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There are people who, when they say or do a wrong thing or act, quickly exclaim: "Pardon me! That really wasn't my best self—I momentarily must have lost control of my emotions." Well, you learn that even physicians urge their patients to cease thinking about their aches and pains . . . suggesting that they concentrate on happier thoughts . . . perhaps trying to say: "Pardon yourself for thinking wrong thoughts about your real self?" (GFA)

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St. Peter's Fountains Double as Car Wash

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ROME—When Bernini designed St. Peter's Square centuries ago and the two magnificent fountains grace its piazza were created as breath-taking things of beauty, how could the artist have foreseen that in 1964 his creations would be used as a quick car wash?

That is what his relatives, centuries removed, used his fountain for.

I saw little Fiat's come to a sudden halt, wait patiently, drive away from the wind-swept fountain, the driver alight from the car, pull out a cloth and begin polishing.

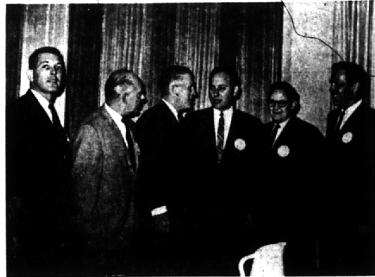
IF EVERY family here doesn't own a car, they hope to. If tickets were given for speeding beyond 45 miles, parking on sidewalks, lacking a car into any available space including church steps, the Italians would have enough money in their city treasury to pay off all debts.

However a beautiful situation exists here for motorists. No speed limit signs exist, everyone takes potluck. No parking signs are seen. Everyone finds his own spot to squirm into and if his back wheels rest on some pedestrian he merely exclaims in beautiful Italian, "so sorry" and moves away.

Past art lives in museums here in Rome. A live artist stands on a platform at a busy intersection and his gleaming white helmet, suit and immaculate white gloves controls the traffic.

THAT CONSISTS of streams of anxious nervous tiny cars, huge gassy buses and carts loaded with fruits and vegetables pulled by men.

Rome is a million different things, one, a year of college education rolled into one month of concentrated learning. May my mind and body and soul not cry out for rest as one can rest all this winter. Now is the time for learning.



Talking Over Their Role

Local engineers John Rometty, 4440 Marquis Lane, (right) and William Dull, 4399 Chisholm Trail, (third from right) discuss the role of the engineering profession in building the state of Michigan with Gov. George Romney (center). Other engineers in the discussion were (from left) John Campau, Kent Stiner and Wendell George. The engineers were invited to Lansing to discuss their role in Michigan's future.

Accountants Meet In Technical Parley

The Oakland County chapter of the National Association of Accountants will conduct its first of two Technical Committee Meetings today at 5 p.m. at Devon Gables, Telegraph at Long Lake Road.

Two concurrent meetings will be held, one covering "Cost Accounting and Control" and the other "Budgeting and Forecasting".

Discussion leaders for both sessions will be S. G. Doman of Ford Motor Company and D. J. Papa, Chrysler Corporation.

Area accountants who may be interested in either subject are invited to attend.

Pre-Flight Student

Naval Aviation Cadet Robert A. Agli, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred A. Agli of 316 Marlborough, Bloomfield Hills, is attending pre-flight school at the Naval Air Station, Pensacola, Fla.

During the 14-week training, he will study aerodynamics, mathematics, physics, naval orientation, navigation, engineering/leadership, and other subjects essential to becoming a naval officer.



MEDICAL SYMBOL

Medical Society Urges Identification Symbol

When a medical emergency strikes, it can be doubly dangerous those already having special medical problems.

"If the holder's medical problem is not made known to those attempting to treat the emergency at hand, violent illness or death can be the tragic result," warns Dr. Robert M. Bookmyer, of 31815 Southfield Road, Beverly Hills, president of the Oakland County Medical Society.

Among those facing twin dangers when they become suddenly ill or seriously injured are diabetics, epileptics, neck breakers, those requiring certain medicines and those who absolutely must not be given certain medicines because they could endanger life. Dr. Bookmyer pointed out. Persons having severe allergies also are in the category.

THANKS TO A new universal symbol of emergency medical identification introduced more than a year ago by the American Medical Association, people having physical conditions that require special attention now have greater protection than ever when they are unable to communicate because of sudden illness or injury.

An increasing number of people are using the symbol, a hexagonal-shaped emblem containing a six-pointed figure representing the star of life and superimposed with a through your personal physician, information on where to obtain the Aesculapian, traditional insignia of medicine.

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