

## Universities Honor Local Woman

A real pioneer in the field of mental therapy, using the inherent interest that most people have in growing flora, is the rewarding achievement of Mrs. William H. (Alice B.) Burlingame, of Oak Hills, Birmingham. For many years she has written a gardening column for The Eccentric.

Two weeks ago Mrs. Burlingame was honored by receiving a citation from the Trustees and Regents of both the University of Michigan and Michigan State University, for her development of the gardening theme as a means of improving the mental, moral and physical well-being of institutionalized men and women, including prisoners in several Michigan areas.

MRS. BURLINGAME HAS lectured on

## This Is A Ticklish Subject

"Tickle tests" made in a hospital recently by medical science researchers disclosed that men and women are about equally ticklish. The research team also reported that a very ticklish person is unusually emotional.

There must be profound significance lurking in this somewhere, but at the moment it escapes us. Had the tests shown that women, say, were markedly more

ticklish than men, something could have been made of that. Had the results been vice versa, even more could have been made of it.

As it is, we'll have to be content with reporting the tests and noting that some day the true import of this data will be known. Meanwhile, it seems a pity the researchers made no suggestion about how to avoid getting into ticklish situations.

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## From The Eccentric's Point of View ...

Most of the American public is not aware of the very dangerous world situation that confronts mankind these days. The vaunted, much publicized, and much depended-upon-trouble-settling international agency known as the United Nations is not far from being demolished, say many close observers. A few more small nations taken into membership, a few more nations wooed and wedded to Soviet Russia . . . and then the western free world will be out-voted in the UN organization. When that happens do you expect the western world nations to suffer the evils that would descend upon them? Seems to us that Jack Kennedy's GREATEST HOUR would then arrive . . . could he lead the

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## One Thing or Another

BY GEORGE WM. AVERILL

This column's Jan. 5 item on many Birmingham residents' alleged failure to pay for a snow-removal service has produced an opposite viewpoint which should be entered in the record.

The first comment came from a local property owner who was sorry the service had been discontinued. The service company—admittedly speculating that residents would pay for the service if provided—found the venture didn't pay. The businessman was quoted as saying many Birmingham people accepted the service—but because they didn't ask for it, they didn't pay for it even though they enjoyed it.

"Were you a sucker to pay?" was the prevalent attitude of residents, it was reported.

NOW HERE'S THE OTHER side in a letter from Mrs. Dayton E. Livingston, 2552 Pembroke:

"The fact that Birmingham residents do not want to pay for snow-sweeping services MAY not mean there is something wrong morally or otherwise.

"I WAS GLAD this year to find the sweeper not coming. He never came in time, anyway. School children would go by in droves and pack the snow so that the sweeper couldn't clean the walk. THEN he comes.

"And only about 10 per cent of the time was he ON the sidewalk. If off to one side, his machine 'swept' grass and dirt (pretty messy-looking) on one side, and packed the snow very solidly for the walk of its tire on the other side.

"A HOME OWNER ALWAYS had to go out and shovel the walk going out to the front walk and frequently the driveway as well. It just never seemed that the sweeper saved us much, if any, work.

"Besides the practical aspects, there also are some less tangible ones. I rather enjoy the exercise anyway. The children like to 'help' shovel. And they enjoy my company outside.

"So I say fine for Royal Oak and Detroit, but don't castigate Birminghamites until you inquire WHY they didn't pay. Maybe they just are more particular about the quality of the job done."

JUST TO POSSIBLY COMPLICATE this situation—perhaps add confusion—here's a sidelight that Jan. 5 item brought in. It's also a tradesman's comment on the Birmingham area's money attitude. The woman writer, who asks to remain anonymous, says in part:

"But to get on with what my milkman reported once about Birmingham folks. He said how very 'lovely' they were to deal with. I've never run up against such understanding ones. Even when I might be at fault, they overlook it and sometimes they make you feel almost ashamed with their consideration."

"This led . . . into the area of 'how they pay their bills.' He said, 'They do—AFTER A LONG WHILE. I think that's because they have so many others to pay and we can carry 'em (some way over a hundred dollars) without a care.'"

"He added that EVENTUALLY most of his customers pay very well, but it takes time. A lot of time . . . to get it all."

## PEOPLE'S COLUMN

### Leukemia Unit Says Thanks For Participating in Drive

To the Editor: Many thanks to the people in Oakland County in behalf of the Carolyn Carr Chapter of Oakland County, Children's Leukemia Foundation.

Our first canister drive was a real success. We will be able to help the many families in this area with children and adults suffering from leukemia and allied blood diseases. Our organization is non-profit and all proceeds go for medication, blood, equipment and research.

DEANE R. LA FAVE  
Chairman  
Carolyn Carr Chapter  
Children's Leukemia Foundation

### Happenings of Long Ago

Bits of News Gleaned From Old Files Of The Eccentric

#### 50 YEARS AGO

Jan. 29, 1911  
The High School Literary society held its regular meeting last Thursday, an unusually large audience being present. The delators on the negative side, Frank Campbell and Nelson Russell, were favored with the judges' decision. Their unsuccessful opponents were Birdie Williams and Hazel Bailey.

