

WEEKLY VISIT

She Heads Her Own Business

By IRMA N. DAVIS Staff Writer

What do men talk about in a barber shop?

Their families and their jobs mostly, says Betty J. Fritch, lady barber and owner of the new B and J Barber Shop, 211 N. Eton Road, Birmingham.

What do they say when they find the "beard" in a lady?

"Well, they notice there is mighty little cussing and mighty few of a certain type of jokes—the trim-looking female tonsorial artist."

HOW DID she become a barber? "I had about one month of beauty training," she says, "and I didn't want to do it. If a man doesn't like the way his hair is cut, he usually doesn't say anything. He just doesn't come back."

"But do a woman's hair and if she doesn't like it—well, she's likely to have plenty to say."

Miss Fritch says no one yet has complained that she has too much to say, a charge that is sometimes leveled at the barbering trade. However, she notes, she has learned to "avoid discussions of politics and religion—and women."

"WHEN THE MEN start talking about women taking over or about spray drivers, or something like that, it's hard for me to keep still. I may not like to set women's hair but I'm sure going to stand up for us girls."

Whereas, the porter at the new shop, says she has a way of "sticking up for the underdog."

Fritch says most men do not mind having a lady trim their hair, "especially when they see I know how." Her own personal "know how" was acquired through apprenticeship to both a woman

and a man barber and she was the last person in Michigan to be given an apprentice barber license.

She, of course, was required to take state board examinations and has been a licensed barber since 1954.

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THE CONFIRER is more primitive in structure than a broadleaf tree. An approximate million years ago, nature's experiments led between these two great groups of plants.

The confirer has needles or flat scales instead of leaves thus preventing the escape of sap. This makes them less sensitive to drought or climatic changes.

Their habit of growth is more economical of root and branch, and their straight trunks are protected by heavy bark. Their seeds are naked and their flowers are rudimentary as to be scarcely worthy of the name.

The botanist who sees in their inconspicuous pattern all the necessary flower parts.

The flowers appear as male and female catkins which grow separately on the same tree. The former is abundant that if one shakes a pine branch in springtime he will soon be showered with a countless billion grains of yellow pollen dust.

The immature female cone opens briefly to receive the pollen and then closes until the winged seed hidden at the base of each scale ripens.

The name "confirer" comes from these variously shaped and sized cones, which also serve as identification tags for the trees. They usually require two seasons for ripening.

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DOWN TO EARTH

House Plants Tell About Homemakers

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IF you have a home tell me about the homemaker. Does she use them to glamorize a window or a table? Are they well cared for and healthy? Does she have some unusual plants in flower?

It always bears sharp phylodendrons to add greenery to her flower pots.

A NEW TREND is to gather together sundry plants and exhibit them on a large tray. This tray can be placed on a table under a lamp or on the carpeting near a large picture window.

There is an attractive fern from anodized aluminum tray which gives the appearance of copper and is very flattering to a large plant composition. It is easier to care for your plants when they are grouped together.

It is a lead of spread around the home.

If you have a collection of African Violets you will enjoy grouping them together.

Recently, I placed about 20 different colors of African Violets together, with the vertical line being a beautiful piece of sculpture.

Driftwood could also be used for an accent on a tray with any grouping of plants.

WASHING THE LEAVES is an important cultural detail which

hardness of teeth, and this difference has no bearing on the rate of tooth decay.

Almost everyone is susceptible to dental decay in some degree. It is true that the teeth of some persons appear to be more immune to decay; however, this may be due to poor dental health habits and lack of regular dental treatment.

The main point to remember is that the environmental factors are more important than any inherited factors.

My husband drinks six glasses of milk a day. He is highly unlikely.

First of all, a diet which is adequate for good general health is sufficient for dental health. Three to four eight-ounce glasses of milk is usually the standard recommendation for children two or three glasses for adults.

Secondly, it appears doubtful that the teeth, once they have erupted, receive any great amount of calcium from food.

Once the tooth is in the mouth, the best dietary advice from a dental point of view is negative. Don't eat too many foods containing fermentable carbohydrates, particularly sugar.

The world's longest suspension span will be in the Brooklyn-Staten Island Bridge. The 2600-foot span will have more than 146,000 miles of galvanized wire spun into four-foot-meter suspension cables.

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City Beat

(Continued from 8-B)

The Judge of Probate at the Court House in the city of Pontiac, County of Oakland, Michigan.

The Honorable Judge of Probate in and for said County, will hear my petition that my name and my wife's name be changed from Frank Torzinski, also known as Frank James Glowinski, Frank Glowinski, Frank Glowinski, Frank Glowinski and Frank Glowinski to Frank James Glowinski and Florence Glowinski.

Signed FRANK J. GLOWINSKI (Frank Torzinski) PONTIAC, MICH. —Birmingham (Mich.) Eccentric.

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STRICTLY FRESH Imagine how silly a singing TV commercial would sound without music!

Some say that marriage is an institution held together by a cookbook and a checkbook.

The newweds' meals are like summer TV: mostly reruns.

A pessimist is usually a man who has lost money to an optimist.

The installment plan is something that you want to get months even shorter and the years seem longer.

It's wise to make sure the college is strong in those subjects.

Remember that a college education should prepare a student for living as well as earning a living and that wisdom is an even more valuable commodity than knowledge.

Family finances often play the controlling factor in the choice of college. A woman's wages may rise from a top of \$4000 down to very little in the case of a student who lives at home and attends a public tuition-free college. Remember that scholarships and other financial aids are available for qualified students.

White waiting for acceptance by a college, help your child to realize that his success does not depend upon admission to any one college. No matter where he goes he's likely to find more books than he can read in four years, more equipment than he can master, and teachers who will be wiser than he is even when he's a senior.

FINALLY, REMEMBER that if your youngster wants to go to college—even after proper counseling—there's no point in pushing him.

His career is not necessarily blighted if he doesn't go to college; in fact, immediate work experience or a tour of military duty may be the best thing for him. After such experience, he may have changed his mind about college.

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