

Mean of Finding a Lion, Green Eyes

By DENI SCANLON
Staff Writer

"We feel like people who have been saved from the claws of a lion. We can sleep in peace tonight. There is no longer a suitcase at our bedside should the Communists come to take us away again."

These words, spoken mostly in Hungarian—partially in English, came from the lips of a distinguished 75-year-old professor while his wife sat quietly by his

side, nodding in agreement. Dr. Samuel Szentkiryi and his wife, Sary, relaxed for the first time in years at the Cedar Bend Drive home of their daughter, Mrs. M. George Brush.

They arrived in the United States April 15 after 14 years of hoping for a reunion with Mrs. Brush and their son, John Shelly of Cleveland.

"THANK YOU, United States. Thank you, Michigan. Thank you for letting

us come," the gentleman said with sincerity that needed no language to be expressed.

Untravelling the story of the Szentkiryi family came through translation by Mrs. Brush, through hand motions by her father and by merely observing the elderly couple's facial expressions.

DR. SZENTKIRYI, before World War II, was a professor of economics at the University of Cluj in

Transylvania, then part of Hungary and now occupied by Rumanians.

He and his wife, daughter and son left the area during the war and spent two years in Germany. Dr. and Mrs. Szentkiryi returned to Transylvania in 1946 hoping to find their home and life there as they had left it.

It was not as they remembered it, however, and the ensuing years were ones of extreme hardship.

"THE COMMUNISTS

took over my parent's home," Mrs. Brush explained. "They were given no compensation for their property and were forced to rent a room."

The nine rooms in the former Szentkiryi household were being occupied by nine Rumanian families.

"The Communists were turning a land that had been held for 1,000 years into a Rumanian settlement," Mrs. Brush continued.

About the time this oc-

HER FATHER resumed his teaching at the university and continued there for almost two years.

"Then, in 1949, without any warning," her father explained in Hungarian, "I was told I could teach no longer because I refused to become a Communist. I was told I could ask for a pension but we received no money for 10 months and were forced to sell what few articles we owned in order to survive."

curred, Mrs. Brush and her brother left Germany and emigrated to the United States under the displaced persons act.

A SHORT TIME later, Dr. Szentkiryi was arrested and imprisoned for "investigation."

He was taken into a dark cement sub-cellar about 4-by-5 feet and left alone in the cold, stench-filled cubicle. There was a tiny window about 10 feet above the floor.

Dr. Szentkiryi was taken out of the cramped quarters early each morning to be questioned and was allowed to drink. He never received the food his wife faithfully brought to the prison.

Becoming more ill and feverish each day, he was finally released when the Communists could not determine if he had a role in intelligence work.

DURING THE 1950's, (See DREAM, 2-A)

This and That

by George R. Averil

To represent Oakland County-at-large as a delegate to the forthcoming State Constitution revision committee, George Romney of Bloomfield Hills, has announced his candidacy. He long has fought for improvement in Michigan's government methods; he has distinguished himself as one of the active citizens for Michigan organization; he is an able administrator, as president of Oakland County Motors—indeed, he has every qualification to represent Oakland County most competently on this important job. Few men in today's Michigan, as private citizens, have shown as much devoted interest in civic problems as George Romney. I hope that he is elected to this responsibility—availability of candidates of his high character are not found too frequently.

Even though you may not be a Democrat, Sir, your admiration for a U.S. Senator's wife who labors in the vineyard of her party as does Jane Pauley ought to make some of your applause. For this lady, the mother of eight children, a former Birmingham resident, seldom loses an opportunity to plead on behalf of the policies of the party of her choice. She is, as you may recall, the wife of Senator Philip A. Hart, of Michigan, chairman of the Oakland County Republican Committee; "Republican ladies, please Carl, telling the stay-at-home friends about a vacation in the West," surrounded by Indians—Indians in front of me, Indians behind me, Indians on either side of me.

"In fact, I had to do it," she said. "What could I do—I bought a blanket!"