In the springtime, Ernest Bailey, one of the most popular conductors of the Juvenile Court of Detroit, will work at the home of Mrs. Helen Hulbert Jan. 23 at 7:30.

Judge Henry S. Hulbert, Judge of the Juvenile Court of Detroit, will give a talk before the Woman's Literary Club, on his court work at the home of Mrs. Helen Hulbert Jan. 23 at 7:30.

#### LEGAL NOTICES

TO THE MEMBERS OF WOODBURY LAKES RESIDENTIAL ASSOCIATION, INC.

Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the members of the Woodbury Lakes Residential Association, Inc. for the election of trustees and such other business as may lawfully be conducted will be held at Bloomfield Open House, 10000 Bloomfield Hills, Oakland County, Michigan, on January 20, 1961, at 10:30 a. m., Eastern Standard Time.

WALTER W. MOORE, Secretary  
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Miller, Casfield, Padlock and Stone, Attys., 315 Wabash Bldg., Birmingham, Michigan.

STATE OF MICHIGAN — The Probate Court for the County of Oakland.

In the Matter of the Estate of MELVIN A. WOODRUFF, Deceased.  
At a session of said court, held at the Probate Court in the City of Pontiac, on the 9th day of January, 1961.  
Present: Honorable Arthur E. Moore, Judge of Probate.  
Order appointing time for hearing.

Notice is hereby given and it is hereby ordered by the court in and place for hearing on claims against the above estate on the 15th day of April, 1961, at nine o'clock in the forenoon at the Probate Court in the City of Pontiac, Michigan.

All creditors or claimants against the above estate are further notified and ordered to prove their claims at said hearing and prior to said hearing to file written claim therewith, with the Court and with the Secretary of this estate, containing sufficient detail reasonably to inform the fiduciary of the nature and amount of the claim.  
It is further ordered that notice be given all interested parties as shown by the records in this cause by delivery of a copy of this order to each of them personally, or by mailing such copy to each of them by registered mail with return receipt demanded addressed to their respective last known addresses as shown by the records in this cause.  
And it is further ordered that public notice thereof be given by publication of a copy of this order once each week for three successive weeks previous to said date of hearing in the Birmingham Eccentric a newspaper printed and circulated in said county.  
ARTHUR E. MOORE,  
Judge of Probate.  
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STATE OF MICHIGAN — The Probate Court for the County of Oakland.

In the Matter of the Guardianship of RALPH BRUCE HEMPTON, Minor.  
At a session of said Court held in the Court House in the City of Pontiac on the 12th day of January, 1961.  
Present: Honorable Arthur E. Moore, Judge of Probate.  
Christina Hempton DuCharme having filed in said Court a petition praying that Paul A. Stocker or some other suitable person be appointed guardian of the person of said minor.

And it is further ordered that notice be given to all interested parties as shown by the records in this cause by delivering a copy of this order to each of them personally, or by mailing such copy to each of them by registered mail with return receipt demanded addressed to their respective last known addresses as shown by the records in this cause.  
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#### 30 YEARS AGO

Jan. 22, 1931  
Announcement is made today by Clarence Vilet, superintendent of schools, of the program arranged for the appreciation dinner and reception to be given at the Community House at 6:30 p.m. today in honor of one of Birmingham's most respected citizens — John Bradshaw Howarth. The reception will precede the dinner.

Nominating petitions for an increasing number of candidates for the various offices to be contested at the primary election in Bloomfield, Troy and Southfield townships are being circulated today and the interest in the campaigns is consequently heightened.

Perhaps 1,000 men and women in Birmingham and the Hills will write checks today for \$1 each, made out to the National Red Cross Drouth Relief Fund, to put Birmingham quickly over the top in raising its share of the \$2,800 Oakland County Red Cross chapter quota.

#### 15 YEARS AGO

Jan. 17, 1946  
A new gravel roadway, constructed by property owners adjacent to the north city limits along Hedding Road, was up for study at the Monday meeting of the City Commission. It seems that the soft weather of late December and early January did not allow the gravel a proper chance to pack and as a result a few cars became mired along the edge of the roadway.

Birmingham's part in the winter Victory Clothing Campaign is moving along smoothly and with every indication of success, according to Mrs. Cleveland Walcutt, general chairman. Collection reports have been set up in all parts of the city, with a station in the basement of the Municipal Building for general use on Friday afternoons and Saturdays.

Further work to assist returning servicemen in securing loans for homes, business or farms is being pushed by Birmingham banks, Jack Thomas, veterans' counselor, and Louis Hascall of the Birmingham Real Estate Board.

#### STRICTLY FRESH

Latest Martian space going around is about the spaceman who walks into a bar and asked the juke box "What's a nice girl like you doing in a place like this?"

Saddest love story this week concerns the two red corpuccies who loved in vein.



Next time you hear a man brag about fishing through the ice make sure he isn't talking about fishing for slaves.

The magician who saw a woman in half is not nearly so amazed as the husband who keeps his wife from flying to pieces.

A pinch of salt can really be improved by dropping it on a big hunk of steak.

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