

Potpourri

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Babies react to Constance Bannister. Anyone who meets this doll of a photographer can understand why. My Potpourri notebook and I went to dinner recently with the well-known baby photographer, who puts the right punchline with the right picture and gets a million laughs.

Now I know how she gets her young photo subjects to assume expressions ranging from Edward G. Robinson after a bad night to Bette Davis after sitting on a tack.

SHE DOES IT by being herself, a bundle of non-stop imagination. If any of her baby subjects seem on the verge of tears, I'm sure it's because they are laughing so hard they could cry. As for the babies who look happy



"Good Lord, Bertha, can't we discuss your obstetrician after dinner?"

"The night of the big dance, and I have to come down with the mumps!"

in her books, that's because their photographer is the formula on their Pabulum, who can all but take them for a roller coaster ride on a studio mat.

At the Bloomfield Hills home of the William H. McGaugheys, La Bannister intrigued everyone at the dinner table with an account of building her dream house.

AS HER DREAM house on Long Island began to make Mr. Banning's place sound like a chicken shack, she pulled off her big red ear rings. At the point where she called the front the back of the house, because the septic tank was out front illegally, she pulled off her tight dog-collar strands of pearls.

She all but let her red hair down as the crazy story

unfolded. She ended it by saying, "By the time that house was finished, I hated it!"

BY THEN I felt like the baby above on the left looks. That's Linda, by the way, Constance Bannister's own baby, now five. The other baby is her Lisa, age two. They live with their parents, the Joseph H. Hatcher, in a big colonial studio-home at Syosset, Long Island.

Their mother admits that when a photographer, secretary and darkroom assistant work in a home, children sometimes interrupt.

"But I love to be interrupted by them," says the happy mother with smiling brown eyes.

SHE CONSIDERS photography an art. To her, it's like shorthand is to a writer.

"I studied art before I took up photography," she says, "and I used to be frustrated that it took so long to create the interpretation that I wanted with a paintbrush. With the right cameras and lighting, you quickly capture your own personal view of a subject."

She and Mrs. McGaughey have been good friends ever since they worked for Associated Press in New York City before World War II. Joanna McGaughey was a feature writer. She developed an immediate admiration for the hard-working little photographer who was from a Tennessee family of 15.



MAMA BANNISTER

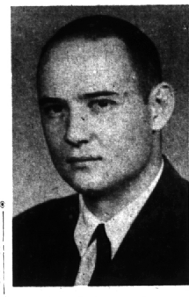
IN THOSE DAYS, Connie Bannister admitted to her feature-writing friend, she knew very little about photography. But her courage and enthusiasm taught her what she needed to reach the top in her field.

"It doesn't matter what you do in this world," she says, "it's how much imagination you use." Her imagination dreamed up the now-popular art of captioning photographs.

She was visiting the McGaugheys on a trip to Detroit when I saw her. The trip was to plug her 1963 appointment calendar books. They are called "Appointments with Constance Bannister Babies" and will be on newsstands in time for Christmas shoppers.

Reads at Gallery

Appearing in "Rebel in the Wings" at the Haven Reader's Theater is David Meneghel, of 1105 E. 14 Mile Road, Birmingham, an English teacher at Seaholm High School. Meneghel has become a member of the repertory company there. "Rebel in the Wings," selections from the plays of Elmer Rice, will be performed tonight, Friday, Saturday and Sunday and Nov. 23 through 25 at the theater-gallery in Detroit.



A bit of warm courtesy may help to stop an accident cold. Proper consideration for other drivers is one of the most important ways of preventing accidents. Be prepared for slowdowns and other delays that tend to provoke impatience.

B'ham Principals Visit Lamphere Public Schools

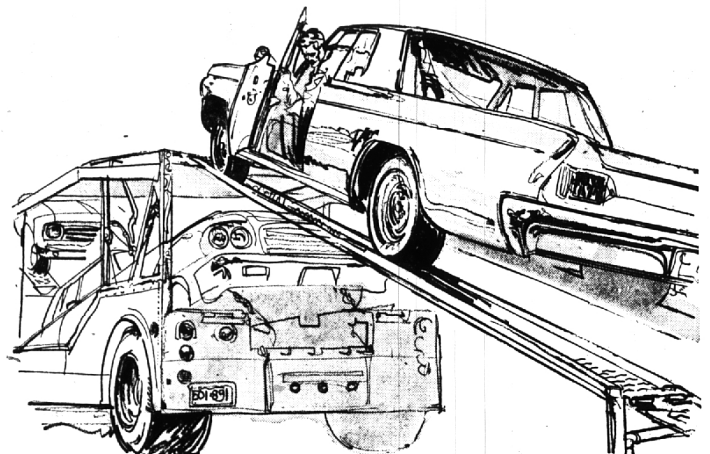
The elementary and secondary principals of the Birmingham Public Schools Wednesday visited Lamphere Public Schools in Madison Heights.

The purpose of the visit was to observe classes and talk with the teachers about the team teaching program in the Lamphere schools. Of particular interest was one of the Lamphere schools which was designed and constructed specifically for team teaching. Team teaching in the upper ele-

mentary grades seeks to capitalize as much as possible on the interests and strengths of each teacher. The academic program is divided into four major areas: teacher A may teach science and mathematics for one half day while teacher B teaches language arts and social studies the other half day.

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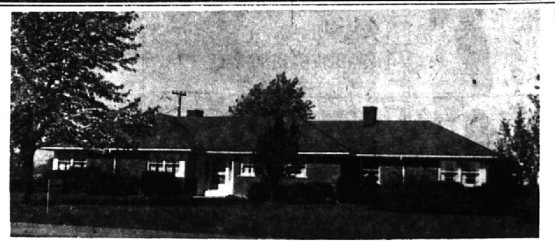
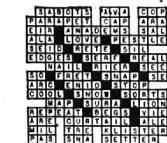
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Guest speaker at the November meeting of the Oakland County District Nurses' Association will be Dr. C. P. Mehas. His topic will be "New Trends in Tuberculosis." The meeting will be held Tuesday, November 20, at 7:30 a.m. at William Beaumont Hospital. Dr. Mehas received his Bachelor of Science Degree at Xavier University in Cincinnati in 1932 and his Medical Degree at the University of Cincinnati in 1936.

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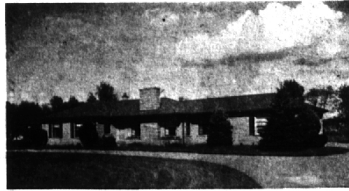
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