



**THIS ANCIENT** circular arena, built by the Romans in the first century A. D., is reputed to have been able to contain 100,000 spectators. Here were held many combats.

**This & That**  
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found out. So everybody rushes, stops, slows down or speeds up as each looks for even the suggestion of an opening to continue his journey. Cars appear to dominate the scene and they come in a wide variety of shapes. In three days in Rome, I saw only eight of the larger U. S. type automobiles. Actually, if Italian auto makers added three or four feet to the length of their small cars, many of these might be street room for only two-thirds as many vehicles.

Naples, too, is troubled with traffic problems. One evening, one driver progressed only four blocks in 30 minutes as he battled his way past a busy intersection.

**DO YOU KNOW** that Italy is a nation of "little shops"? I've been told that Rome does have hundreds of these small ones but Herb and I didn't see a single one — and we were driven around a good part of the city.

At this writing, I will not attempt to describe my reactions to the marvelous beauty of Rome's art galleries or the inspired genius of Michael Angelo's paintings in the Vatican's dome and St. Peter's Chapel. This merits an article of its own. Suffice it to say they attract the attentive admiration of people from every part of the earth.

You may recall that some members of the Bloomfield Art Association are in Europe, taking in art galleries in Italy, Austria, France and Spain. Italy, Austria

**HERB AND I** had the good fortune to be guided around Rome by a young, married woman who was born and raised there. She is college-trained and the wife of a doctor of medicine. One of the subjects she directed our auto driver to was the only water clock on earth. It was built centuries ago and is operated by small jets of water that alternate between two small cups, each filled separately, thus actuating the wheels. It keeps accurate time, too.

By the way, one mannequin you saw among the Italians being their very rapid, machine-gun-like ejection of words. They do not

pause between words and most all conversation is accompanied by vigorous hand and forearm gestures. (This mannerism is also habit with the French, Spanish, Egyptian and other nationalities).

**AGAIN SPEAKING** of traffic, one observes how quick and agile children (even little tots) are as they duck and dodge automobiles and motorcycles. If such traffic conditions existed in the United States, I presume parents wouldn't allow their little ones to get anywhere near such hazards.

**TOD**, I must not overlook the presence of numerous, hand-drawn open carriers that coast tourists to enjoy a ride that never exceeds a pace slightly faster than a high schooler's walk. They are, of course, a novelty and well patronized.

**WE TOOK** a ride in one of them and upon completion of the two-mile ride, Herb dug out a few Italian quills from his pocket to supplement some paper money. When the scenic-looking driver saw all Herb intended to give him, the look of bewildered consternation on his face was something to behold. It caused Herb to add a few extra lire as a generous tip.

"No professional actor could have surpassed that driver's facial expression," said Herb.

Incidentally, these carriage horses often are gaily decorated with ribbons and flowers.

**ONE CULTURAL GIFT** that Rome radio stations offer everybody is good music. I carry a small transistor radio. When it is turned on, one can almost always be sure to get good music, often operatic singing by good Italian voices.

Several conversations with Rome flappers, both men and women revealed their disapproval of France's Gen. Charles de Gaulle.

"I recently experienced the actions of one dictator, Mussolini, in Italy. When great power is given to one man in a nation, bad times may come to that nation's people," seems to be an Italian appraisal of France's present leader.

They thus speak, even though they admit that Mussolini in his

**Fenton Officials To Be Guests of Beverly Hills**

**BEVERLY HILLS** — Mayor Harry Leman and Mrs. Leman will be guests of this village for Mayor's Exchange Day Monday.

The program for the day will get underway at 10 a.m. with Beverly Hills, openmen and the Fenton party, including the fire chief and his wife, meeting at the Oakland high school.

The group will lunch at the village university in Rochester where they will hear an address, "The Relationship of Higher Education to Local Government" by James Dickerson, vice chancellor of the university.

**THEY WILL THEN** tour the university facilities and later Beverly Hills, including the Birmingham Country Club and Wylie Groves High School.

The group will meet at the home of (Gonzalus) Chester A. Gullin and Mrs. Gullin before going to dinner at Stuffer's Restaurant, Northland.

Committee Claude A. Shepard and Mrs. Shepard will make the trip to Fenton.

