

WEEKLY VISIT

# No 'Busman's Holiday' for Him

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Staff Writer

Little girls' proposals, felt bootmarks and gifts ranging from a single walnut to a fruit cake are among the rewards of school bus driver Chuck Crumba. He ferries "his kids" 32 miles a day and wouldn't part with a single offering tendered him by his sometimes grubby-handed charges.

"They pray for icy weather, they're delighted when a bus breaks down and most of the time they're noisy," he said with a grin as he sat in the office of Harvey Vachon, school bus supervisor.

"But they're nice kids," he added quickly.

from the Walnut Lake area to Schoolm High. On his three other runs, he picks up and

delivers kindergartners and sixth graders, and finally senior highs once again.

The school district supplies "tickets" to handle disciplinary problems. Crumba said he had only had to issue five in five years of driving Birmingham school youngsters.

"I said, 'I'd have to go to a principal—because someone on the bus was smoking and, you know, no one is going to squeal.'"

He finds the "kids are pretty good." High school students are generally serious and no trouble. The smallest youngsters are "fine, too, except they sometimes forget their voices are loud."

JUNIOR High youngsters are the most difficult to handle but he doesn't have too much trouble with them. Surprisingly, Crumba said, disciplinary problems more than boys, "though no one has figured out why."

Kindergartners sometimes forget to get off the bus and then he has to backtrack to their homes or return them to their school. Elementary children once pooled their money to give him 99 cents for Christmas, stoutly maintaining that it was "not their lunch money."

He chuckled as he remembered a little tot who "promised her mother she would be 'bad'—so she called it up from."

"They all call me Chuck," he said and it was easy to see why as one watched his friendly grin.

HE HAS ONLY one gripe. "Too many people fail to stop when the bus is unloading."

That is his only complaint.

A BIRMINGHAM resident for 12 years, Chuck lives at 457 Catalpa with his wife and three children.

His duties include four daily bus runs to and from as many different schools, as well as maintenance and custodial work at Harlan School.

Each night he is required to give his bus a safety check, covering everything from windshield wipers to the engine, keeping a running inventory, covering mileage, student count and other items relating to the care of his stock in trade—children and one school bus.

He attended driver training classes before he began driving a school bus and holds the necessary chauffeur's license. An annual physical examination is a must as are hearing and vision tests and chest X-rays at stipulated intervals.

BEGINNING at 7:20 a.m. each day, he conveys his seniors



# Oak'd Delegates Charge Ed Confab Manipulated

Five Oakland County delegates to a state-wide education conference have charged Gov. John B. Swainson and state superintendent of public instruction Lynn M. Bartlett with manipulating the conference to drum up support for a Democratic federal-aid-to-education scheme.

They said they had fired off a stiff letter of protest to the house committee on education and labor in Washington. Swainson and Bartlett were slated to appear before that committee Tuesday to certify on the administration's \$5.7 education plan.

The protesters—who described themselves as "members of the

group, charged that the conference turned out to be "a huge brainwash" for federal aid education.

"Traditionally this conference has taken a particular interest in the problem and seriously studied all aspects of it," Balden said. "But this year all we got was a constant sales talk on federal aid."

"NO EFFORT was made to study any alternative solutions to our state's educational problems," they contended. "Indeed, no alternatives were even suggested."

"Instead, Gov. Swainson and Mr. Bartlett used the forum of this conference to advance their partisan views on federal aid to education," they added.

The five protesters submitted to the house committee "the majority viewpoint of the conference delegates as well as their own."

"Their major point:

## In Mediterranean

NOBOLK—Robert L. Davis, aeronaut's mate second class, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. James E. Davis of 1506 E. Dunlap, Birmingham, returned to Norfolk, Va., Feb. 21, aboard the attack aircraft carrier USS Intrepid following a six-month cruise in the Mediterranean.

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# Home Front Bulges When Guests Arrive

BRAES—Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Crumb of Balentine recently entertained as house guests Major and Mrs. William Olsen and their young son Billy. They came from Kirkland Lake, Can., where Olsen is stationed.

Last week the Crumbs were busy again, having as house guests Mr. and Mrs. Duncan Crumb and their brood of four children. Mrs. Crumb says the house was so full that it was great fun. The Crumb came from Russell Woods, Ont.

