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BOO . . . BUT FROM WHO?



## Jim's Jottings

By Jim Sherman

I'm for colored salt. Haven't you been in one of those unlighted restaurants and wondered, as you shake salt onto your potatoes, how much was coming out, if any? First you look real hard to catch a reflection of light from the white spuds, then you shake some granules on your hand to see how fast the shaker is feeding, and then you satisfy yourself to either eat food that's too salty or bland.

Under my government, as Judd Arnett says, salt in dimly lit restaurants would have colored salt for those who like their food more tasty.

The above brilliant thought came to me as I wended my way toward Milwaukee and a newspaper convention last weekend. That's where I was going to attend a "Gemlichkeit" dinner. That is I was until I found out it was a turkey dinner instead of a stag party. When I found that out I turned the car west to Whitewater, Wis. and an old Navy buddy's hospitality. He has The Loop Liquor and Delicatessen there. His greeting was on a big billboard out in front of his place... "Welcome Shermans of Ontario, Canada."

When I ask him why, he said, "Ontario is further away." Next day that sign was gone and a victory by Northwestern over Wisconsin was predicted. At least he got that right.

About the time I was feeling real smug about driving to Milwaukee, most of the way in the dark and in a snow storm, without getting confused by freeway, tollway, and skyline drive signs, I started back.

There is only one thing that saved me coming through that horrid city of Chicago. All three routes I had a choice of ended up in the same place.

I knew the route I wanted to follow. I90 to I94. Simple. Eisenhower expressway to Kennedy expressway. Simple. There we were sailing along, I made the right turn onto I90 which is also I94 at that point, then came a fork in the road. I followed I90. No a half mile and the sign said "TO I90". I had just turned on it. How could it be "TO I90"? From then on each sign got me more confused.

One thing we realize every

Halloween. Students have no trouble spelling words not taught in the classroom. Show me a store window the day after the soapers and waxers are out and I'll show you a properly spelled 4-letter word.

If any of you are desiring to be the Charles Dickens of Halloween Carole and need an example of a Scrooge for this occasion, I'll start taking notes on myself during the few, but lengthy hours of begging, destruction, and thievery.

The Tiny Tim who converted Scrooge will have to be my 5-year-old dressed as a bride. I'm sure you feel the same about yours. And just think, in 13 years she will be leaving home and the house will be empty. Thirteen years used to sound like a long time.

## Police report

Weekly Report  
Oct. 29th-Nov. 3rd.

Clarkston. Village Police Officers investigated some 93 reported incidents in the past week. A breakdown of causes for Police Action is as follows:

Arrests	3
Assaults	1
Vandalisms	21
Larcenies	1
Disorderly Persons	3
Prank Fires	6
Property Damage Accidents	1
Minors in Possession	6
Traffic Violation Warnings	41
Traffic Violations	10

## Nov. 22 school dance to be sponsored by Assistance group

The Clarkston Area Youth Guidance Committee held their last meeting on October 23. Announcement was made that work is getting underway on the Area Youth Code. Youngsters from the High School are doing work on it.

Plans were made for a November 24 dance to be held at the High School for High School youngsters. The Guidance committee will be the sponsors.

Pastor Arlon Stubbe of Calvary Lutheran told the group that the free will offering taken at the Community Thanksgiving

Service on November 22 will go to the Youth Assistance Committee this year to assist them in their work.

Speaker of the evening, Don Bachman, gave a talk on Ways to Help Youth. He reminded his audience that people must realize that Clarkston has ceased to be just a small town. With its tremendous growth in population come problems in which children will need more help. With this in mind, he told the audience of ways that youth could be helped.

Refreshments were served at the conclusion of the program.

## Saturday blaze causes extensive damage

A fire on Saturday afternoon caused about \$7500 damage to a house on Clintonville Road, Independence township firefighters answered the alarm at 12:59 p.m. and did not return until nearly 5.

Owner of the house at 6150 Clintonville Road, just south of Waldon Road was A. G. Bossert. His daughter occupies an apartment in the north side of the house where

the fire started.

Mrs. Bossert left home at noon leaving the dogs inside the house. It was their barking that awakened Mr. Bossert in his apartment. Cause of the fire was unknown, but firemen assume that it originated in the kitchen.

Damaged was the kitchen, rear entry room and part of the living room. There was insurance coverage.

