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The Hits Are In New Jersey

To the Editor:
We would like our many friends in Birmingham, where we lived at 4180 Valley Forge, Foxcroft, for over eight years, to know that we have moved East.

Present address is 30 miles west of New York City at One Elm Road, Mountain Lakes, New Jersey.

I have joined Columbia Acoustics and Fireproofing Co. as general sales manager.

We would welcome hearing from our friends and neighbors when they are in New York.
WRIGHT HITT

COLD CROP

On the average, some 7,500 new icebergs are formed each year from the glaciers on the west coast of Greenland. About one in twenty makes the 1200 to 2500 mile journey to the Grand Bank, south of Newfoundland, and thence into the North Atlantic shipping lanes.

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Offers Solution To 'Woodwarding'

To the Editor:
It has come to my attention that racing on Woodward is becoming a major problem for the police in three communities.

What has The Eccentric done about it? Our suburban weekly has made a mockery of a fast growing (and in this case, misused) sport.

Do you think you can shame or scare drag racers into quitting? Not quite!

I WOULD like to offer a different solution to the citizens of Birmingham. In other communities across the nation, service organizations, such as the Lions and Rotary Club, have remedied similar problems by building and sponsoring drag strips.

Other cities have used airport facilities to keep racers off the streets.

Who would pay for such a project? Just last month the City of Birmingham took in over \$1,000 in speeding and racing fines, and I'll bet that Royal Oak and Bloomfield Hills collected their share.

MAYBE Birmingham could even appropriate some money, if they were not too busy making parking lots "beautiful."

Wants Different House Pictures

To the Editor:
My feelings on the pictures you showed on the front pages of your paper (Aug. 22 issue) were the exact antithesis of what you apparently were trying to get across.

Shame on that landlord. Let's see some pictures of homes built in that era, where the landlord showed compassion, or homes where the owners have taken pride in maintaining them.

How do I know that house was rented? I don't, but I think I saw "Greed" written somewhere in that kitchen.

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EDITOR'S NOTE: The house pictured on Page 1-A in our Aug. 22 issue was one of the houses on property that the City of Birmingham has bought for a proposed parking lot. The pictures were published because of their news value, with the idea that readers could judge for themselves the merits of City action in this specific instance. The house was unoccupied at the time of purchase.

Of course, there are many drawbacks to such an operation, and one might even expect criticism from some "well meaning" citizens.

In fact, I don't expect Birmingham to take any type of action. I am just suggesting what our city could do if it really were concerned about "WOODWARDING."

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What About Those Too Old to Drive?

To the Eccentric:
Since the traffic problems of the youth are so much in discussion, what about the other end of the age scale?

Why should a person 80 years old be allowed to drive?

I am one of six innocent victims, who was in the dentist office, when my car was totally demolished by such a person.

WE HAVE family members in this age group, and fully realize these people are slow to react, easily confused, hard-of-hearing and less.

I no longer have the use of a needed possession, a rust-free, 30,000-mile auto, and I now have the pleasure of saving toward this possession, but I am thankful that I have my children, as we had just left our car minutes before the accident.

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Clubs
(Continued from 1-B)

have school supervised social clubs like so many other schools have? A FORMER DISAPPOINTED MEMBER

EDITOR'S NOTE: First, let us inform the writer of the above letter that "The Eccentric" consisted of a group of local young men who had no affiliation at the time with the Birmingham public schools. Second, Michigan is opposed to secret societies in the public schools because such organizations recruit their members from the schools, and since the general public supports the schools, discrimination in gaining members is undemocratic, therefore, illegal.)

It's Bedlam and Panic On Houseboat Adventure

Chuckling over a recent family reunion at the Walter G. Stecker of Wing Lake Road.

Sharing their chuckles are their three sons, Ross, Wally and Ricky and daughter, Marina. Mrs. Stecker's sister, Mrs. William Wallace of Riverside, Calif.; her brother and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Ross A. Fife, Jr., and children, Linda, the Gwen and Rusty, of Robinson, Ill.; and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ross A. Fife, Sr., from Newtown, Conn.

