

# Faucet Brings Water And Bees Minus Honey

**EDITOR'S NOTE**—This is the conclusion of a letter (translated into English) originally written to friends in Germany by Conrad P. Hirschman, son of the Donald Hirschmans, 760 Kanesbee Court, Bloomfield Hills. A mechanical engineering graduate from Purdue, he is resident manager for the construction of a cement plant in Sokoto, Nigeria.

The Sokoto River (whenever there is water in it) serves simultaneously as community bath (animals included) laundry and city water supply.

We are using two wells which flow rather slowly. During the dry

season everybody has to take a turn at servicing the pump. At two-hour intervals it is turned on and off. Recently, when we turned on the water faucet, three bees floated into the pail.

Unfortunately, after the usual filter treatment, the water lost the honey flavor.

AN ELECTRIC power-plant exists which produces a current that is "accurately" controlled—the voltage varies from 140 to 240 volts—amperes and cycles "as you like it."

One has to have patience while

reading. Brief interruptions during the evening occur because the power supply has to be replenished or a fuse has blown to bits.

Then we automatically climb into our Rover and look for the night-shift to get them to replace the fuses. In case there are none at hand, they patch them with a piece of copper wire and we are back in business.

Afterwards we have some Beck's beer (the German breweries do not pass up a chance to do business), and we all sing "I want to go home." Everything is very non-alant!

A RAILROAD has been in existence since 1915. One track leads to Gusau, 186 miles away. The timetable depends on the man in Kaduna, who must not forget to change the switch on the way from Lagos Kano to Gusau.

Our living quarters are really first class. The cement factory built new homes for the future personnel. In every modern duplex are a kitchen, a living room, two bedrooms (with air conditioning) bathroom and separate shower. The floor is terrazo. Attached garage and storage room are also advantages. In the living room re-

lates a fan reminding you of the movies about Singapore.

Beautiful flowers in deep colors can be grown. We have started a garden recently. A swimming pool should be completed in the coming weeks.

A tennis court is being prepared, and we are building a grill next to the activities room. A dance floor is being considered, but, unfortunately, it takes two individuals of different sexes to tango.

Sufficient restaurants are available, and volunteers are cordially invited. Plane tickets will be supplied.

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# Spider Book Wins Award

"The Web of the Spider," newest of the books published by Cranbrook Institute of Science, won a certificate of award at the recent 15th annual exhibit of the Chicago Book Clinic.

The award was based primarily on readability, illustrations, appropriateness of design to content and general appearance.

Written by Laura Barry Lougee, the book is a non-technical introduction to the marvels of spider webs. It is a study the author first undertook five years ago when, as a designer in charge of exhibits at the institute, she was asked to prepare a display on trap-door

spiders.

In 1961 Mrs. Lougee and her family moved to Maine where she continued her study of spiders and their ways, collecting and preserving their webs.

"Text of 'The Web of the Spider' is comprehensive, yet simple. It tells of the spider silk-making anatomy; the different kinds of silk and the different forms of webs.

A part of the book describes techniques for collecting, preserving and studying webs. The book, 44 pages, 42 illustrations, is sold at Cranbrook Institute of Science.

# Residents Complete Study Skills Course

Six Birmingham-Bloomfield area residents recently completed an intensive study skills and enrichment course program at Oakland University's Pre-College Study Center conducted by the Division of Continuing Education.

They are Ida Jean Gordon, 1368 Lake Crescent Drive, Bloomfield Hills; Philip D. Janke, 508 Oakland, Birmingham; B. Joseph Pilling, 1261 Wrenwood, Birmingham; Cecilia Raymond, 1011 Trewbridge, Bloomfield Hills; Thomas J. Tobias, 1624 Witherbee, Birmingham; and Christine Lee Van Allen, 845 E. Long Lake Road, Bloomfield Hills.

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# Bookcase

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and made it pay to the tune of nearly 100 million copies and more than a score of novels? Who has been blamed by highbrows for the rise in juvenile delinquency? Whose paperback copies of stories such as "I, the Jury," and "Kiss Me Deadly" are found on trains, planes, lunch counters, and even on the book shelves of culture-lovers?

Well, honest-to-god sex, for one thing. Escape from reality, for another. The imagery of a guy who can satisfy his id without consulting his ego, for a third.

"ALL I KNOW," said Mickey in Life magazine, "is that I'm one of the five most translated writers in the world. Tolstoy, Gorky, Jules Verne, somebody else and me."

In private life, Mickey is not the hard-boiled egg that the reader imagines him to be. He's the father of four children, who lives at the end of a dead-end street in Myrtle Beach, N.C., so the kids can emerge from the back stoop and dive into the ocean. His lawn is littered with bikes, doll carriages and wagons.

Although Brooklyn-born, where his uncle was a police officer, Mickey adores the South, where he moved several years ago. He goes crabbing for recreation, is 46 years old, and is a devout Jehovah's Witness.

WHEN WRITING, he corrects only the typographical errors of his manuscripts, never the content, reasoning that a story that needs correcting isn't worth writing in the first place. A page of copy he completes in two minutes, and a book such as "The Snake" is finished in two weeks.

Fast! Like firepower, man!

