

## Behind the Welcome Mat

by CORINNE ABATT

At dinner one evening Bill Ouster told about the conversation he had with a stranger in the butcher shop about raising children. Bill says they were talking casually about their mutual problems when the stranger suddenly said, "I'll tell you the most horrible problem we ever had. From the time our daughter was a tot until she was almost twelve she ate every caterpillar she could find!"

With a suspicion that this problem—while horrifying to most parents—might not be universal, I started on a library search which started with the Encyclopedia Americana.

Here it states that there is much material available on the value of insects as food and caterpillars as a staple diet of primitive man.

ONE ERUDITE friend questioned this last fact. "How can they prove that primitive man ate caterpillars?" I wasn't able to answer except to surmise that there might be cave art illustrations of it.

For certain, though, Mexican parents wouldn't be horrified at a caterpillar-eating child, for in Mexico caterpillars of the maguey, fried in their own fat, are considered a delicacy. It is offered under the name, "zucana de maguey."

A pamphlet entitled "Insects in the Diet" by Marston Bates of the University of Michigan turned up in Baldwin Library. This little gem is full of interesting facts about unusual edibles.

PROFESSOR BATES makes several thought-provoking observations about insects in the diet. While Westerners are willing to eat an insect product like honey, they are not eager to eat an insect itself, yet, the pamphlet points out, "Honey, particularly in the Bible, is often coupled with locusts."

The author refers to Leviticus 11:22. "Even these of them ye may eat: the locust after his kind, and the bald locust after his kind, and the beetle after his kind, and the grasshopper after his kind."

IN VARIOUS areas of the world delicacies range from locusts, cicadas (which we have found in our yard for the first time this year), grasshoppers, ants, termites, crabs and the popular French treat, escargots (snails).

The point that Professor Bates makes which can set a chicken-hearted gourmet to wondering is that while most Westerners are perfectly willing to eat water-dwelling invertebrates—lobsters, crabs, shrimp, oysters, clams, octopus and squid—they want no part of the land living members of the same division of the animal kingdom.

Fried grasshoppers, anyone?

## Auction

(Continued from 1-D)

Burchfield, Jerome Myers, Lionel Fennimore, Philip Evergood, James Kearns, Robert S. Duncanson, Isabel Bishop and Raphael Soyer.

"WE DON'T want to have an exclusive or highly priced auction," said Miss Iconomoff. "Our point is that we want to have every person in the community who would like to experience the fun and excitement of an auction to participate." All items will be on display until the auction at the institute during museum hours beginning with a champagne preview Monday night.

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"The community has been very generous," said Miss Iconomoff. "WE CAN, however, auction a maximum of 125 articles in each session," she said. "Therefore, it is necessary to choose the prime articles for the auction. The rest of the pieces will be sold at a sale. Dates for the sale are Sept. 28 and 29."

The Archives of American Art is a national organization which was begun in Detroit, formed for the purpose of collecting and cataloging documents and information about American artists.



### Large Hickory Knolls Site

1/2 Acre

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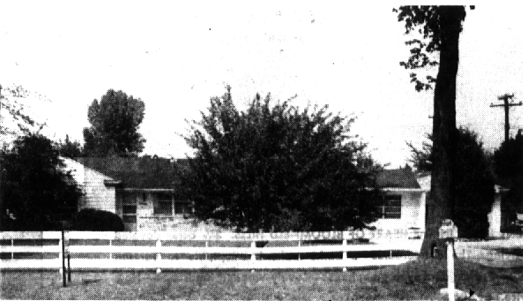
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Charming Colonial Ranch

Close to Schools, Churches, Shopping—newly carpeted. Large living room—large Library — two Fireplaces — Screened Porch — beautifully landscaped lot with blacktop drive—over-sized 2-car Garage—2 Bedrooms, 1 1/2 Baths, or Library can serve as third Bedroom. Bloomfield Hills Schools. Real Value for \$23,500.

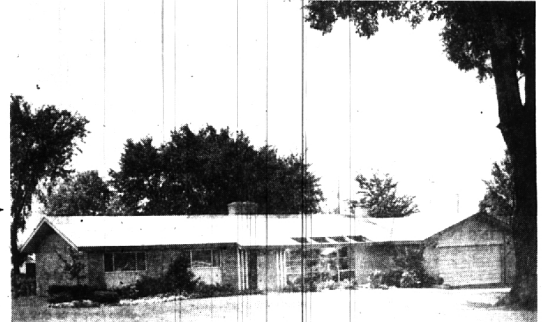


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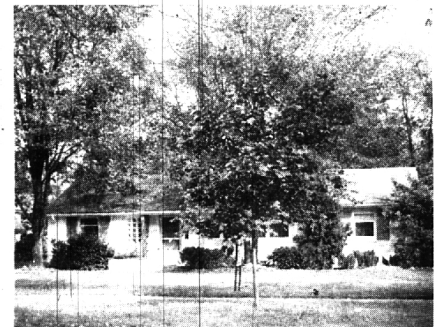


## Franklin Village

One of the handsomest homes in the area on a beautiful large site.

Huge Living room with raised hearth and planter—Family-sized Dining room with pegged floor—beautiful Family room with cork floor and walnut cabinets—Large heated porch plus Patio—Finished Rec room in full basement—3 Bedrooms, 2 1/2 Baths—Wonderful Kitchen and large Breakfast area with absolutely all equipment.

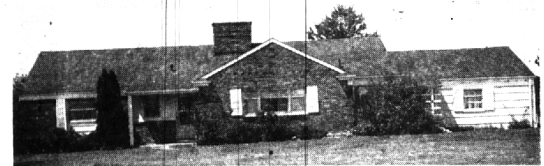
There's something about a center-hall Monterey Colonial that always lends graciousness to family life and entertaining. This is in superb condition. Priced at only \$52,500.



## Country Contemporary

8/10 Acre with spectacular towering pine trees.

Exceptional living room and Family room across the back of the house with beamed ceiling, fireplace and bar (40 feet with partial separation)—Jalousied Porch opens to 20x40 SWIMMING POOL—Very large Kitchen with everything—3 Bedrooms, 2 full Baths. A lovely home with fine brick work, beautiful tile and many features. \$35,900.



## Well Landscaped

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