

She's 'Tagged' Each Year for Job

By IRMA N. DAVIS Staff Writer

"Sometimes you wonder where all the people come from, says Mrs. Ruth Grant who is once again dispensing license plates during the annual rush at the local branch of the Secretary of State office. "It's a bit hectic," admits this gray-haired and gracious resident of Birmingham. She has helped out during the busy season every year but one since 1948.

Annually, from Nov. 1 when licenses go on sale—until the March 1 deadline, local Manager Delbert Ayles hires Mrs. Grant and another woman to assist his staff of one.

"PEOPLE BEGAN buying their plates early this year," she says. "Interest was high because the plates are nice and fresh. With tags, so many put off buying them until the last minute."

Nevertheless, the staff has worked at top speed during the last few weeks.

"Saturday morning is always the busiest time here," Mrs. Grant comments. "That's when the most of the local executives come in, paid planners and all." The staff is quite ready to meet up for special numbers or letters but "we can only give our best estimate when the numbers will come up. Then it's up to people to be here—we can't take numbers out of sequence."

REQUESTS range from "where can I get the plates with 'MG' on them?" That's the kind of car I have," to pleas for numbers to match house addresses and telephone numbers.

"One man likes the number 1931, the year when he was born. Others want their initials," Mrs. Grant says.

The flurry and hurry fail to fluster her. Her first job was a switchboard for the telephone company when she was still in high school.

It was then she met her husband on a blind date, and four years later the couple were married.

Both worked while Grant was completing his studies in law at evening classes in Detroit.

UNTIL her daughter was born, Mrs. Grant was employed by the Edison Phonograph Co. and was in charge of state jobs.

She still retains an interest in music and she and her husband, Paul, enjoy concerts and their stereo collection. He is assistant district manager for the county branch of Detroit Edison Co. The

couple have two children, both grown.

"Every year, my husband says he'll pay me to stay home—he'd like me to be a housewife," Mrs. Grant says. Her activities include membership in the Birmingham Women's Club and in a local garden club as well as an interest in art.

HER FAVORITE reading is mystery stories and she disclaims an added enthusiasm for them to license plate time though "they help relax one."

Her duties on the job "involve not only the issuing of plates and counters of titles but also a surprising knowledge of tax law—both in Michigan and other states."

On the job, she also assists people who "get lost in filling out plate applications." Mrs. Grant chuckles as she remembers one woman who came to her window. "She asked her driver's license, instead of her car title, to get the information. Then for car weight she did not have her own weight and where it called for the make of car, she put down 'Female.'"

"WE GET USED to babies crying and one face after another at the window," she says, "and of course, there are some who still complain about paying the 35 cent fee for reflector plates last year. "But almost everyone is pleasant in spite of the long lines and the waiting."

As for the waiting, Mrs. Grant reminds that some of the men who have a hand in making the plates do plenty of that.

"They made in Jackson Prison, Paul, enjoy concerts and their stereo collection. He is assistant district manager for the county branch of Detroit Edison Co. The



MRS. RUTH GRANT

Vehicle Expert Tests Equipment in Alaska

FT. GREELY, ALASKA—It was almost like homo-coming when Paul D. Denn, 29, of Birmingham, arrived at this remote Arctic test site.

Denn, 27, a tracked vehicle expert from the U. S. Army Ordnance Tank-Automotive Test Center (OTAC), Detroit, was born and raised in Michigan's Upper Peninsula.

The deep snow, cold and rugged terrain of Ft. Greely has much in common with the Upper Peninsula. But it was a mild day of 15 below when Denn and his crew began testing of OTAC vehicles.

DURING THE RECENT three-week cold period, the thermometer hovered between 40 and 62 degrees below zero.

Ft. Greely perches atop a bluff overlooking the floor plain of the Delta River, 126 miles southeast of Fairbanks, Alaska. It is surrounded by terrain ranging from swicy (flatland) and boggy muskeg to glacier-carved mountains. Winds up to 40 miles per hour scream down periodically from the Alaskan Mountain Range to ravage the area. Snow lays 15 feet deep in spots.