## Scholarship tests on Nov 11

Many Clarkston High School Seniors will be writing the Michigan Competitive examinations on Saturday, November 11. Counselors at the High School urge all students who plan to attend one of the state supported colleges to write this exam.

Those students who qualify after judging the results are eligible for financial aid at state

supported schools. In the past, several Clarkston graduates have availed themselves of these financial helps.

Three local centers have been designated as areas in which the tests will be given. Students from here will be going to Waterford High, Pontiac Central or Oakland University to be tested.



The first check received from the sale of record albums which have become a memorial to a gallant cancer victim is presented to John Madole, president of the North Oakland Unit of the Michigan Cancer Foundation by Mrs. Leslie Hartzman of Clarkston. Mrs. Hartzman, a professional musician, recorded an album of sacred songs loved by Lois Enden, a local patient who died of cancer this summer. At her request, all profits are to be doanted to the Michigan Cancer Foundation for the care and comfort of cancer patients. The first sales were made to employees of the Pontiac General Motors Corporation. The title song, "One Day", was written by Mrs. Hartzman's brother, Garry Wells, an entertainer now travelling the western circuit.

## County Road Commission will operate M-15 dump

The dump site on M-15 north of Clarkston will be reopened--possibly within two weeks. The Brandon Township board in a meeting held on Monday night voted 4-1 in favor of having the Oakland County Road Commission as their agent in the operation of the facility.

Jurisdiction of the dump has been under the direction of the Brandon Board inasmuch as the land lies in their township.

When re-opened it will be open to all residents of

Oakland County who are not presently served by some type of disposal facility. It will be operated on a fee basis with residents purchasing coupons at their township office. These coupons will then be presented to the dump employees when arriving there to dispose of trash.

It will open one day a week, that day has not been set thus far. Fees will be as follows: Passenger car, \$1.00; passenger car with trailer attached, \$2.00; pickup trucks, \$2.00; and

trucks \$1.00 per cubic yard.

As operators, the Road Commission will be running it for the fees charged according to Richard Wilcox, Brandon Township Supervisor. The dump has had a stormy history during the past 2 years--it has been closed numerous times by order of the County Health department. Passage of Act 87 in the legislature over a year ago set down specific rules and regulations as pertaining to dumping facilities and individual operators found it costly to comply with these regulations.

Voting for the Road Commission take-over in Monday night's meeting were Marvin Featherstone, Leona Hutchings, Bill Solley and Richard Wilcox. The treasurer, Lucille Sanders cast the dissenting vote.

## Pavement wet; car skids and rolls

Rain and wet pavement was blamed for the accident in which a Holly girl rolled a car over on Wednesday, November 1. Cheryl Trojan, 22, of 104 E. Maple in Holly was driving on the Dixie Highway just north of Simler. When she entered a

curve, the car skidded, she lost control and it rolled over.

The girl received type C injuries and was taken home by her parents report officers of the Oakland County Sheriff department who investigated. It occurred at 5:25 P.M.

## Council votes to replace window

At a special meeting of the Village Council held Monday evening plans were given the green light for installing a new window in the building owned by the village and occupied by Ronk's Barber Shop.

Installation of a new window to replace the one damaged by vandals several weeks ago will be done by Jerry Hennig. The council had called for bids but Hennig's was the only one received.

A window with small panes in the Early American style will be installed shortly.

The regular meeting of the council will be next Monday evening on the 13th.

## Mail change on Veterans Day

Post Offices will observe regular holiday schedules on Veterans Day, November 11.

Mail will be picked up from deposit points on normal holiday schedules, and processed for outgoing dispatch, but there will be no regular window or delivery services. Special delivery service will be available.

