

(Continued from 1-B) agreement with holders of Birmingham school bonds which would enable the educational program to be continued during the remainder of the current school year, had loomed today following an informal conference of the Board with members of the Michigan Advisory Council Tuesday night.

A petition asking for a loan of \$4,000 from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation to help defray the cost of administering poor relief in Bloomfield Township from Jan. 1 to April 1, 1963, was signed and adopted as a resolution by the Township Board Monday night. Application for the loan will be made indirectly through the state.

Mrs. Charles J. Shain, student of international affairs, will represent the State Marathon Round Table for Peace, a project sponsored by the National Conference for the Cause and Cure of War, at the annual meeting of the Conference to be held in Washington, D. C., from Jan. 16 to 20.

15 YEARS AGO

Dec. 13, 1947 "Share your budget with hungry, free Europeans—a hungry man makes good Communist bait" is the slogan of the state-wide Junior Chamber of Commerce campaign to collect food from Michigan communities to send to the hungry, starving peoples of Western Europe. Originated eight days ago by the Birmingham Junior Chamber of Commerce, the idea has grown to such proportions that all Jaycee groups in Michigan have enthusiastically approved the program and offered to support it in their communities.

Wonder how long it will be before the Birmingham men come out with that "men's" look. According to a recent press release from a well known men's wear manufacturer and designer, it certainly will be "men's." How are you girls going to like it when your heart-throb shows up in a one-piece suit, all ready for that big date? Yep, the latest is a zipper-front, one-piece job—just like Dad wears when he takes the ashes out of the cellar, except the pockets will be nicer.

Forty member organizations of the Community Council will be represented at a lunch meeting at the Community House on January 6 when plans to further the coordination of local group efforts will be presented and committee reports heard. The names of speakers at the January 28 Council Institute on "Economic Aspects of World Peace" will also be announced at the meeting.

Make a list of those "don't needs" today, Dial MI 4-1100 and a Classi Lassie will help you.

PEOPLE'S COLUMN

Why Must It Happen— With So Much Offered?

To the Editor: Can't you somehow keep the City Beat column on Page 1-B "nice and tight and neat"? I like it. Take just this morning's (Dec. 6) Beat when you dragged in little items about teenagers taking to the streets where they snitch beer, slip off to a secluded spot, sip the stolen stuff and then jump into their cars to drag race up Woodward just for a gag.

Mr. Editor, how do you expect to keep the housewife's mind on her chores (down at the laundry) when this picture you painted so vividly keeps hopping about over her hot studs?

IT WOULD have helped if your "picture" could have been dismissed with a laugh and a shrug to the tune of "it's all wrong. He's just talking to fill up his space."

When this rebuttal was tried to bring peace to the worried mind, the PTA meeting which was held at our high school over a year and a half ago, where our chief of police spoke of "it's all wrong. He's just talking to fill up his space."

IT WAS funny about that chief of police. He stood before a room full of college educated people and he never blinked an eye when he related, for us parents, just a few of the things which he ran into as head of our police department.

"And I am not telling you parents the worst cases; I am telling you only the milder ones." (Even those were difficult to comprehend.)

He added that he wasn't referring to the slums of the city; he made it plain he was dealing right within the area skirting our luxurious schools and lovely big homes. Such bravery that man possessed.

WHAT A PARADOX exists right within the covers of your Dec. 6 issue where your column was found about the twisted values our teenagers (just some of them) have embraced.

On the many other pages? Without trying, one could count dozens and dozens of organizations all aimed at helping human beings. One could pick out more topics on education and how groups were attempting to improve what we already possess in great abundance—all kinds of schools in every form and size and one could read about clubs, parties, forums, etc., being devoted to teen-agers, to adults, to little children and to senior citizens in great quantities all over your pages.

FURTHERMORE, in every section there were pictures of such

bright looking (educated and cultured) men and women who were giving of their time, money, homes and talents for the express purpose of helping someone else, to make this community better.

Lumping these elements together, such as wonderful schools, community centers, lovely downtown area, recreation spots existing in and beyond our boundaries, concerned, unselfish adults who do "give" of so many things, the question of why we should be failing those who do resort to beer stealing, drag racing or (throwing firecrackers at live deer or tearing up books in libraries) kept running about in the mind as the laundry was shoved into the washer.

MY reaction of alarm to your City Beat column unique or can't you see that many hundreds of laundry-women felt the same when they, too, read what you did write on Dec. 6?

Last question: How can we turn this alarm reaction into something more profitable than mere sadness? Hope that many hundreds of laundry-women will soon replace us tomorrow.

A WORRIED MOTHER

Smile

(Continued from 1-B)

when the phone rang three different times that particular "smiley day" asking if I wanted photographs made of new storm doors installed, or did my rugs need cleaning?

Trying to translate the happy disposition over the wires, not once was the phone hung up on a sour note. Each one was thanked kindly and was told his proposition would be weighed—with a smile.

BY THREE, with the face so fixed in the perpetual grin, irritation was felt when Cindy wiped his dirty paws all over the front door window which had just been cleaned the day before.

"You little rascal; you just don't remember dirty muddy paws, do you?" I was asked in a smiley way. He slunk away, confused.