WALNUT LAKE—the Walnut Lake Men's Club will celebrate its 26th anniversary Saturday.

The party will start at 7:15 p.m. with cocktails in their club quarters. A catered dinner will follow at 8 and a musical program will provide the entertainment. Door prizes will be given to the lucky winners.

# Initiate Trip South With Mexican Menu

BLOOMFIELD FARMS—The excitement began for the Tyler Perkins family when Perkins was informed that he had won a trip to Mexico in a sales contest given by Franklin Products, a firm he represents.

To get them in a Mexican mood, Mr. and Mrs. Walter J. McCarthy of Pilgrim Ave. entertained at a bon voyage party serving all Mexican dishes.

The Perkins' flew to Mexico City accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Richard Nette of Westchester Village and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Morris. In Mexico City they were entertained by a Mexican family—friends of the Norricks.

Then they motored to Xochimilco where the floating gardens are and then on to Cuernavaca, catching a glimpse of Cortez's palace. Next came Toluca, where they were deeply impressed with the silver industry.

The next 10 days were spent at Acapulco; the sport of Jai Alai at night hours to see the lights were favorites there.

In Mexico City they saw the bull fight; Mrs. Perkins says the bulls seemed to be tired that day.

While in Mexico, the Perkins' were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Scott of Birmingham who were also vacationing in Mexico.

# ELECTION NOTICE

## BIENNIAL SPRING ELECTION MONDAY, APRIL 3, 1961

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF BLOOMFIELD HILLS, COUNTY OF OAKLAND, STATE OF MICHIGAN:

Notice is hereby given that a Biennial Spring Election will be held on Monday, April 3, 1961, at the respective polling places hereinafter designated:

Precinct No. 1: Fire Hall, Municipal Building, 45 East Long Lake Road.

Precinct No. 2: St. Dunstan's Play House, Lone Pine Road.

For the purpose of voting for the following officers, viz: STATE OFFICERS: Two Regents of the University of Michigan; Superintendent of Public Instruction; Member of the State Board of Education; Two Trustees of Michigan State University of Agriculture and Applied Science; Two Members of the Board of Governors of Wayne State University; and State Highway Commissioner.

NON-PARTISAN OFFICERS: Two Justices of the Supreme Court.

CITY OFFICERS: Three City Commissioners, One Justice of the Peace, One Constable.

AND TO VOTE ON THE FOLLOWING CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION PROPOSAL:

"Shall a Convention be held to consider Revision or Amendment of the Michigan Constitution for subsequent submission to the Electors of this State for their approval?"

ALSO ANY ADDITIONAL AMENDMENTS OR PROPOSITIONS THAT MAY BE SUBMITTED.

NOTICE RELATIVE TO OPENING AND CLOSING OF THE POLLS

SECTION 720. On the day of any election the polls shall be opened at 7 o'clock in the forenoon, and shall be continuously open until 8 o'clock in the afternoon and no longer. Every qualified elector present and in line at the polls at the hour prescribed for the closing thereof shall be allowed to vote.

THE POLLS of said election will be open at 7 o'clock a.m. and will remain open until 8 o'clock p.m. of said day of election.

ROBERT J. STADLER,  
City Clerk

# People's Column

## Business Pays Fair Share of Parking Lots

To the Editor:

For the last two weeks there has appeared a large ad signed by the group of people opposing the City buying centers and for City parking lot.

I respect their beliefs and fears that somehow something would go wrong.

But I do object to the impression they are trying to leave that the City is giving the business community a free ride on the parking, as the business people and landlords have always paid their fair share of assessments for these lots.

FOR IF WE do not have proper parking for our stores, we can all close our doors and stop paying our taxes, which would hurt the city as a whole.

Yet the business community, most of all the new stores coming in, must do their share and not get a free ride on what is already here.

FRANK W. MULHOLLAND  
243 N. Woodward  
Birmingham

Laidlaw Re-elected

Duncan M. Laidlaw of Birmingham was recently re-elected executive director of the Michigan Chapter of Arthritis and Rheumatism Foundation. (ARF) last annual meeting.

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