Argentines because they were born there.

JUST BEFORE leaving Buenos Aires he quipped, "Let's leave these Argentinians behind!"

All of the youngsters are bilingual, speaking both Spanish and English, with the sole exception of one-year-old Paul who has yet to utter anything understandable. Moreover, their nurse Lidia speaks only Spanish so the children come in mighty handy as interpreters around the Stanford household.

Highlight of the long flight was a short visit in Winter Haven where they adored Fat's mother to the outburst. The evening following their arrival in Foxcroft, Pat's husband, Jules, arrived by air from Paris, France. On Saturday morning Jules' father, Emer Lussier, joined the group coming from Rhode Island.

ABOUT THE TIME that Santa slid down the chimney, Russ' father slid in from Winter Haven and the family circle was complete.

While the Lussiers are house guests of the Stanfords, they plan to spend much of their time with the Clyde Turners of Birmingham. Mrs. Turner is Pat Lussier's sister. They will also visit the Brooke Stanfords Jr., of Wing Lake road—his is Pat's brother.

Christmas day was the climax of weeks of preparation. The whole clan, numbering 30, gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Stanford, Jr. for dessert and gift exchange.

Pat and the children will remain with the Stanfords until Jan. 9 when they will fly back to their English-style home on a cobblestone street, in the suburbs of Buenos Aires.

B'field Officials Initiate Addition To Township Hall

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP—For the first time Tuesday night, Bloomfield township board members held their meeting in the auditorium of the new addition to township hall.

Although the auditorium, with a seating capacity of 500, was included in the building plans to accommodate the large crowds which sometimes attend board meetings, the first meeting was held without a single visitor appearing.

Perhaps it was because there were no cloakrooms, or perhaps it was the cheerful salmon and beige decor of the bright, fluorescent-lighted room, but board members were in a relaxed mood.

Discussion centered around the new auditorium, the acoustical system of which came in for praise from board members.

Make and Wrap Prizes Awarded

EAST BEVERLY—The Beverly Hills WNFPA announced winners of its Christmas gift "make-and-wrap" contest along with plans for their first meeting in the New Year.

Prizes made by Mrs. Waldron W. Templemary, program chairman, were awarded to Mrs. LeRoy Behlke for the most ingeniously made gift and to Mesdames Adam M. Nowicki and John F. Musto for the best wrapping.

President Mrs. Otto Melke also presented the club with a gavel, made by Mr. Melke, at the Christmas party on Beverly road. Mrs. Donald Conrad was hostess, assisted by Mrs. Arnold Young, Jr., Mrs. Frank Jout and Mrs. James D. Gray.

For the Jan. 5 meeting the hostesses will be Mrs. Norman R. Bodine of Sheridan, assisted by Mrs. Arthur Nechman, Mrs. Lloyd Somers and Mrs. Edward C. Crona. The speaker will be Mrs. Ruth Johnson Taylor on "House Plants in Interior Design."

City Administrator To Get Estimates For Road Paving

LATHRUP—City Administrator Gerald Stone was directed by the council, at last week's meeting, to get a report on cost estimates for different types of road paving.

A report from the Road and Traffic Safety Advisory committee on minimum paving specifications recommended that only cement concrete be used to construct permanent roads which the city must maintain.

Mayor Richard N. Cogger said he would like to see minimum paving specifications set before the Feb. 1 deadline for paving petitions. He also noted that the committee's report did not mention blacktopping over a concrete base.

Ray Heym, chairman of the road committee, will be asked to attend the next council meeting to discuss the committee's report.

City Council Gives Unanimous Thanks

SOUTHFIELD—City Council unanimously thanked Robert J. McNutt last week for the "fine work" he had done as city administrator. McNutt's resignation from that position became effective this month.

Future plans mean a move west. He has been appointed city manager in Scottsdale, Ariz.

Accept Low Bid For Brace School Sewer Connection

SOUTHFIELD—Bids for sewer connections at Brace School to the Evergreen interceptor were opened Tuesday night and Board of Education members accepted John Carle's low bid of \$5,580.41.

Bids to purchase a lot owned by the school system were also made by Clarence Toonder and William Martin. The lot, number 156 in Rowland Woods subdivision, is located on the south boundary of Lederle School and is adjacent to the bidder's property.

Combined bids, made by Toonder and Martin, amounted to the \$2,000 which had been set as the minimum purchase price, but the board tabled the sale indefinitely.

Following a report from A. W. Stephens on site acquisition, the board authorized purchase of 1.6 acres at Berg and Sherman Roads. A preliminary bid will be \$4,800, plus \$38.33 on current taxes.

P. KOISTINEN

A. PEIFER

J. FISHER

Westchester Winners of Door Decor

WESTCHESTER VILLAGE—Gaily decorated doors at the homes of Donald P. Koistinen, 3523 Bradford West; Albert Peifer, 594 Roanoke Drive and James Fisher, 180 Wadsworth, won first prize and tied for second place, respectively, in a recent contest sponsored by the Westchester WNFPA. Honorable mention went to the residences of David T. Manley, 2880 Middlebury; K. J. Palmer, 3200 Middlebury; Lloyd Suthard, 155 Hillboro; Raymond Reid, 2820 Farmingdale; Robert Dewey, 5045 Middlebury; J. H. Snyder, 3320 Berkshire; W. E. Hogan, 338 Hillboro; Fay G. Kipp, 3564 J. B. King, 147 Westbourne; Edward F. Cahens, 2315 Heathfield; Dominic Januch, 2920 Farmingdale and George A. Wilson, 289 Westbourne. Birmingham Eccentric garden columnist Mrs. Alice W. Burlingame judged the contest. Mrs. Robert Erwin was chairman of the event for the garden club.