**Hills, Harbor Beach Will Trade Mayors**

Bloomfield Hills will trade chief executives with Harbor Beach on Monday as part of Mayor Exchange Day and Michigan Week.

The visiting mayor, Edward J. Jerome and his wife are scheduled to arrive here about 11 a.m. Monday. Hills Mayor Lyman J. Craig and City Manager Elmer Koppert will drive to Harbor Beach Monday morning.

as somewhat confusing, to orient yourself to the currency of another country. For example, let's say you exchange an American \$10 bill for its Italian equivalent. You get 6,250 lire. Then you pay for a meal that cost \$2.50 in U. S. money but in Italian money you pay 1,563 lire. This seems as though you are paying off part of the U. S. national debt.

After several days, of course, you become more used to it. The currency is both paper and metal coins though some of the paper money is soiled, crumpled, even torn. (Maybe that's why it doesn't last long for most tourists.)

**ITALY IS** a nation (like France) whose people love to eat good food, well prepared. Where Herb and I have been eating, in good hotels, a bevy of waiters serves one. They each seem to have some portion of a meal to bring on. Too, there are many young fellows who are learning how to wait on people and they are bouncing about in each dining room, performing their chores.

Tourists need have no fear that their own language won't be understood. Where we have dined, we have found no difficulty in being understood. Nearly all hotel people who serve the public can speak more than a couple of languages, exclusive of their own.

Next week, I'll write about our visit to Pompeii, Naples, Sorrento, Capri and the trip over the famous Amalfi Drive.

**IT IS INTERESTING**, as well

**Derby Students Enter Competition In 'Country Fair'**

A number of Derby Junior High students have entered clothing and food in competition at the Greenfield Village Country Fair which will take place today, Friday and Saturday.

Entering clothing are Barbara Redfield, Dabie Krause, Jean Tam, Nancy Underwood, Jan Riehl, Peggy Webster, Marilyn McPherson, Barb Miller, Nancy Hoagland, Cindy Malley, Linda Manning, Leigh Farriner, Janice Horvath, Louie Webster, Kathy Clark, Robin Smith and Marge Riching.

Those who entered the food competition are Fred Kiohede, Diane York, Pat Filkins, Sue Price, Debby Finton, Barbara Golis, Diane Mercer, Sue Holston, Sue Foreman, Barbara Miller, Joan Richey, Carla Paczaz, Pat Kros, Tammy Baldwin, Laura Hobby and Sue Smith.

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**LVW Decides on Studies Of Welfare and Education**

Fourteen delegates represented the 310 members of the Birmingham League of Women Voters at the 43rd Anniversary Convention of the League of Women Voters of Michigan which convened at Ann Arbor Monday. Mrs. Thomas Snelham of Birmingham, state president, called the session to order and welcomed delegates from 35 leagues.

In the first general session the convention was asked to consider a new state program to replace the just completed state item of constitutional revision which has occupied the Michigan League for as many years as most of the delegates have been members.

**IN CLOSING** the action on this item, however, the "con-con" chair-

man stated that "We have a responsibility to every citizen in the state of Michigan to protect the constitution for which we fought. This we must do by seeing that all ballots are correctly tabulated at the recount tables."

The state board presented the recommended current agenda item: a study of public welfare and the relationship of federal, state and local programs.

The Oak Park-Huntington Woods League presented a non-recommended item: The evaluation of education throughout the state of Michigan. They argued the need for this study on the number of school millage increases which have been defeated in recent years, on the grounds that 20 to 30 per cent of the students graduated from our public schools are considered functionally illiterates and on the inadequacy of our vocational educational program.

**MEMBERS** of the Birmingham delegation, led by president Mrs. Garvin Bawden, Jr. are: Mrs. John H. Bryant, Mrs. James L. Cameron, Mrs. Robert Gray, Mrs. George N. Hillinger, Mrs. Robert B. Knight, Mrs. Robert Loudon, Mrs. George Malone, Mrs. William Reding, Mrs. Roderick H. Sparr, Mrs. Horace E. Sheldon, Mrs. Leon Spanier, Mrs. Robert E. Vanderboek and Mrs. D. L. Zorn.

Mrs. George Talburt of Birmingham, state finance chairman, presented a report on finance drives of leagues in Michigan.

**June Comes Soon**

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