## B and E at Waterford Hill Country Club

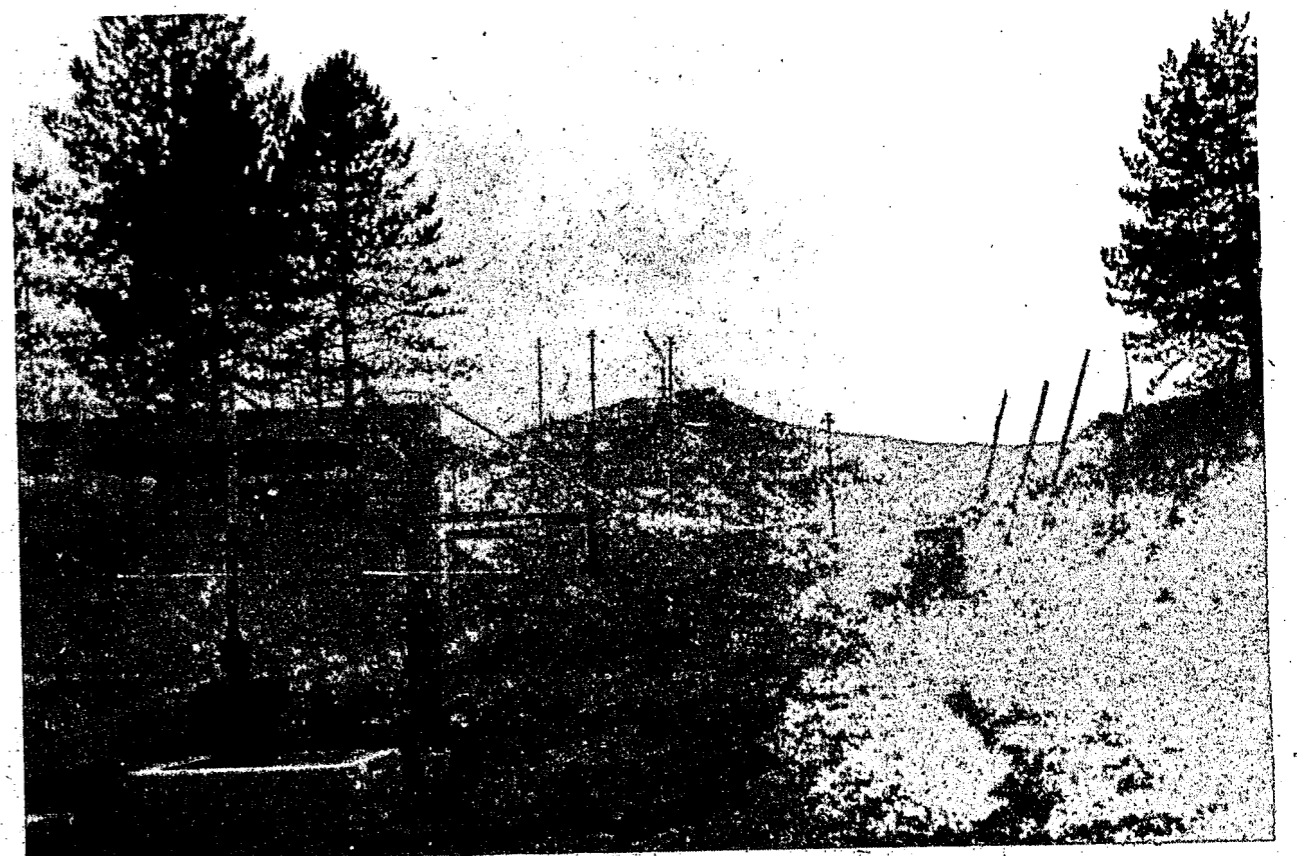
Some time after 2:30 A.M. on Tuesday, October 31, a forced entry was made at the Waterford Hill Country Club. According to Bob Schmude, manager there, entry was made through the Pro Shop door after the intruders had broken a window. Taken were 19 fifths of liquor, two boxes of cigars and \$8. Nothing was taken from the Pro Shop and there was no vandalism in the building. There was insurance coverage.

This is the second time that the building was entered. The other time was November 1963 when the intruders were also after booze.

State police from the Pontiac Post are investigating. They were unable to secure finger prints.

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NEW SLOPE--When Pine Knob Ski Resort opens, which must be soon, a new, 2000-foot slope will be ready for skiers. Over 400,000 cu. ft. of dirt was hauled from other areas on the property, costing an estimated \$120,000 according to Reno Ministrelli, one of the four owners of the resort. The chairlift will carry skiers close in front of the dining room. The sanitation problems concerning the lagoon disposal plant have been solved, Ministrelli said, except for putting the fence around the lagoon, which would be done as soon as the men are finished with the new hill.

## Obituaries

### Robert Siggins Jr.

Graveside services were held at Perry Mount Park Cemetery at 11 A.M. on Saturday, November 4 for Robert R. Siggins Jr. Robert was the 6 weeks old son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert R. Siggins Sr. of 9905 M-15. He died on Thursday, November 2.

