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Hunt for Missing Boy

Bloomfield Township Police Chief Norman Dehnke (dark glasses) gives directions to volunteers who joined the 26-day search for 12-year-old Bobby Grinnan during March and April. The boy's body was discovered in a lake near his home on April 16 by two girls hiking in the area. His death was attributed to drowning.

PROVIDES FUN FOR FAMILIES

Fund Drive's On The Right Track

A fun-filled Saturday, Dec. 28—that includes a train ride and old movies—has been planned as the first fund-raising venture of the Friends of the Grand Trunk, an organization of commuters, for Birmingham-area youngsters.

Using regular Grand Trunk Western passenger trains, arrangements have been made for an excursion to Holly, and viewing at a local movie theater of "Days of Thrills and Laughter," a 74-minute composite of entertainment starring old time favorites Laurel and Hardy, Houdini, Charlie Chaplin, Douglas Fairbanks and others of yesteryear.

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EXCURSIONISTS will be accommodated in GTW's regular afternoon Detroit-Chicago service, departing Detroit (Brush St. Station) at 1:15 p.m., Royal Oak at 1:40 p.m., Birmingham at 1:46 p.m. and Pontiac at 2 p.m.

Return times will be 4:23 p.m. at Pontiac, 4:37 p.m. at Birmingham 4:43 p.m. at Royal Oak and 5:05 p.m. at Detroit. Adult fare, including theater admission, is $4.80 from Detroit, $3.60 from Royal Oak, $3.20 from iBirmingham and $2.60 fro mPontiac, with half fare charged for children ages 5 through 11.

Ticket sales are limited to seating capacity of the Holly Theatre, and purchasers can buy them at GTW ticket offices in Detroit, Royal Oak, Birmingham and Pontiac.

Kennedy

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Rotunda when suddenly they switched back to Dallas.

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AS OSWALD was being led through the basement police garage toward an armored car—a shot rang out.

Excited announcers stumbled for words.

"Oswald's been shot—Lee Harvey Oswald's been shot. Did anybody see who did it?"

A Dallas night-club owner, Jack Ruby had made his way into the garage, waited in a parked car and then jumped in front of reporters as Oswald walked through the crowd and shot him.

A brother of Ruby's, Earl R. Ruby and his family live in a rented $50,000 home in Southfield.

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WHEN IT was first learned Sunday night that Jack Ruby had a brother living in the Detroit area, Mrs. Ruby refused to talk with reporters. She also refused to say where her husband was.

Mrs. Ruby called Southfield police and ask for a guard to be posted at her home. It was later learned that Earl Ruby was in Chicago with three of his sisters and another brother.

On Monday, the day of Mr. Kennedy's funeral, Birmingham residents watched with special interest — a former student was playing a vital role in the rituals and ceremonies surrounding the burial.

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CAPT. MICHAEL Groves, U.S. Army, was commanding officer of the Presidential Honor Guard.

Groves had been on duty in the East Room of the White House, where he guarded the casket of the President. He had also accompanied the Kennedy family to church during their three-day ordeal.

In the 18 months he had been assigned to the White House, Groves had gotten to know Mr. Kennedy well. He had baby-sat for little "John-John" at the Memorial Day services at Arlington Cemetery.

During that eventful week end, he was a career soldier doing his job.

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ON TUESDAY, Dec. 3, Groves was seated at the dinner table with his wife Mary, who was expecting a baby, and his daughter, Kelly Ann, 3.

He suddenly collapsed and a short time later was pronounced dead—at the age of 27—of a heart attack.

On Friday he was buried in Arlington Cemetery, with full military honors, only a short distance from the late President.

Tragedy struck the Groves family again only a week later.

A fire destroyed the apartment of Capt. Groves' mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. Donald W. Groves, at 511 S. Bates, causing an estimated $15,000-$20,000 damage.

The blaze started behind a wall in the kitchen of the third floor apartment and completly gutted the Groves' rooms, destroying everything in its path.

The Groves, although they escaped unharmed, had suffered through a second tragic event in a week.

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Bethlehem Star Remains Mystery

With Christmas symbols everywhere, the popular interest in astronomy reaches its peak this week.

But the Star of Bethlehem still remains an astronomical mystery. "The narrative about the star is too incomplete, the date of its appearance too uncertain, to lead to any definite conclusions," University of Michigan astronomer Hazel M. Losh says.

"Perhaps a most likely explanation advanced is that the 'star' reported to have guided the Wise Men may have been a conjunction or close passing of plahets."

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SUCH A conjunction occurred in the year 7 B.C. with the planets Mars, Jupiter, and Saturn. "Also at this time these planets met in the constellation of Pisces (The Fishes), which of course would have had some significance in the early church.

"Such an arresting figure would most certainly have drawn the attention of the Magi or astrologers, who would have been looking for a sign, and who would have attached mystical meaning to the appearance." Professor Losh says.

Other suggestions are that the Christmas star may have been a comet, a nova, or the bright planet Venus.

"PERHAPS THE best thing to do is to pick out the symbol in the sky that you like best and make it your Christmas star," Professor Losh suggests.

"The date of Christmas is believed to bear a real relation to the sun and the winter solstice. The Christmas celebration most likely was set to agree with the earlier pagan festival attendant upon the rejoicing in the turning northward of the sun and the winter solstice, and the promise of the return from the cold bleak temperatures to warmer weather."

Release Dec. State School Aid

The Oakland County treasurer's office has released $4,844,906 representing 16.6% of the Dec. apportionment of state aid money distributed to the various school districts in the county.

Oakland schools received $7,434; Birmingham School District, $284,192; Southfield, $203,184; Bloomfield Hills, $85,075; Troy, $107,070; West Bloomfield Township, $48,970; and the Oakland County Special Education Program, $12,782.

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'You Gotta Be Crazy'

Sloshing along E. Maple towards the end of a long, hard pull last March, Birmingham's 50-mile hiker, Jim Nichols, 27, gasped a single comment before reaching his destination and place of employment, the U.S. Post Office on Martin. He started the walk from the Post Office at 9 a.m. for a round-trip walk to Metropolitan Beach. He made it back at 11:15 p.m.

Sets Milk Record

In the herd of Windrow Farms, Birmingham, a five-year-old registered Ayrshire cow named Windrow Silver's Goldie has completed an official milk production record of 17,513 pounds, with 764 pounds of buterfat, on twice daily milking and for a testing period not exceeding 305 days in length. The record is one of many being made by an increasing number of registered Ayrshires on the Ayrshire Breeders' Association official HIR and DHIR testing programs. It is equal to over 27 quarts milk per day for the 10 month test period, and is 2⅜ times the national average for all dairy cows.

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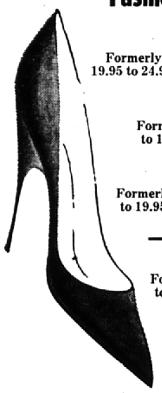

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