At midnight? Washing the face, sort of weary from the hours being up, do you know I couldn't think that durn thing off? Like that lassie said in her little piece, it becomes a habit. Will I be stuck with it from here on in? (Buster wants to know.) SMILEY

East Hills Junior High

By BETSY BLOSSER Special Writer

On Wednesday, Dec. 5, East Hills Junior High School's classes were shortened to allow for the football award assembly and report card receiving. Mrs. Kohr from the Piety Hill chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution opened the assembly by presenting East Hills with an American flag. She then led the student body in the pledge of allegiance. Appreciation for the patriotic gift is extended by the administration and the student body.

Carol Hershberger, student council president, then turned the program over to Mr. Veech, the boys gym teacher and coach. Mr. Veech first presented the varsity football players with their awards, large red Eta Ninth graders receiving varsity letters were: Karl Avery, Bob Vermeine, Ken Vort, Dave Dewitt, Don Tivy, Bill Pablow, Bob Seabich, Bill Kline, Bix Norman, Dennis Murrey, Dave Cole, Ron Rabel, Jim Yates, Neil Fleming, Rick Cruse, and Gordon Windfeld. Boys receiving awards from the eighth grade were: Kim Kazarian, Chris Pablow, Jeff Hendry, Kevin Terry, Steve Kalfitsch, and Doug Carnegie. Scott Homewood was the only seventh grader to receive a letter.

Mr. Veech also presented the intramural players with small red E's. Jim Rex, Don Warner, and Doug Haddane were the eighth graders receiving letters. Seventh grade boys were: Russ Slide, Mike McClary, Pat McClary, Randy Erickson, Pete Brown, Dave Oosterhoff, Pete Young, Jon Berg, Scott Kingrey, Eric Monson, Gary Taskowsky, Raymond Sarras, Greg Roche, Mark DeForem, Tom Gwilling, Larry Lemke, Jerry Fireman, Chuck Ellis, Brian Parrott, Garry Sautler, and Bill Hug. After the presentation, the cheerleaders led a few cheers for the football players and the new basketball team. Mr. McGuire then dismissed the assembly.

Recently the students' lockers were changed and given to their permanent owners following the completion of the locker installation. A few pupils were late to classes in the days following the change because "that stupid lock won't open! Other comments were: "My locker is near all my classes." "Why did they have to give me a locker practically stranded on a desert island?"

Cranbrook Cranes

By PETER CUMMINS Special Writer

The curtains opened like the steel jaws of a mousetrap as the most complicated trap in many a year picked up the audience and swirled it into suspense, intrigue, and humor. "The Mousetrap," by Agatha Christie, presented by the Cranbrook Ergasterion on Friday night, Dec. 7, and Saturday night, Dec. 8, was a masterpiece of young talent together under one glass roof. Chuck Bigelow, who played Mr. Paravicini, captured the audience's heart-warmed attention, and set the jaws of the trap with superb finesse and rich cigar smoke.

Steve Senter, as Mr. Christopher Wen, cleverly issued forth the lines of humor that so exquisitely shaded the entire mood of the murder plot. With reservations, it could almost be said that there was a "type cast," for Greg Willingham was the certainly fabulous in his difficult portrayal of Detective Sergeant Trotter. Maria Klein, who played Mrs. Boyle, and Ann Livingston, who played Molly Halston, performed brilliantly in their roles of feminine grace, sophistication, and forgetfulness. Among others of the cast, who deserve the highest commendation are Sandy Ekins, as Miss Case-trip in Chicago, and new students for well, Bill Stroud, as Major Metalf, and Ted Baldwin, who played Giles Ralston. The stage set was a work of art.

But just as the joyful air seems to be smothered by the thought of textbooks, the festive odor of Christmas is already rising from the storage rooms beneath Page Hall. The costumes for the annual Cranbrook Christmas Pageant, to be held in the Great Hall of Cranbrook on Tuesday, Dec. 18, are being fitted and mended.

Many details were seen through, despite the many hindrances beset upon the stage crew as to working conditions and time. From the setting of the trap's jaws, until the tripping of the bait, "The Mousetrap" was presented perfectly, and proudly by the Cranbrook Ergasterion. No stage-fright darkened the canvas flats of the set; and the timing was exact to the point of superlative. Even the professional cast of "The Mousetrap" which has been playing in England for 10 years and still is burning the stage lights, would respect the individual talents of the actors and actresses in Cranbrook's presentation.

The weekly skating party between Cranbrook and Kingswood Schools took place at Cranbrook's Gillette ice rink. The music peaked off as the silver blades of both schools went gliding by—relaxed, for Greg Willingham was the certainly fabulous in his difficult portrayal of Detective Sergeant Trotter. Maria Klein, who played Mrs. Boyle, and Ann Livingston, who played Molly Halston, performed brilliantly in their roles of feminine grace, sophistication, and forgetfulness. Among others of the cast, who deserve the highest commendation are Sandy Ekins, as Miss Case-trip in Chicago, and new students for well, Bill Stroud, as Major Metalf, and Ted Baldwin, who played Giles Ralston. The stage set was a work of art.

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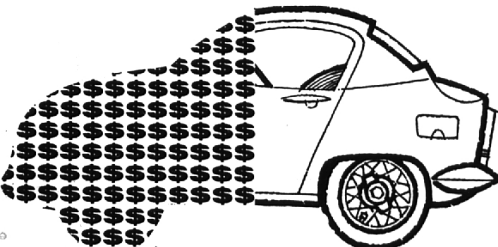
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