The party journeyed to Algonac where they were ferried across the St. Clair River to Harsens Island. At the Sunset Marina, they boarded two chartered houseboats for a week of adventure.

ACCORDING TO Mrs. Stecker, the first day of trial cruise was hilarious. Although Skipper Ross Fife, Jr., captained a P.T. boat during World War II, his large and clumsy houseboat proved difficult to maneuver in the marina's narrow harbor.

Outward bound, he rammed a pier and had to order his crew to push his ship away from the pilings with foomp and boat hooks.

Out on the "high seas" of the St. Clair River, his ship yawed like a drunken sailor. Passing ships gave him wide berth. His crew donned lifebelts.

To add to his humiliation, Skipper Stecker — utilizing knowledge gained on a houseboat trip last summer — piloted his boat across the waves on a straight and true course.

A TWO-HOUR stopover at the Allen Aiken's summer cottage in Algonac, enjoying the warm hospitality of the Aikens and, a refreshing dip in the river, renewed Skipper Fife's confidence in his seamanship.

Although his first mate and assistant galley cook transferred to Skipper Stecker's boat, his determination to master his ship won the admiration of his wife, Virginia, and the rest of his crew. They decided to stick with him, sink or swim.

BEFORE CASTING off, Skipper Stecker's crew christened their houseboat the SS Bedlam with a foaming bottle of Coca Cola. But Skipper Fife's ship remained

anonymous since neither he nor his crew could agree on a suitable name.

Too timid to anchor mid-stream for the night, they headed back for the snug harbor of the Sunset Marina. The return trip was uneventful until Skipper Fife-headed his ship into the narrow confines of the marina. Cutting too close to shore, he struck a sand bar.

WHILE THE SS Bedlam circled patiently in the river awaiting its turn to dock, Skipper Fife's crew finally managed to free their boat with a foomp and boat hooks.

But, by this time, the swift current had swept the stern around despite the heroic efforts of her captain. He had no recourse but to head into the river again, circle around and come in for another landing.

Forewarned by his initial attempt, yachtsmen raced for the stern of their sleek vessels docked in slots on either side of the narrow harbor. Armed with boat hooks to wa off possible ramming, they watched Skipper Fife chugging bravely to his berth.

AWARE of their anxious scrutiny, he turned too abruptly into his slot and hit the first piling. His crew shouted frenzied directions.

His teen-aged daughter, Linda, and nephew, Wally Stecker, leaned precariously from the bow — desperately trying to cast a rope around the nearest piling.

To the rear, screened from his sight by the "head" and built-in bunkies, were the only "eyes" he could depend on: his wife's and his sister's, Mrs. William Wallace.

IN ORDER to hold his stern firm against the current, he gunned his engine and backed away. An out-raged chorus of voices roared behind him.

His "eyes" reported that he had backed into the rubber fender protecting the stern of a large, mahogany-encrusted cabin cruiser.

Conscious of the expensive, well-tended ships all about him, and wishing he'd taken out marine insurance, Skipper Fife tried six more times to berth his houseboat.

Finally, above the roaring protest of his engine and gears, a

sympathetic fellow — houseboater shouted that if it was all right with him, he'd leap aboard the next time he rammed a piling and help him ease his boat into berth.

A FEW MOMENTS later, Skipper Fife and his crew were safely tucked in for the night. Their ordeal over, they awakened stern to watch the approach of the S. S. Bedlam which would be docking next to them.

Anticipating delightful mishaps which might equal their own, they were doomed to disappointment when Skipper Stecker docked with

scarcely a ripple. However, the day was saved when Mrs. Stecker — attempting to join Skipper Fife's crew — miscalculated the distance between ships and had to be fished out of the water.

DURING THE evening cocktail hour, Skipper Fife and his crew unanimously agreed upon a name for their houseboat. It was christened the S. S. Panie with all due ceremony.

According to Mrs. Stecker, the rest of the week was idyllic but rather dull by comparison.

As Skipper Fife gained mastery over his ship, there was nothing for the crew on the S. S. Panie and the S. S. Bedlam to do but loaf. You know, things like fishing, sunbathing, swimming and enjoying the ribbon-like wonders of the inland waterways of Michigan and Canada.

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