The forbidding nature of the area is the exact reason it was chosen as headquarters for the Arctic Test Board. Composed of personnel from the Infantry, Armor and Artillery, the board was set up to see first hand the performance of new vehicles under the most adverse conditions.

DENN IS INTERESTED in the same thing. He was sent to Ft. Greely by OTAC to find out personally how the equipment would—and to listen to comments and suggestions from officers and crews who operate OTAC vehicles.

His experience will benefit future designing of vehicles.

One of his first stops was the M-107 being given final tests before going into production.

The M-107 is a tracked vehicle mounting a 175-mm cannon and powered by an engine from Detroit Diesel Division of GM. The 30-foot barrel appears to rise up-and-down when the M-107 gears up to its maximum speed of 30 miles per hour.

Radar is being used to help solve the mysteries of bird migration, according to Andrew J. Berger, Ph.D. University of Michigan associate professor of anatomy and noted field ornithologist.

"Preliminary radar studies indicate that nocturnal migration involves many more birds than daytime migration (that most birds fly at altitudes between 2,000 and 3,000 feet, that the heaviest migration occurs when the sky is clear," Berger says.

STRICTLY FRESH

Truck drivers always seem to have the right of weight.

Friends have the showers when a baby is about to be born, but it is the new born baby who winds up reigning.

Some say that you need to burn a little midnight oil to get the word on fire.

Man may have his will, but a woman has her way.

AS EARLY as 1555 a learned bishop of Upsala, Sweden was known for the form of snowflakes and to publish the first drawing of one. It was made in the form of a cross with four long arms.

Such later an English explorer named William Scoresby passed the region of long snows in the Arctic during a collection of snowflake patterns which he published in 1820.

IT HAS taken the power of microscopic photography, however, to record the most delicate details of snowflakes.

THEY crystallize while floating in the higher altitudes the snowflake takes on diverse shapes as they descend to earth through successive layers of air varying in moisture and temperature.

NO MATTER what the pattern, a snowflake is always built on the principle of the hexagonal snowflake. Or a child in a mild day, snowflakes reach their most gem-like perfection.

They crystallize while floating in the higher altitudes the snowflake takes on diverse shapes as they descend to earth through successive layers of air varying in moisture and temperature.

AS EARLY as 1555 a learned bishop of Upsala, Sweden was known for the form of snowflakes and to publish the first drawing of one. It was made in the form of a cross with four long arms.

Such later an English explorer named William Scoresby passed the region of long snows in the Arctic during a collection of snowflake patterns which he published in 1820.

IT HAS taken the power of microscopic photography, however, to record the most delicate details of snowflakes.

DOWN TO EARTH

Artificial Soil Helps Grow Healthy Plants

By ALICE WESSELS BURLINGAME Staff Writer for The Birmingham Eccentric

SUMMER of 1961 saw the completion of a roof garden using a new introduction to the horticultural world—artificial soil.

It is possible to get a booklet on its use by writing to: "The U. S. System for Producing Healthy Container-Grown Plants," Agricultural Publications, 207 University Hall, University of California, Berkeley, Calif.

KAISER CENTER, Oakland, California possesses this roof garden which has been used for various landscape effects. The garden is a delight with the results being readily controlled from the beginning.

It weighs much less than soil which is important from the engineering view. The major part of the soil is Baselite (expanded shale).

WHERE GRASS was planted, the results were perfect in comparison to a nearby plot of untreated grass planted at the same time. Seedlings of flowers showed that plants placed in the controlled soil came up as much as ten days earlier.

Visitors are welcome to visit this beauty spot which gives a birdseye view of that California area. Won't

RIGHT NOW stop and consider the location of your rooms at the west side of the structure. A tree located to shade the west wall and roof of the house will help to keep the warm summer temperatures moderate. Wall and roof temperatures can be reduced as much as 20 degrees.

Noise and dust can be absorbed by shrubs resulting in a cleaner and quieter home. Shrubs and lawn can give a cooler home than being near areas which are paved. Think this technique over in relation to your home and use some of this

psychology course.

AS A RESULT of this innovation, there has been a large shift, particularly among the most from secondary to elementary teaching preparation.