A few days ago Marjorie Elaine Porter, education writer for The Detroit News, was awarded a special plaque by the Michigan P-T-A organization, for her able rendering of its activities, and on behalf of education in general. The lady, I know, deserves the honor. Incidentally, she is over 26 years ago Miss Porter was at the Eccentric's news staff for several years.

Committee Named To Study Child Guidance Clinic

Delos Hamlin, chairman of the Oakland County Board of Supervisors, has announced the appointment of Merritt D. Hill as chairman of a special committee to study the finances of the Oakland Child Guidance Clinic.

Hill is vice president of Ford Motor Co. and general manager of the tractor and implement division, Birmingham.

A native of Pontiac, he attended schools in Clarkston and Pontiac and is a graduate of the University of Detroit. He has been active in civic groups. He is president of the Detroit Area Council, Boy Scouts of America; member of the advisory committee of the Oakland County United Foundation; and a member of the board of directors of the Child Guidance Clinic.

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THE COMMITTEE was authorized by the board of supervisors and will prepare a report to be considered by the supervisors' Finance and Means Committee by May 15.

Other members of the committee appointed by Hamlin are: Dr. Morris Weiss (consulting psychiatrist, Child Guidance Clinic); Dr. William J. Westman (president, Board of Directors, Child Guidance Clinic); and George E. Hildner (president, Oakland County Chapter, Michigan Society for Mental Health).

DONALD C. Baldwin (superintendent, Rochester Community Schools); Gerald Hartman (superintendent, Farmington Public Schools); Dr. John D. Monroe (director, Oakland County Chapter, Michigan Society for Mental Health); Arthur E. Moore (judge of probate) and John A. C. Stewart (chairman, Board of Social Welfare).

Now cometh spring, and everywhere in this time-springing earth, aided by sunshine and rain, calls forth the world of flora. What an infinitely wonderful paganistic perennial arrival of spring places upon earth's stage! Appreciative gardeners will receive a manner of inner rebirth, as crocus, tulip, daffodil and the ever familiar grass (let's not think about weeds at this moment) transform the winter's scene to green.

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Demery's Opens—Crowds Rush In

Store of Contrasts Draws Thousands on Opening Day

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By JOE CADARIU
Business Editor

After months of expectancy and incubation Demery's Birmingham has burst from its shell and is showing its wares to the public. Doors were opened 9:30 a.m. Thursday, April 27, and the first floors felt the weight of the first thousands of feet.

Among those on hand for the opening were Charles Peck, president and major stockholder of Demery's, and John W. Butler, a director and executive vice president.

Butler first thought up the idea of creating a Birmingham store and acquired all the property necessary for the building and two parking lots.

DEMEYER IS a store of contrasts. This is especially evident on the first floor where at the jewelry counter one can buy a five carat pear-shaped diamond which sells for \$17,500.

Across the aisleway, women's hosiery sells for 69 cents.

Behind the counter which displays the hosiery stands a tall, pretty brunette, Mary Jones, 991 Glenhurst, Birmingham.

Miss Jones is a former student of fine arts at the Society of Arts and Crafts in Detroit. The job is her first at selling.

"I just felt like getting a job," she said, "but I'm still taking classes at the art school."

Miss Jones is a graduate of Birmingham High School.

There are 299 other salespeople

From Suits To Blouses

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at Demery's Birmingham. And one of the problems confronting the new store is where it is going to find day-long parking for its employees.

DURING THE OPENING, all the city-owned parking lots, plus the two owned by Demery's, were filled to capacity. Some lots turned away day-long customers in order to handle Demery's customers.

"We've got a few drawings for multi-level lots," said Butler, "but they are just in the thinking stage."

Municipal Parking Lot Number 5, property on which stood the Republic building, Bloomfield Art Association and other adjacent property will be able to handle approximately 400 cars when ready, which may help alleviate the situation.

ANOTHER PROBLEM encountered during the first day's operation was distribution of \$4.11 green stamps. Lines of people waited at the desk where they showed sales or charge slips and received their stamps.