Surviving besides the parents are grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Deaver of Pontiac. Funeral arrangements were in charge of Sharpe-Goyette Funeral Home.

### Cornelia Smith

Funeral services were conducted at 2 P.M. on Tuesday from the Davisburg Methodist Church for Mrs. Cornelia Smith of 10551 Davisburg Road, Davisburg. Mrs. Smith who was

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83 died on Saturday, November 4.

Rev. Powell officiated at her services and burial followed in Lakeview Cemetery, Clarkston. Arrangements were by the Sharpe-Goyette Funeral Home. She is survived by four daughters, Mrs. Ruth Walker of Mount Pleasant, Mrs. Dorothy Fitzgerald of Waterford Township, Mrs. Helen Seely in Oregon and Mrs. Bernice Miller of South Lyon; three sons, Dr. Donald Smith of Bloomfield Hills, Lester of Davisburg and Chester in California; a sister and a brother, also 22 grandchildren and 19 great grandchildren.

### Elvis Slinkard

Elvis S. Slinkard, Central Stores Supervisor for Oakland County and active in Masonic circles, died on Wednesday, November 1st following a short illness. Mr. Slinkard, who was 41 lived at 6135 Paramus in Clarkston.

As Central Stores Supervisor, Mr. Slinkard was in charge of distributing food and clothing to various county agencies. He began work for the county as a storekeeper in 1951. He was a Past Associate Guardian of Job's Daughter's, Bethel #25 in Clarkston, Past Worshipful Master of Austin

Lodge #48 F. & A.M. in Davisburg and was the Worthy Patron, Order of the Eastern Star #396 in Davisburg.

Mr. Slinkard was also a veteran of World War II. Memorial services were conducted by both Jobs Daughters and the Eastern Stars on Friday evening at the Funeral Home.

His services were conducted at the Dixie Baptist Church at 1 P.M. on Saturday. Dr. Paul S. Vanaman officiated and burial followed in Lakeview Cemetery with Austin Lodge #48 conducting graveside services. Arrangements were made by the Lewis E. Wint Funeral Home.

He is survived by his wife Velma; a daughter, Mrs. Arnold L. Taylor of Clarkston, one son, Gary, at home; his mother Mrs. Jewel Slinkard of Clarkston; three sisters, Mrs. Roy Gaunt of Pomona, California, Mrs. Harold Wilson and Mrs. Adrian Holcombe both of Clarkston; and one brother Dempsey, also of Clarkston.

### Jaycee drive for members

The Clarkston Jaycees are seeking young men for community leadership. Qualifications are as follows: age 21 to 36 years; education, no special requirements; attitude, active and enthusiastic; vocation, any; pay, free leadership training, community thanks and local and state and national recognition.

Young men desiring further information are cordially invited to attend the Clarkston Jaycees General Membership meeting Wednesday, November 15th at the American Legion Hall on M-15. The meeting starts at 8:00 P.M.

Guest speaker will be Howard Shelley, photographer for "Michigan Outdoors" T.V. series and lecturer on wildlife.

### Loses control

A woman driving on the Dixie Highway lost control of her auto late Friday night and went off the road near Waterford Hill Terrace. She was Margie Pyle 41, of 200 S. Marshall in Pontiac. Travelling south on the Dixie, sheriff officers cited her for not having her car under control. The accident occurred at 12:15 A.M.



By Lucinda Ellert

Last week was probably one of the most hectic of the year, outside of Christmas and summer vacations, because of Devil's night, Halloween and teachers institute. In school on Monday, October 30, the teachers could not control the students because everyone was talking about Devil's night and what they would do. For example: throwing eggs, tomatoes, and rocks around (which, by the

way, is only a 'stones' throw away from getting caught by the police), standing on the steps of the Post Office and wandering around singing 'Halloween carols', waxing windows, tossing toilet paper through trees, over houses and around people, and doing an array of worse things. Halloween day in school was even worse than the day before, because everybody was telling their friends all about

the terrible things that they did to their worst enemies, and best friends. And on top of all that everyone was planning to do some more damage and go trick or treating, or shall I say trick and treating. Of course, there were a few elementary school children too, if you looked hard. The day after Halloween, Wednesday, was not very peaceful either because the teachers were as excited as the students about the extra long weekend where everyone could get a long rest. Unfortunately, the teachers did have to go to the institute in Detroit but that wasn't too difficult except that

the traffic was impossible, as traffic in a large city usually is. On Thursday and Friday many people were going on trips and shopping sprees, and other delightful experiences. So, in general, the long weekend was a pleasant rest for everybody, but it's been good to get back in school again, right?

