

You long ago have been advised to try to learn a new word each day, how to spell it, what it means, and to use it in conversation. It's a splendid way to acquire an enlarged vocabulary. Equally valuable is the suggestion to meet new people, to turn the meeting from mere acquaintance to friendship... to strive to mellow friendship into companionship. Have you enough friends, companions?

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SECTION D

Backstage Confusion . . .

at St. Dunstan's Playhouse

When it's "Curtain Time" at a Playhouse, most audiences settle back to see a plot unfold. Little do they know of the unrehearsed plot that has been and probably is still going on backstage. It's a drama in itself.

LEFT—The make-up room, jammed with members of the cast, is a hive of activity and jitters. Just an hour before the stage lights dim, the make-up crew bustles around applying the finishing touches. Applying make-up to Ed S. Reid is Mrs. Eleanor Miller and chatting are (left) Mrs. David Burnett and Mrs. D. C. Roberts.

Photos by Ed Keran



This Is Show Biz?

LEFT—After weeks and weeks of rehearsing, the show is ready to go on. During dress rehearsal, Frank Doughton (left) director, and John S. Coppin, assistant director of St. Dunstan's production of "The Shrike," review the final

product. The play was presented last month. RIGHT—Waiting patiently for the make-up crew, John Dixon (left) and Sy Thingstad try their luck at a game of cards.



Last Minute Jitters

LEFT—With an arm-load of costumes, Mrs. Lawrence Finn makes her way to the dressing rooms. She served on the costume committee for "The Shrike". RIGHT—Ten

minutes prior to curtain time, John Allman (right) aids Larry Hare, on his lines.

PEOPLE'S COLUMN

It Couldn't Happen, Says Writer—But Did

To the Editor: Here is a little item for your laugh column although it is not a laughing matter. You read similar stories every once in a while and laugh and say, how stupid can you get! It wouldn't have happened to me! Well, in my case it did. I am a cemetery lot salesman even if you were called by a woman, saying she was with the association and would make an appointment for the salesman to call.

percent down payment with the understanding that if you do not want the lot or the association does not think you are the proper person to be buried there, you get your down payment back and the deal is off.

Several weeks passed and I did not hear from them so I called and asked about it and that I would like to have my down payment re-

People's Column

Yes, Birmingham Does Have Law To Control Dogs

To the Editor: Birmingham is going to the dogs, and I mean that literally. Man's best (?) friend has taken over our town, lock, stock and barrel. Dog owners apparently think more of their pets' freedom to roam the neighborhood than they do of their neighbors' property.

We have just had our yard landscaped to the tune of \$1,000, and today I see a collie carrying on a conversation with a Great Dane and a German Shepherd while sitting on one of our \$18 jumpers.

ANNNOYED Birmingham does have a dog ordinance, requiring owners to keep their dogs "under control" when outside. Enforcement is the police department's responsibility. —The Editor

NATURE NOW

By Lydia King Frehe
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Journey Across Prairie Recalls Life's Plentitude

On this February morning, we crossed the "Father of Waters" at Clinton, Iowa. The heavy blue line on our road map was drawn across the state to a point on the Missouri River marked by the city of Omaha. Here is a focal point in our mid-western prairie, the largest metapack and live stock market in the United States.

Several times we had crossed the summer prairie when it basked in the sun, heavy with the promise of a rich harvest of grain. Now a light blanket of snow revealed the rolling contours of the land. Bare trees cast dark shadows across the small woodlots and along the winding streams.

As we left the river behind us, the land flattened. Now the prairie, which in summer vibrates with the hum of thousands of tractors and combines, lay empty save for the great herds of cattle, sheep and hogs which feed on the corn stubble in the rectangular fields that stretch out to meet the horizon.

HERE "UTILITY" is the watchword and corn is king. Farm buildings bespeak the uses of the land: square white frame houses, two spreading barns, tall silos and the endless cribs of corn.

But the final testimony to the richness of the land is the great groups of storage tanks which house our nation's hoard of seventy five million tons of surplus feed grains. It is well to note here that it is not the prairie's plentitude but man's unwise use of it which has become a burden on our hearts when half the world goes hungry to bed.

We spoke of this and of other things to a young farmer who shared our table at lunch time. An Iowa State College graduate, he testified to the good life on the prairie.

He told how the soil which is six to eight feet deep in the old turn-plowed fields is so rich and

Foreign Language Teachers to Attend Weekend Workshop

Representatives of Birmingham schools will attend the first of four two-day weekend laboratory conferences - workshops for foreign language teachers at Eastern Michigan University in Ypsilanti, Mich., March 24-25.

The workshops, planned by the state Ad Hoc Committee on Foreign Language Instruction, are designed to familiarize foreign language teachers with the purposes and uses of laboratory equipment adaptable to the teaching of modern languages.

Specialists in the field of modern language laboratory teaching from various universities, colleges and high schools will be present to offer practical assistance.

The workshops will treat modern developments and trends in language teaching, laboratory materials and techniques, practical laboratory demonstrations, and other workshops are scheduled for April 21-22 at Grand Rapids Junior College, April 28-29 at Central Michigan University, Mt. Pleasant, and a fourth next fall at Marquette High School.

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Family Service Elects 5 Residents To Oakland Board

Five Birmingham residents were among nine members elected to the Family Service of Oakland County board of directors at the agency's 11th annual meeting in Groves High School last Thursday.

Re-elected for three-year terms are Paul N. Averill, Carl F. Hughes, Robert Snyder and Mrs. Edward Schwartz. Dr. John Dorney was elected to his first term.

Other members re-elected are John W. Hirtinger and Joseph H. Schultz of Pontiac, and Royal Oak Municipal Judge Keith J. Leenhouts and Mrs. Joseph Goeschel of Royal Oak.

OFFICERS of the board will be elected at the agency's March 16 meeting.

Ethel L. Alpenfels, well known authority in the field of social work, spoke on the American family of today in comparison with the family unit of past eras. She is known for her contributions as an author and educator in the field of anthropology and social behavior.

MISS LOUISE DALLAS of Bloomfield Village Elementary School is secretary of the regional council.

THE SESSION WILL center around a discussion of the proposed teacher certification code for Michigan. The M.E.A. Representative Assembly (to be held in the Lansing Civic Center, April 14-15) will present a report from the regional nominating committee.

Meeting concurrently will be the regional salary committee.

Booth Elected Officer

D. J. Booth, 1629 Banbury, Birmingham, controller for Montgomery Ward, was elected president of the Gratiot-Seven Mile Chamber of Commerce in Detroit Feb. 16.

Scouts Plan Supper

Birmingham Boy Scout Troop 1097 will hold a pancake supper at 3:30 p.m. Monday at Pierce School. Tickets may be obtained at the door or from scouts of the troop.

Always the great flocks of cranes feasted in the grain fields and as we approached the Missouri a kingfisher's cry echoed across the half-frozen water of a small stream.

Here on the winter prairie the aura of life has past and present drifts and lingers. And we remember that all things that live and grow, grass is the most important. For its hollow stems, its slender leaves, its glaucous flowers with their weight of grain, feed all the world.

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