

Housewife Relates Woes Of Those 'Terrible' DC's

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It makes shivers crawl up both arms when I reflect how I was sitting right at this very machine, typing away with such delight only to be called to the front door (around two, yesterday) by a tiny persistent ring. "Ding, ding, ding, rinky, rinky," went the bell, "ding, ding, rinky, rinky." "Yes?" was said politely to a tall bright looking man standing there from my stoop who had an elegant looking sweater affair jutting out from his right hand.

AFTER DISPLAYING his card, qualifications etc. he wondered about the condition my carpets might be in. I replied that three different sweepers rested snugly in the hall closet. But he refused to be convinced with this flimsy evidence that "all was well in the rug department of my domain."

Somewhat, even though I kept insisting every member of the family seemed pleased with how the dirt and dust was kept off the floor and furniture somehow or other he labored under the illusion that what he had in his hand, plus the equipment in his car, would make the tools resting in the hall closet look pretty inadequate.

SINCE NO SWEEPING had been done as yet, the request to prove his statement was granted. (Besides, a dry period of utter

blankness had just set in at the typewriter and a rest was needed.) It must be admitted, in all fairness, that this man with the super-sweeper not once uttered "Madam, you've got D.C. and you don't know it." No. Not once in his half hour demonstration did he refer to dirty carpets.

And not once did he exclaim: "Since when was it last time you did much sweeping, Ma'am?" He just went to work. (Sweepers run up my arms right this moment just thinking back on my agony after he swooped casually across the front room rug and opening his neat little bag and let fall pounds of dirt and dust!)

"HA, HA, HO, HO." I sort of chuckled or choked in amazement. "Oh, Sir, I forgot to mention one fact which might have some bearing on the dirt." I interrupted his sweeping, "yesterday after school two children played horses and trainers right here on this rug because it was too cold to climb the tree?"

He cancelled this excuse with the suggestion he would attain the same dirt from the den carpet. "Well, I'll be dog-gone!" And after he dumped a bigger pile of dust, gotten from the den's floor, all I could utter was how amazing it all was. And all he could reply, bending over his many piles of dirty dust, was "it certainly is amazing, isn't it?"

THE EXPRESSION on his face demanded that I ask him my final query. He was so kind. So considerate. He insisted he had gotten bigger piles of dirt out of carpets. (When I asked him where or when, he stammered and couldn't quite recall the exact locations or dates.) Seeing my bewilderment in viewing all those horrible tell-tale piles of definite dirt he deposited all over the carpet, he declared that many, many housewives walked right over "D.C.'s" (dirty carpets) every day and suspected not, just like me.

NATURALLY THE next logical question popped out in my dejected state. "Would you be willing to return Saturday at three so my spouse can actually see for himself what a lousy, terrible, ship-shod job my three old sweepers have been doing?"

Whipping out his notebook and grabbing a pen from his vest pocket (which didn't work but I ran to get one that would) he stood squarely atop my awful carpets and he scribbled down the address and name of the owner of our domain.

"Now you go back to your typing and forget about the condition of your carpets," he said with a big smile. He added that his little machine, if purchased next Saturday, would take care of everything.

AND IT WASN'T until sitting behind these keys, after he had left, did the thought erupt that maybe the fault lay not in the three sweepers hidden in my hall closet, but—

Maybe the fault (dear Brutus) lay within me? By placing my hands on these keys far more often than they were placed on the handles of those sweepers? Perhaps D.C.'s will always haunt some people, huh? I wonder...

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Interest Paid On 12-Town Drain Funds

A check in the amount of \$24,806.62 had been mailed to the City of Birmingham for interest accrued on monies paid to the 12-Town Drain Assessment District, Oakland County Treasurer Charles Sparks has written checks totaling \$600,000, to be distributed among the 14 communities involved and the county and the state.

OTHER INTEREST payments included Southfield, \$49,736.48; Troy, \$161,228.77; Beverly Hills Village, \$4,518.01; Oakland County, \$5,900.45; Oakland County Highways, \$5,807.11; and the State of Michigan, \$61,924.78.

Some of the communities paid their full assessments at one time since the need for the money was not immediate, the county invested it in Construction Fund bank deposits.

Former Resident To Stand Trial On Fraud Counts

Former Birmingham resident Stewart G. Williamson, who was extradited last spring from California on three counts will go on trial in Oakland County Circuit Court Oct. 12.

Williamson, alias William Williamson and Bill Williams, formerly of 1207 1/2 Davis, has been charged with larceny by conversion, gross fraud and cheat at common law and obtaining money under false pretenses.

He is charged with absconding with an estimated \$15,000 interest of definite dirt owned by Williamson, in a housing unit company by Williamson.

According to Birmingham police, Williamson entered into agreement with several investors to produce special polyethylene plastic bonding pins and sell franchises for their distribution. He sold the franchise, said police, but failed to produce the pins.

Citizenship Conferences at The University of Michigan this year drew students from 150 Michigan schools.

Association of Producing Artists (APA), new resident drama company at The University of Michigan, was founded in 1960.

The Michigan State Highway Department spent an average of \$150 per mile during 1961 to clean up litter of Michigan's 2,200 miles of state highways.

FRANKLIN VILLAGE Group Plans Dance To Observe Birthday

By NITA HARD
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FRANKLIN-The Franklin Community Association will have a dinner dance Oct. 20 at Edgewood Country Club.

Still celebrating its silver anniversary, the civic group has scheduled the event as a fall get-together. Reservations for the dinner, which starts at 7:30 p.m., may be made through George Howard, Dr. Ralph Smith or any other director.

With a legal all-clear to move ahead with plans for a new community center near the village green, the association is formulating plans for fund raising. Chairman will be announced shortly.

MR. AND MRS. Don Hunter of Carol Land returned this week from a month in England. About 25 Boy Scouts from Troop 1011 participated in the North Trails District jamboree held last weekend at the state forest near Lapeer. The Franklin patrol came in first on the camping skills competition for companies residing.

The fall paper drive has been scheduled for Nov. 10. Franklin Boy Scouts and their dads will canvass the village for bundled newspapers and magazines.

MR. AND MRS. Thomas Larkins of S. Greenbriar will be hosting the October card party for Stone Oaks residents. A Saturday night date will be announced soon.

A group of Franklin residents met Wednesday at Eagle School, Farmington, to "do-good" to rally Norm Sney of Wood Creek Farms, Mrs. Arthur Hays and Dr. John Burger say others interested in joining the group, which will meet every Wednesday for 19 weeks, may contact them.

YOUNG HIGH Peterson, police

Township Man's Car Rammed; Berkley Resident Killed

A Bloomfield Township man was involved Monday in a three-car collision on Woodward in Royal Oak in which a 70-year-old Berkley man (Ralph W. Enos) was killed.

Philip J. Savage Jr., 2157 Raindrop, Bloomfield Township, had stopped behind a car driven by Eleanor K. Margrave of Pleasant Ridge for a red light when the car driven by Enos rammed Savage's car from behind, knocking it into the first car. The accident occurred at 3:35 p.m.

In a provisional diagnosis performed as part of an autopsy to

determine whether Enos suffered a Beaumont Hospital lab reported possible heart attack prior to the that he had died from hemorrhages accident or died as a result of in-caved by internal injuries he requires received in the accident, the cause in the accident.

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