Last Friday, November 3rd, after we managed to lose the football game in the rather muddy and rainy weather, there was a dance in the high school cafeteria entitled "Flower Power." The group, Nobody's Children, provided the music.

## SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

### MENU FOR NOV. 13-17

Monday - Barbequed beef on bun, buttered peas, fruit salad, brownie and milk.  
Tuesday - Hungarian goulash, wax beans, bread and butter, fruitcobbler and milk.  
Wednesday - Baked beans and franks, bread and butter, applesauce, cake and milk.  
Thursday - Turkey fricassee, mashed potatoes, buttered green beans, roll and butter, cranberry fluff and milk.  
Friday - Fish stix, tartar sauce, browned potatoes, cabbage carrot salad, bread and butter, ice cream and milk.

### CHOICE MENU FOR NOV. 13-17

Monday - Chef salad, roll and butter, fruit, peanut butter cookie and milk.  
Tuesday - Julienne salad, boiled egg, roll and butter, fruit cup and milk.  
Wednesday - Hot dog in bun, fruit salad on lettuce, stuffed celery and milk.  
Thursday - Chicken salad on lettuce, buttered corn, roll and butter, cranberry fluff and milk.  
Friday - Pineapple luncheon plate, cold cuts, cheese, roll and butter, gingerbread and milk.

### Caught, sentenced to 10 day jail term

A Lake Orion man was sentenced to 10 days in the Oakland County jail on Monday by Justice of the Peace, William H. Stamp. Edgar Dale Hancock, 20, of 630 Crediton in Lake Orion was arrested Friday night by deputies of the Oakland County Sheriff Department. Hancock was caught stealing a tire from Haupt Pontiac Sales. He pleaded

guilty in Justice Stamp's court and was taken to jail when he could not pay a fine.

### Jayettes' busy!

Clarkston Jayettes are assisting the Jaycees in the sponsorship of the Junior Miss pageant. Volunteers are still needed to help with the project. The Jayettes will be guests at the annual Jaycee Ladies Night on the 10th. There will be dinner and dancing at Kay Falls. Also on the calendar is the Christmas Auction to be held on December 13th. Serving as auctioneer will be the "Honorable" Patti Lance.

Most recent projects of the Jayettes are the new Welcome Wagon and the Vietnam Kits. There will be a work night soon for the Kits.

A recent trip to the Pontiac Auxiliary was made by some of the girls when they left "Knit Wit" there.

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# Milford - League champs

By Mel Vaara

Milford takes the W.O. League Championship, with a sterling 27-7 victory over Clarkston. The Redskins leaped into 1st place, when Bl. Hills upset West Bloomfield 32-6. The loss left Clarkston in 3rd place, Northville in 4th and West Bloomfield by virtue of their tie against Clarkston, ended up in 2nd place.

In writing the summary of the contest, I can't help but bring in the resemblance of this game and the battle between Michigan State and Ohio State. Four of us were in attendance at East Lansing where the game was played in all kinds of weather conditions. The 1st two scores for Milford and Ohio State were set

up exactly the same way. Clarkston's 1st kick traveled only 9 yards and Milford traveled 42 yards for a score. State's punt journeyed only 20 yards and Ohio State went 38 yards for a score.

The second TD for Milford was set up when Clarkston gambled on a fourth and three situation. The gamble backfired and Milford took over again on the 42 and went in for a 14-0 lead. The same situation prevailed for M.S.U. They gambled on a 4th down on the 42, and they too were burned. Ohio State marched down the field for a 14-0 lead.

Both teams had the same game strategy. The field impaired end sweeps, so they concentrated on running up the middle. Milford's Skip Harris, Dave Dennis and Bob McFarland ran for repeated huge gains. Ohio's tandem runners Paul Huff and Bob Brungard did the same.

When Clarkston and Michigan State appeared to make the game close, both teams showed their awesome power by scoring on long drives. Milford drove 88 yards for a score to put the game out of reach and Ohio State drove 80 yards to achieve the same result.