# HALL & YOUNG



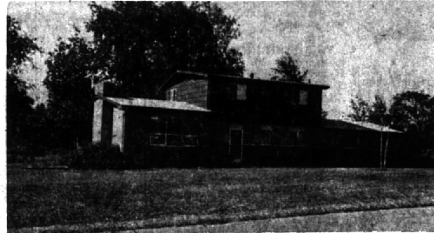
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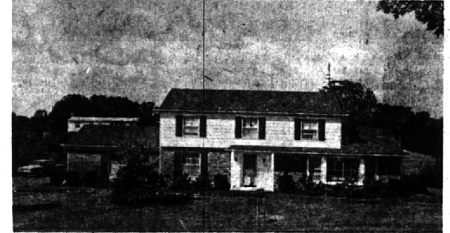
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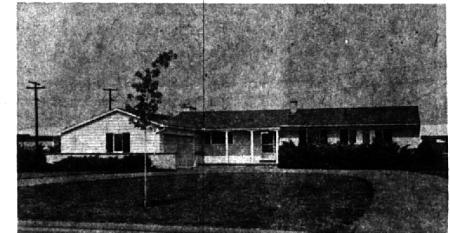
**ENJOYABLE LIVING** with a wooded 1/4 acre site and less than a mile from the new Chrysler Xway. Unusual split-level colonial with studio-ceiling living room, large family room, 3 nice bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths, and att. 2 car garage. DONT MISS IT! \$26,000.

**IDYLIC**—A true nature spot with woods, ravine, and complete privacy yet the comfort of nearby neighbors. This spacious, custom-crafted brick ranch has 2 twin bedrooms, "quiet corner" library with fireplace, 2 1/2 baths, huge screened porch, basement, and att. 2 car garage. A DELIGHT! \$34,900.

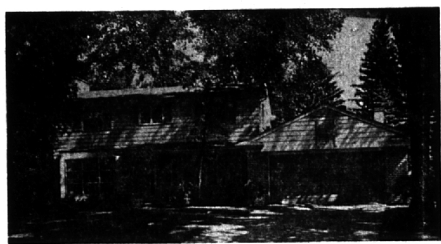


**HILLTOP**—Here's a FOUR BEDROOM Country Colonial with a rolling view and room for a robust family. Each bedroom is double-size, there are 2 1/2 baths, paneled family and recreation rooms, formal dining room, 2 fireplaces, and cool screened porch. ALL THIS! \$43,500.

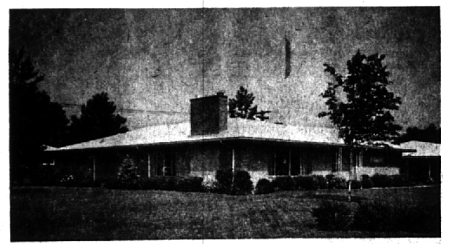
**VALUE PRICED**—Near public and parochial schools and with all city utilities, you'll find this Colonial Ranch hard to beat. 4 nice bedrooms, bright and cheery family room, tile bath plus convenient lav., and a spacious step-down kitchen. Includes carpets, drapes and is vacant for IMMEDIATE POSSESSION! \$24,500.



**NEW LISTING!** THE OWNERS HAVE BEEN TRANSFERRED so here is your chance to move into this home fast. Near Oakland Hills Country Club and new shopping area. Four bedrooms, 2 baths and a lav. Dining room, screened porch and 63' recreation room. It's perfect—It's priced right—IT MUST SELL. \$34,900.



**GREAT FOR MOTHER AND THE CHILDREN!** Walk to Cranbrook Corners, Midvale and Seaholm schools. Four large bedrooms, separate dining room and 21' family room. Two fireplaces. Built-in oven, range, dishwasher and disposal. Carpeting in all bedrooms, living room, dining room, hall and stairs. LIKE NEW—QUICK POSSESSION. \$44,900.



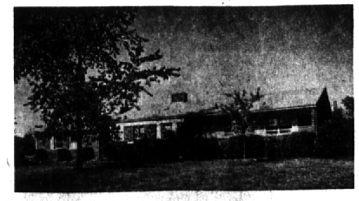
**HERE'S A QUALITY BUILT HOME IN BEVERLY HILLS** that will really capture your attention. Spacious rooms and in perfect condition. Three bedrooms and 2 1/2 bathrooms. Dining room, family room and 32' recreation room with second fireplace. Plastered garage. All carpeting. LOOK at the beautiful landscaping. A pleasure to show. Thrilling to own!



**\$16,900. WITH LOW DOWN PAYMENT** buys you a two bedroom ranch with basement and 2 1/2 car garage. Large breakfast room, fireplace in living room and recreation room with refreshment bar. Air-conditioner, carpeting and some draperies included.



**SEE FOR YOURSELF** this charming home in North Bloomfield that has all the features you'd expect in a higher priced home. 3 bedrooms, separate dining room and 20' family room with beamed ceiling, built-in desk and bookshelves. Fireplace in living room. Built-in range and oven. Many extras and pretty as a picture for \$22,900.



**MOM—JUST A LITTLE WAYS FROM:** New shopping center at Maple and Lahser; Greyhound bus to Birmingham and Detroit; St. Regis school. Three bedrooms, food pantry in kitchen and walnut paneled recreation room in basement. Included are carpeting, draperies and intercom. Good Value at \$27,900.



**YOU CAN MOVE IN BEFORE SCHOOL STARTS** — If you act NOW! It's VACANT and in excellent condition. Three bedrooms and 2 1/2 bathrooms. Kitchen with built-in oven and range. 20' family room. Electric garage door opener, radio intercom, carpeting and draperies included. Why wait—it's \$28,900 and a REAL BUY!

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