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Commuting's a Strain, Blushing Student Finds

By TOM JONES
Cranbrook Columnist

Several weeks ago, as I was preparing to return to Detroit from my home in Denver, I received word that I had no reservation on the plane I planned to take between Chicago and Detroit. The flight was sold out.

Since this was the last flight of the day, I began a frantic search of the airlines schedules in an attempt to find an earlier flight which I could take from Chicago.

FINALLY, I found a tourist flight leaving O'Hare Field at 7:55 p.m. I called the airline ticket office and explained my dilemma to a young lady there. After listening very patiently, she told us that since I didn't arrive in Chicago until 7:30, she couldn't give me a reservation on that flight.

According to the tariff rules or something, I learned, I must have at least forty minutes before the plane. After thanking her for her help, I began thinking... thinking about how I could get a seat on that plane. Suddenly, it hit me.

I called my next door neighbor who is the vice president of the airline, and explaining my plight to him, I begged him to try to get me a seat on the flight which was to call back as soon as he could find out.

AFTER SPENDING about fifteen minutes chewing on my finger nails, I again picked up the phone. "Tom," a voice said, "This is Ted. You're a Birmingham boy, aren't you? I called O'Hare and they'll make a reservation for you there. You're rush over to our ticket counter as soon as you get off the jet."

Very pleased at the success of my venture, I expressed my gratitude and hung up.

Arriving at the Denver airport, I found my jet scheduled to leave right on time. I disposed of my luggage and walked out to the boarding lobby. And there I sat for an hour and a half until my plane left one hour late.

I boarded the plane. I once again explained the whole situation, this time to the passenger service director for the flight.

HE LOOKED bewildered by the whole thing, but agreed to notify the other airline that I'd be an hour late.

Striking across Kansas and Iowa, I relaxed a little, thinking that no matter how much worried, there was nothing that could help me now. Shortly after I finished dinner, a young man who identified himself as the flight engineer came to my seat and asked me to come to the cockpit. Following very important, I followed him the ninety feet down the aisle to the cockpit.

After being comfortably seated in the Engineer's seat, I was told that the other airline was calling on the radio from Chicago to ask if I wished them to hold the flight there for me. Rather shocked at my own boldness, I said yes.

Engineer Bids For County Drain Commissioner Job

A 30-year-old engineer associated with a Birmingham firm has announced his candidacy for the office of Oakland county drain commissioner.

He is Roy J. Russell, a Democrat.

He has had people look at me many times, but never, so long as I can remember, have I seen anything such as the looks on the faces of those sixty people who had waited thirty minutes for me to arrive.

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March 24, 1960 THE BIRMINGHAM (MICH.) ECCENTRIC 3-D

who is secretary-treasurer of Mc-Alpine Engineers, Inc., engineers and land surveyors, of 636 S. Woodward, Birmingham.

Russell lives in Pontiac. He has been engaged in consulting engineering in Oakland county since 1951.

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2. You KNOW it is not too early—but it is too difficult to spread lawn fertilizer now.
3. You KNOW you should get your spreader cleaned and adjusted for the accurate spreading of fertilizers and pre-emergence crabgrass controls. (See FREE OFFER ON THIS PAGE).
4. You KNOW you should have some SALT or X-2 on hand for the ice. You are old enough to know it's not over yet.
5. You KNOW that NOW is the time to study the TORO MOWERS & EQUIPMENT while we still have available 2 or 3 top men in this field to help you.
6. You should KNOW by now that it is better to own a spreader than to borrow one. You can keep yours clean, accurate and in good condition. Also you are sure of having one WHEN YOU WANT IT.
7. Do you KNOW that with PERMANENT PLANT STARTERS you can take tomatoes and peppers to your neighbors about the time they are wondering if their plants are going to survive the hot sun.
8. You KNOW, of course, that No. 7 is not entirely entirely true—yet, it is not entirely wrong either.
9. Do you KNOW that there is a new CRABGRASS PRE-EMERGENCE chemical on the market that appears to be superior to the 1959 crop? It produces more control without any injury to the lawn grasses and should be applied before MAY 10th for the best control.
10. Did you KNOW that the most varied assortment of lead and stone and bronze statues, fountains, bird baths, etc. in Michigan is in Birmingham?
11. You didn't?
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Southfield High Was Question Of Principal, Teens Found

Southfield's Principal Robert Hall now owns a car with 200 lost miles on it. The 1958 Chevrolet disappeared from Northland parking lot recently while Mrs. Hall shopped and turned up at 80 miles per hour in Milford the next afternoon.

When the Milford police stopped the car with its 16-year-old driver and three other passengers, two 14 years old and one 15, they didn't know it was stolen, but the fact was confirmed by the Michigan state police.

Even though the car was returned plus 200 additional miles and without hub caps, Hall says he was mighty glad to see it. Looking at an empty garage and wondering where your transportation has gone, gives one that "All gone" feeling.

Discussing John Milton, English poet in a senior English class recently, students came upon the quotation, "Better to reign in Hell than serve in Heaven." A doubtful student asked the instructor, "He made that up himself, didn't he?"

Librarian Ellen Maitland reports the addition of more than 80 new books to the Southfield high school library. Among the best sellers on the list are Act One, Act Two, and Consent, and For 2¢ Plain.

The 14 boys in math seminar, a two-hour advanced math class and instructor Kenneth Hull enjoy working to music. But a battle is now raging the lovers of classical music are fighting Dennis Smallwood, a Duane Eddy fan.

Two hundred six Southfielders have signed up for the senior trip. The students will leave Tuesday, May 24, by bus for Chicago and boat back to Detroit via Mackinac Island on Friday, May 27.

Marian Hi

Missionary Nuns Speak at Their Student Assembly

BY CAROL JURICA

Last week's student assembly was a little different from most assemblies. Marian was visited by two sisters of the Congregation of Medical Missionaries of Mary.

Sr. Aloysius conducted the program which consisted of a brief talk on the Congregation and vocations, and a film depicting the life of a missionary in Africa, the only country in which the nuns work.

The nuns serve in East and West African hospitals, dispensaries and leper colonies.

Their work covers all branches of medical work; they are doctors, nurses, dentists, pharmacists, technicians, secretaries and social workers. The program concluded with a few minutes of questions from the girls.

A mothers' club is finally forming at Marian high. There is a great need for a club, especially at a new school such as Marian.

The mothers' march for the first time on Monday, March 7, when they drew up constitutions and the core of the fundamentals of the club.

Already, plans are being made for future projects. Though nothing definite has been decided yet, the mothers' club is showing its love to Marian.

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