Dr. Laszlo Hetenyi, director of MSU's teacher education program, who initiated the idea, said this has been a fortunate event because the high school teaching has to be more specialized areas, such as mathematics, science and language.

Practice Teaching Plan Begins Early at MSU

An early exposure plan is helping students at Michigan State University Oakland decide on teaching careers.

In this new wrinkle, every sophomore planning to become a teacher will spend two one-hour periods a week for a semester in a classroom of a nearby elementary or junior high school. His or her primary job is to observe the pupils, not the teacher, and perhaps to act as an occasional teaching assignment.

THIS SCHEME not only helps build self-confidence of the teaching profession, but also gives students a chance to decide early on whether they really want to change to something else.

It also has the advantages of acclimating the student to the actual practice teaching they'll get as well as, and of making their college work more meaningful.

The sophomores have all had an introductory psychology and one on social and philosophic issues in education. The observing constitutes part of their educational

psychology course.

AS A RESULT of this innovation, there has been a large shift, particularly among the most from secondary to elementary teaching preparation.

Dr. Laszlo Hetenyi, director of MSU's teacher education program, who initiated the idea, said this has been a fortunate event because the high school teaching has to be more specialized areas, such as mathematics, science and language.

THE SCHOOLS like it because it lets them in on what the colleges are doing and tends to tear down the curtain that divides the outside from the inside of the schools.

Further, the teachers welcome not only the enthusiasm, but often the help the observers give in some cases have performed valuable services.

The program is being carried on in the following 11 school districts: Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills, Oak Ridge, Hazel Park, Mt. Clemons, Oxford, Pontiac, Mt. Pleasant, Gray, Troy and Utica.

Other exclusive electric water heater advantages: Long life—no hot spots. Install anywhere—no flue needed. Free Edison service for electric operating parts when manufacturer's warranty runs out.

162,000 of your neighbors throughout S. E. Michigan enjoy the benefits of electric water heating. You can join them by shopping for your new flameless heater where you see the H-O-T emblem—the symbol of an electric water heater retailer.

The Birmingham Eccentric
Features
MARCH 1, 1962 PAGE 5
NATURE NOW
By Lydia King Frehse
Special Writer for The Birmingham Eccentric

Common Snowflake A Miracle Pattern

Our northern winters present one of nature's miracle patterns, that of the common snowflake. One may fall asleep in a world empty of sound and color and awake to the crunching of wheels and the sparkle of jeweled trees and gardens, of frosted roofs and fence posts.

Snow is the vapor in the air frozen into crystals. It snows when a rain cloud meets with a stream of air cold enough to freeze the moisture it holds into snowflakes. These are the most perfect of all crystals.

NO MATTER what the pattern, a snowflake is always built on the principle of the hexagonal snowflake. Or a child in a mild day, snowflakes reach their most gem-like perfection.

They crystallize while floating in the higher altitudes the snowflake takes on diverse shapes as they descend to earth through successive layers of air varying in moisture and temperature.

AS EARLY as 1555 a learned bishop of Upsala, Sweden was known for the form of snowflakes and to publish the first drawing of one. It was made in the form of a cross with four long arms.

Such later an English explorer named William Scoresby passed the region of long snows in the Arctic during a collection of snowflake patterns which he published in 1820.

IT HAS taken the power of microscopic photography, however, to record the most delicate details of snowflakes.

THEY crystallize while floating in the higher altitudes the snowflake takes on diverse shapes as they descend to earth through successive layers of air varying in moisture and temperature.

NO MATTER what the pattern, a snowflake is always built on the principle of the hexagonal snowflake. Or a child in a mild day, snowflakes reach their most gem-like perfection.

They crystallize while floating in the higher altitudes the snowflake takes on diverse shapes as they descend to earth through successive layers of air varying in moisture and temperature.

AS EARLY as 1555 a learned bishop of Upsala, Sweden was known for the form of snowflakes and to publish the first drawing of one. It was made in the form of a cross with four long arms.

Such later an English explorer named William Scoresby passed the region of long snows in the Arctic during a collection of snowflake patterns which he published in 1820.

