

# 136 Enter Contest in First Week

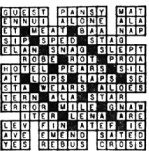
Dec. 12 is the last day to send in entries for The Eccentric's Christmas Coloring Contest. As of Tuesday morning, 136 had been received by the paper.

The contest is open to children from kindergarten through sixth grade who live in the circulation area of The Birmingham Eccentric (but not to the children of employees of The Eccentric). All those who enter will receive a box of crayons. First prize is a new Schwinn bicycle; second prize a watch, and third prize, a \$25 savings bond.

ENTRIES MUST be sent or delivered to: Christmas Coloring Contest, The Birmingham Eccentric, 1225 Bowers, Birmingham. As many as desired may be submitted. An entry blank filled in completely and clearly must be attached to each.

Prizes will be awarded on the

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basis of neatness, originality of thought and beauty. Judges will take into consideration the age of the applicant in making their selections. Winners will be announced in the Dec. 20 issue of The Eccentric.

Judges will be Wally Downey, staff artist; Eveline Oen, arts editor, and Glen Michaels, director of Cranbrook's Young People's Art Gallery.

## Puppets

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acters are very expressive, matching the expressive voice of the big, good-looking fellow who handles them.

IN FACT, they kind of get you. When asked why they choose to sign off each show with a roasting rendition of "America, the Beautiful" and a cheery "Keep smiling, keep happy, keep singing and Bless you," Bowman said simply, "Because I believe in it."

Bowman and his wife, Beth, brought the family to Beverly Hills nine years ago.

Working nights, he has not participated much in community affairs. The children all take instrumental music and sing in the choir at St. James church. The Bowman family also belongs to the Beverly Hills Athletic Club.

AMONG THE host of characters that Bowman has created are the Strange Lonester, his sometimes faithful Indian friend, Pronto and the Sugar Cured Hams. He has been on the Sagebrush Shortie show and was known as Brother Bill in western movie host) and Pirate Pete which has a live parrot and a very believable genie.

## Potpourri

by JULIE Candler  
Special Writer



We know of some artistic treats in store for people who like to have their reading, music and drama dished out in generous portions.

Art Farrell knows about a literary spectacular that's now in the works. Art, who lives at 3636 Tuckahoe, Birmingham, heard about this treat from a former roommate at the University of Michigan.

Art's one-time roommate uses the pen name of Robert Traver. But every loyal Michigan man knows that Traver is really former Michigan Supreme Court Justice John D. Voelker.

Up in his home balliwick of Ishpeming, Voelker is signaling Robert Traver to get to work on a new book this winter, according to Art. So one of these days we can expect to enjoy some more good reading like "Anatomy of a Murder."

A CULTURAL tutti frutti with whipped cream is being served up tonight at the Fox Theatre. This treat will be enjoyed by members of the Junior League of Birmingham.

The Junior League is the only Birmingham group among the Detroit area's 28 sponsoring organizations. And hooray for them, say I.

The two-hour telecast is being closed-circuited to supporters of The National Cultural Center at 9 p.m.

Mrs. William B. Bachman, Jr., and Mrs. William T. Beresford were chairmen of ticket sales for the League.

Among the Junior Leaguers and spouses who will be attending are Mr. and Mrs. Sidney W. Smith, Jr., and the John K. Bagbys.

They're going to see Jose Iturbi in person, plus a smorgasbord of telecasted treats that runs from Harry Belafonte to Pablo Casals and Benny Goodman.

Not only that, they will be helping to establish a Center where established artists will be encouraged to new achievement and young artists will be given a chance.

As I was saying, hooray for the Junior Leaguers!

THE NEXT tempting cultural confection comes from Birmingham and will be served as a special treat at Ford Auditorium, Detroit, on Feb. 9.

The treat is "The Gazebo," mystery-comedy production of The Village Players of Birmingham. They have been asked to repeat their show for the annual meeting of the Michigan Bell Telephone Credit Union.

A member of the Credit Union saw "The Gazebo" at the Playhouse in October. He liked it, and suggested that his organization hire the Players to entertain their members with a performance. "The Gazebo" was directed by Norrie (Mrs. W. Carleton) Scott. Its cast includes Pat (Mrs. Don) Morris and John A. Mitchell.

Players President John A. Gilray says, "This will be a first for Players. It is a challenging effort which we feel is consistent and compatible with our entire purpose for existence—to present good theater to the community."

## Book

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reader may therefore be left with a strong curiosity unsatisfied. Did Saarinen ignore cost? Incredible. Cost is the dollar-index of human effort. A million-dollar building requires about 150 man-years of labor or the equivalent of the life's work of three men. If a million-dollar building does not merit this much devotion it should not be built and one would like to know how Saarinen compares the value of architecture with the labor required to produce it.

THE PROFESSIONAL architect who takes the time to read this book will have read others. Nothing Saarinen has to say will startle him with its originality, but any architect can profit from learning where Saarinen stood philosophically, and then observing the relationship between that stance and Saarinen's actual works.

To appreciate the book, the reader should have some knowledge of architecture and interest in it. When, for example, referring to federal architecture, Saarinen says, "I have no objection to the classic spirit . . . such a spirit should prevail. But not the style," his reader must understand the difference between spirit and style.

THERE IS one niche this book fits perfectly: A gift to a college student studying to be an architect or to a high school student considering a career in architecture.

The budding architect will comprehend, appreciate and greatly profit from it and should own it so that he can re-read it on impulse.

The price is a bit steep for most students, however, so how about giving it for Christmas?

## Circumnavigators Schedule Meeting

Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills area members of the state group of the Circumnavigators Club will attend the group's fifth annual banquet Dec. 7 in Detroit. The affair will feature primitive music, decorations and souvenirs as well as color movies of primitive tribesmen of New Guinea and the remote Upper Nile.

The global club meets regularly in all parts of the world. The Michigan branch numbers 120 members.

## Transferred

Airman Basic Ralph B. Meloche, son of Mr. and Mrs. Irvin B. Meloche of 36358 Stellamar, Birmingham, is being reassigned to Amarillo AFB, Tex., for technical training as a United States Air Force base fuel supply specialist.

## College Students From Area in WSU Production

Wayne State University Theatre's production of "Measure for Measure" opens at 8:30 p.m. Friday, at the Wayne State University Theatre, 3424 Woodward, Detroit.

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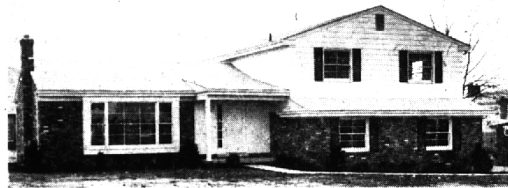
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