"We'll increase the number of desks," said Butler, "and if that doesn't work, we'll distribute the stamps at point-of-sale. But everything will work out fine, I'm sure."

How have the other Birmingham merchants reacted to the opening of the big department store?

"OOH, ISN'T that beautiful!" said Mrs. Josephine Kibak, of Hoyt Oak, as she admired an \$1800 diamond ring.

Her neighbor, Mrs. Irene Fantsch, said she got a baby sister sash she could attend the opening.

"I was always hoping they would build something like this out here," she said.

Beside jewelry, men's clothing, candy and green stamps are among the items which can be obtained on the first floor.

The basement is filled with glassware, paint, dishes, and the "store within a store," the stamp redemption center. These are just a few of the items and departments found there.

HIDING ON the only escalator in the Birmingham-Bloomfield area one can reach the second floor or the basement. The second floor is the women's floor.

A beauty salon, children's shop, women's department with the "Cranbrook Room" and the "Birmingham Room"—which is intended for the beauty people—were among the exhibits—were on the second floor.

In a statement from Peck well explains the feeling of many who attended the opening.

He said, "I think Birmingham is a beautiful city. It has a beautiful mayor and the store is beautiful."

Last Thursday was a long day, but the Birmingham people were happy.

It took better than half an hour to get all the people out of the store after closing time.

Tennessee, Arkansas

... withdrew from the Union 100 years ago. Section on the Civil War is on Page 7-B.

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Marking Problem Erupts With Demery's Opening

By KEN WEAVER
News Editor

Opening of Demery's department store has posed a king-size problem for Birmingham city officials.

Where to get more all-day parking?

The influx of Demery's 300-employees and the increase of shoppers attracted by the store has created more of a parking problem than had been anticipated.

To provide emergency, temporary relief, city commissioners Monday night accepted Police Chief Ralph W. Moxley's recommendation making available 81 more all-day parking spaces than existed when the store opened last week.

They also directed Moxley to submit a written report next week on further recommendations affecting both parking and traffic.

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APPROVED For immediate, temporary relief was conversion of two-hour to all-day parking on the north side of Oakland from Ferndale to Hunter.

The north side of Oakland from Woodward to Park.

The west side of Woodward from Euclid to Harmon.

No parking restrictions on the west side of Ferndale from Euclid to Harmon.

The available parking spaces will be removed to permit all-day parking.

There has been no limit to parking on the west side of Park from Euclid to Harmon.

The available parking spaces involved in these locations total 81, and Moxley recommended that they be available for all-day parking until construction of Municipal parking program.

Edison Executive Change Involves Two B'ham Men

One Birmingham man will succeed another as executive vice president of Detroit Edison Co.

Retiring Sept. 1 is Charles R. Landrigan, 3820 Woodlake.

Elected Monday by the board of directors to succeed him is Donald C. Kigar.

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lot's 5 and 6 is completed this summer.

WITH OPENING of Demery's last Thursday, a tremendous need for all-day parking developed in the old Birmingham Eccentric lot at 220 N. Woodward, Moxley explained.

This forced more cars into Municipal Lot No. 2 behind Demery's. Of the 175 meters there, 148 had been converted to two-hour meters.

But we actually had 175 all-day parkers there," Moxley said.

Lots 1, 3 and 4 then filled up, and the overflow went to Jacobson's lot behind Arthur Murray's dance studio.

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COMMISIONERS William E. Roberts pressing for action on Moxley's verbal report Monday night said this is "one of the most serious problems business has been faced with for some time."

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A SCHEDULE of hours will be available when the cards are available.

George E. Carter, 711 Smith, representing Birmingham Senior Men's Club, requested the special privileges for senior citizens.

Carter is not a golfer, incidentally.

Success Story

The above ad did not catch the first time the best customer is a satisfied customer. He holds true to his word and is a satisfied customer.

VINTAGE 1959 PUMP ORGAN, \$50. Victorian home set, \$35. MI 4-6066.

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