IT HAS taken the power of microscopic photography, however, to record the most delicate details of snowflakes.

THEY crystallize while floating in the higher altitudes the snowflake takes on diverse shapes as they descend to earth through successive layers of air varying in moisture and temperature.

NO MATTER what the pattern, a snowflake is always built on the principle of the hexagonal snowflake. Or a child in a mild day, snowflakes reach their most gem-like perfection.

"ACCOUNTING"
for Your Future?
Are you planning ahead? What are your goals in life? Would you like to be a successful businessman? Is your educational background adequate?
One of the surgest routes to a successful business career is the broad avenue of Accounting. As a modern accountant you will be an executive in one of the best paid fields. You will enjoy interesting work, with security and opportunity.
PBI graduates in accounting are corporation officers, partners and proprietors in every field of business, and in every type of profession.
Spring Term Opens March 12
(Day and Evening Divisions)
Clip and Mail Please send me a copy of "Accounting for your future," a special guidance brochure issued by The National Association & Council of Business Schools.
NAME _____
ADDRESS _____

Thinking About Car Insurance?
SAVE THE WAY SO MANY DO!
More than 500,000 Michigan people are insured with the Exchange at the Auto Club... for more Michigan policyholders than any other company selling car insurance.
These people are Good Drivers and, therefore, enjoy insurance rates that have always been among the very lowest in our state.
If you are a Good Driver, you should save the way so many of your friends do. Call your nearby Auto Club office and apply!
Detroit Automobile Inter-Insurance Exchange at Automobile Club of Michigan
VISIT OR PHONE YOUR NEAREST OFFICE
BIRMINGHAM DIVISION
275 S. Hunter Blvd.
PHONE: 646-4400 or 666-4729
Douglas Brown, Manager
See first page of local phone books for offices in other cities

DETROIT EDISON GUARANTEES ELECTRIC WATER HEATER SATISFACTION
Or Your Money Back Buy the flameless electric water heater that fits your home. Call on it for shower after shower, for wash after wash, for all the hot water you need. If, any time within a year, you're not satisfied with the heater's performance, call us. We'll remove it and return the full purchase price, including any installation cost!
Other exclusive electric water heater advantages:
Long life—no hot spots. Install anywhere—no flue needed. Free Edison service for electric operating parts when manufacturer's warranty runs out.
162,000 of your neighbors throughout S. E. Michigan enjoy the benefits of electric water heating. You can join them by shopping for your new flameless heater where you see the H-O-T emblem—the symbol of an electric water heater retailer.
HOT ELECTRIC WATER HEATER
DETROIT EDISON

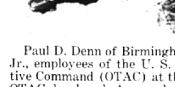
carolyn nilson
FACE SPECIALIST
certified esthetician, creative inventor of wonder cosmetic preparations
For Sale At Salon
A young skin is sure to win. Fulfilling a promise to a younger you with care. Life with beauty.
772 East Maple
Birmingham, Mich.
MI 6-7373

EXPERT SERVICE
PORTABLE TV
FAST DEPENDABLE
Birmingham Electronics
111 E. Maple MI 6-8140

Serious about decorating?
Do It Professionally with America's Most Complete
DECORATING PORTFOLIO
styled by C.E. STEPHENSON, F.A.I.D.
Noted New York Interior Designer
COLOR GUIDE... 3 COMPLETE SCHEMES FOR THE ROOM YOU SELECT!
DECORATING GUIDE
308 Drawings of basic furniture and accessory designs for seven decorating styles.
ALL FOR \$1.00
Refunded with retail purchase of 1 Gal. or more Sherwin paint.
Come in and order your portfolio today!
Birmingham Paint, Glass & Wallpaper Co.
"Everything For the Beautification and Preservation Of the Home"
215 E. Maple MI 6-7373



CARC ATB



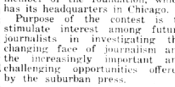
CARC ATB



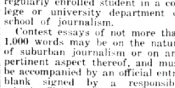
CARC ATB



CARC ATB



CARC ATB



CARC ATB



CARC ATB



CARC ATB