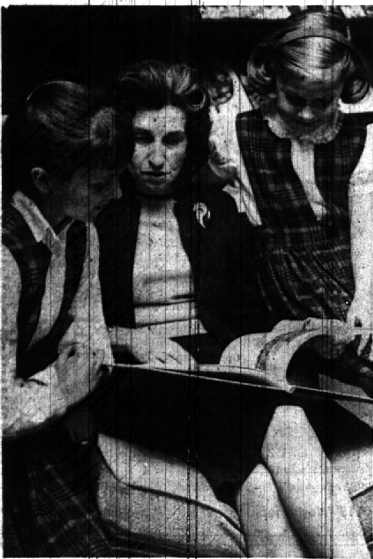


# Books, Books, Books!



Books are uppermost in the minds of Mrs. Robert F. Gray (from left), Mrs. Robert D. Meek and Mrs. Clifford Leestma. They meet to plan a benefit card party to raise funds to stock the Bloomfield Village School library. Making arrangements are at 8 p.m. in the school's multipurpose room.



Holy Name School is also in the throes of adding books to the school library. Their benefit will be in the form of a telephone bridge on May 14. Mrs. John J. MacAloon, who posed with Ann O'Hara (left) and Anne Compton, is one of the committee members. Among hostesses are Mrs. Harry L. Winston, Jr., Mrs. Elmore Leonard, Mrs. John Noonon, Mrs. Edward J. Lynch, Mrs. Francis Anderman, Mrs. Richard Ruen, Mrs. John Gibson and Mrs. John Matthews.



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## Writer Ponders Background Of 3 Merit Award Winners

BY RUTH VOGT  
Special Writer

A few minutes ago out from the pages of our newspaper spilled the names of the 129 Michigan merit award winners—earned by seniors when competing with 500-241 other students. Our article captured almost 10 per cent of his decided tones, "yes" or "no!"

A nephew's name, plus the names of two sons of a dear couple popped out.

"Now then, let us think a bit about these three boys who won. Let us think about this one nephew and these two boys of our friends whom we have known since their childhood," I murmured to the quiet front room.

THE FATHERS of these different boys were disciplinarians. More than once, when visiting in the home and hearing them correct their children, I thought, "Oh, my goodness. I wonder if their father is using the right approach to this problem? He seems almost harsh!"

All the things read in many books flooded back many times to plant tiny worries in the mind about not showing the child love. Whenever a question arose, which had to be decided, each time it was the father who said in firm decided tones, "yes" or "no."

Never once did these different sons argue, talk back or make a face.

their sons' feet and books in their hands in good number.

HOWEVER, EACH man pushed their sons into the wonderful world of mowing lawns, washing windows and other tasks. By the time these three boys (living in two different towns and never even meeting) reached high school, their Saturdays were filled with the exciting challenge of washing neighbors' bedroom walls, working in a greenhouse, polishing cars and baby-sitting, when the occasions arose. Their earnings either bought clothes or were put into their college fund.

What about the mothers of these three boys? They were about as dainty, quiet and soft-spoken on the outside as women can get. However, they possessed the sharpest minds I have ever known. They allowed their husbands to be the spokesmen.

NOW WHAT has been observed during the past dozen years about the boys themselves in regards to books, life and their companions? From early childhood these merit award winners of 1963 were interested in everything and everyone. Instead of gazing at a driveway full of angleworms after a heavy rainfall, they insisted on knowing why this condition occurred. Instead of purchasing a ready-made kite from a store, they saw no reason why they shouldn't construct their own.

They didn't ask, "what in the world is there for me to do around here to entertain myself?" These boys usually didn't have enough hours in their day to cram everything in.

## U. S. Army Medal Given to Few Men

Through a blinding snowstorm across hostile Indian country, Bernard J. D. Irwin led his small patrol of cavalrymen to Apache Pass where Cochise and a band of Apache warriors had surrounded a detail of soldiers in February, 1961. The patrol routed Cochise's forces and Irwin's heroic actions enabled the U. S. Cavalry to turn the tide of battle and deliver a coup de grace the following day.

Sgt. Dia L. Mize and "Outpost Harry" near Surangin, Korea, in June, 1953—bravely faced enemy fire to defend his position. He resented a wounded comrade, directed friendly artillery fire even though blown down three times by enemy artillery and grenade blasts and helped re-group U. S. forces for a successful counterattack.

BOTH MEN—separated by near-

ly a century in time and thousands of miles in distance—share a common distinction, that of valor. Both men hold the medal of honor (U. S. Army) the highest decoration given to soldiers fighting in defense of their country.

More than 20 million Americans have served in times of war since 1962 when President Lincoln signed the congressional resolution authorizing the award. Since that time only 2,000 soldiers have displayed the courage calling for the coveted medal.

A U. S. Army display entitled "Above and Beyond the Call of Duty" is currently on a nationwide tour during the centennial program for the Medal of Honor. The display traces the history of the award from its establishment to award made during the Korean War.

ants with such consideration and downright good manners. Even when they were pre-schoolers, this existed.

Even if none of these three boys gain material success or great positions in adult life, their attitudes, work habits, skills and persistence will make them worthy citizens for our future world.

These identical traits prevail in thousands and thousands of other boys and girls who didn't even try for any award. We have a right, as Americans, to be pleased.

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### Overcomes Barriers

Army Sp4 Ronald M. Hunter of Birmingham recently took part at Fort Hood, Tex., in a demonstration of new methods of armies to overcome river barriers.

Hunter, a communications chief in the battalion's Company E, entered the Army in November, 1961, and completed basic training at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. The 22-year-old soldier is a 1959 graduate of Birmingham High School. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin J. Hunter, live at 1160 Smith.

THESE MEN, amazingly, were not pals with their sons. This doesn't mean that they didn't take them on vacations, take them to the zoo and on fishing and hunting trips. They did.

But never have I observed these two different men trying to be on the same level as their sons. They acted their age. And neither ever kidded or jostled or wrestled with them. There existed a decided age difference at all times.

Both of these fathers said adequate jobs. They were able to put bread on the table, shoes on

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