

Behind the Welcome Mat

by CORINNE ABBATT

Flattery will get you lots of places. Our five-year-old has coaxed to go back to the dentist since the nurse told him he was one of the best splitters they'd ever had in the office.

OUR MINISTER confessed that the first Sunday he saw the sleepy members of the teen age choir arrive before the eight o'clock service, he feared the worst.

A few minutes later when he passed the rehearsal room and heard them practicing, "Oh, Lord, open Thous our eyes," he realized how groundless his fears had been.

CONVERSATION BETWEEN

MIDWEST MALAPROSPISMS:

Cleveland — "You'll love it. It's black, cocktail length, cut low in back with seagrams all over the front."

"We drove on the Turnpike and stopped at one of the plasmas for lunch."

Detroit — "I told him it was a weighty problem—one with many facets."

WHEN THE TALK in our female gatherings turns to clothes, it's obvious that the ability to pick the most expensive dress on the rack without benefit of price tag is a universal talent among women.

WHEN YOU DISCOVER before serving a dish that you've salted too heavily, add a chunk of raw potato to the pan. It will draw off a good deal of the extra salt.

An otherwise drab area can be made bright and cheery the whole summer long by planting these seeds of two perennials—coropsis and gallardia. Flowers of the first are bright yellow; of the second, but then a lot of things have changed . . . we used to take a Sunday drive too!

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By HARRY O. SMART RSTQOQ

Reading Bud Maybaum's column, "Bridge in Birmingham," brought to mind how the "hams" used to play chess and checkers via short wave radio.

The fellows made up regular checker-square boards and then numbered every square. On a good cold evening in the shack, they could light up the kerosene stove, pull up the checker board, call "CQ checkers" and enjoy a pleasant evening with a fellow ham in some other part of the world.

Things are a little too sophisticated for this sort of thing now but then a lot of things have changed . . . we used to take a Sunday drive too!

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lites. Project "Oscar" was an amateur satellite launch put on by "hams." That is, the "hams" designed, built and paid for "Oscar," but he was taken into orbit — piggy-back fashion and strapped to an Agena-B satellite — by a Thor IRBM vehicle.

The space folks were going to make the space shot anyway and so a group of amateurs, on the West Coast persuaded the NASA to take along a hitch-hiker. The shot was a success and "Oscar" went into orbit, giving out with the friendly "ham" signal for laughter, "hi."

DESIGNING EQUIPMENT to steal a ride into space requires a great deal of compactness and so, of course, the transmitter which was built into "Oscar" had to be very small and require very little power. Transistors solved the problems and once in orbit the friendly "HI" of "Oscar" was heard the world over. His signal was tracked by "hams" on all continents.

Even the amateur station at Marie Byrd Land at the South Pole reported in. The nose cone of the carrier satellite was picked up in the Pacific Ocean four days after launch but "Oscar" continued in orbit, sending his greeting bac-

to the ham world until his batteries faded.

THE FIRST orbiting ham transmitter left the pad on December 12, 1961. The next one will go up as soon as the fellows can talk their way into another free trip into space.

A FEW WEEKS ago when the board of directors of the Birmingham Lions Club met at my shack, Ralph Main suggested we turn on my set and see if we could get together with some other Lions groups.

Frank Whitson, Hal Kalbfeisch, Don Cummings and Ralph Alexander came into the shack to try out

the experiment. One or two minutes later we were talking to YN9CIL at Nicaragua—and ran into a Rotary International meeting!

RAY PECK tells of Birmingham's first ham—back about 1912. Some of you may remember Art Payne who lived on the corner of Bates and Frank in the days of the spark-gap transmitter. Ray says that everytime Art would hit his key the lights in the whole neighborhood would dim. Now all we have to contend with is a TV picture, flipping and flopping at the rate of 29 words a minute!



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Answers to this week's puzzle will be found on Page 4-D.

HEART OF THE HILLS



Built for his own use by one of the area's leading Designer-Builders, this sparkling white home is now available for you. On Barden Rd, near Bloomfield Hills Country Club and Vaughan school, it occupies a beautifully wooded site. There are three large bedrooms, 2 baths, a gorgeous family room, full basement with fireplace. A fine home in a top location and at \$48,500 it's an excellent value.

4 IRON TO THE CLUB



Imposing isn't it? and this spacious home is just as delightful as it looks. The bright Living Room is most gracious, the bedrooms are extra large, and there's a good sized library. Near Birmingham Country Club on a lovely 160 ft. landscaped site, it's a most convenient location. The \$47,500 price includes stove, refrigerator, carpeting, etc.

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PUZZLE NO. 700



A pretty home deserves a pretty setting—and you deserve the convenience of this brick ranch home. It includes a handsome family room, full dining room, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, full basement with a second fireplace, marvelous storage. Convenience, also, of location near shops, churches, and schools. Situated on a beautiful tree-lined street of large homes. Excellent at \$34,700.



Whether approaching this home from the circular drive or enjoying the extensive hill site from the lovely patio at the rear (under a summer awning), the magnificent architecture challenges comparison! A colonial interior features luxurious oak paneling in the beamed ceiling living room. A 4 bedroom home with 3 baths, large closets, an interesting library. The enduring beauty of quality design can be most appreciated through a personal visit. Bloomfield Hills — \$72,500.



4 Bedrooms, 2 baths—walk to St. Hugo and new Bloomfield Junior High School. In this Cape Cod: family room, built-in oven and range, large kitchen eating area, separate dining room, full basement—tiled, fabulous storage! Exceptionally landscaped big yard! Have fun all summer at the subdivision swimming pool. Wonderful price of just \$31,500.



WALK TO QUARTON SCHOOL
On a picturesque lane this 3 Bedroom Colonial was custom built for the present owner. There is an enclosed porch, first floor lav, tiled and paneled recreation room, separate dining room, almost new carpeting. On a dead-end street, safe for children. A wise choice for the low price of \$22,800.



NEAR BIRMINGHAM COUNTRY CLUB
Within this tree-shaded, grey brick Colonial there is a lot of living space for the 3 Bedroom family: First floor activities room, large kitchen with breakfast room, adjoining lav, full dining room, fireplace in the picture-window living room, fine carpeting. Sound value at \$27,500.

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