Both of these games were highly important for Clarkston and Michigan State. Clarkston needed the victory for the league title and M.S.U. needed the win to stay in contention for the Rose bowl trip. Both contests were heart breaking losses, as the many dreams were shattered on the gridiron!

Clarkston's lone touchdown was scored by the ever impressive Steve Parker. The 56 yard march was directed by Bob Palladino, as two of his passes were instrumental in the drive. One went to Bruce Hardy for a 17 yard gain and the

other to Mark Erickson. The pass to Erickson was good for a 12 yard gain. This was one of Erickson's finest games. He picked up 70 yards under very adverse conditions.

In seven games Clarkston's defense allowed only 28 points, an average of only 4 a game. Milford almost equaled that amount by scoring 27.

Coach Kenyon and his Wolves will close out their season with a contest at Rochester. Clarkston has never defeated Rochester in football!

### ODDS-N-ENDS

Charlie Callahan, one-time Notre Dame publicity man, now blowing the trumpet for the Miami Dolphins, placed a collect call to George Ratterman in Oakland.

"George," said Charlie, "I want to be the first to congratulate you. You have been voted the greatest quarterback in Notre Dame history."

After a long pause, Ratterman blurted, "Well, thanks, but what about Frank Carideo, Angelo Bertelli, and Johnny Lujack?"

Replied Charlie, "They wouldn't accept the call."

During a staff meeting Duffy Daugherty knocked over a cup of coffee on a table full of play diagrams. "Don't mop that stuff up," he ordered. "We've got to learn to play on a wet field."

At the annual Touchdown Club banquet in New York, Dr. George Haller, vice-president of General Electric, applied an illuminating twist to an old football anecdote.

With the score 0-0 and only two minutes to play, the underdog team came up with the ball on its own 20-yard line. On the first play, the star QB wrenched his shoulder and had to be taken out of the game.

The coach called for his soph QB. "Son," he said, "you're going to be in charge out there, but I want you to use just three plays. — a QB sneak, a QB sneak, then a punt."

The kid ran onto the field. On the first sneak, he ran the ball 30 yards to mid-field. On the second sneak, he carried all the way down to the 1-yard line. Then he punted the ball out of the park.

His coach went crazy. As the boy came trotting to the bench, the coach screamed, "You numbskull! You idiot! What could you have been thinking of out there?"

"Coach," the boy calmly replied, "I was just thinking of the lousy coaching we were getting."

Toward the end of the Green Bay-Kansas City Super Bowl game, Donny Anderson, the Packers' \$650,000 bonus baby, swept wide and knocked Fred (The Hammer) Williamson, the Chiefs' loud-mouthed cornerback, colder than a Kansas City winter.

Fuzzy Thurston, the droll

### Engaged



Mr. and Mrs. Carl F. Wilson of 6543 Orion Road, Clarkston are announcing the engagement of their daughter, Linda Kay to William P. Barraco, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Barraco of 2138 Kohler Street, Drayton Plains. No wedding date has been set.

### Engaged



The engagement of Larie Anne Walter has been announced by her parents the Del Walters of 3 Waldon Road, Clarkston. She will marry Basel Lee Miracle in a wedding ceremony to be solemnized in June. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Miracle of Kenilworth Street, Pontiac. Miss Walter is a graduate of Cleary College in Ypsilanti.

### Engaged



Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Levan are announcing the engagement of their daughter, Laura Marie, to Leonard Harry Raupp, son of the Norman Raupp's of Ortonville.

Miss Levan graduated in 1965 from Dixon High School, and was a 1966 graduate of the Rock Falls Beauty School. She is presently associated with Leeta's Beauty Salon in Clarkston, as a beautician.

Following his 1960 graduation from West Bloomfield High School, Mr. Raupp served four years in the Air Force, and is employed as an engineer for the West Bloomfield Fire Department.

Marriage vows will be exchanged by the engaged couple in a ceremony planned for January 13 in Saint Patrick's Catholic Church in Dixon, Illinois.

Packer guard, looked down at the blunted Hammer, then turned to Anderson. "What did you hit him with, kid?" he asked. "Your wallet?"

### Building report

Building permits with a value of \$375,500.00 were issued in Independence Township for the month of October. Of these, there were 17 issued for new houses. These had a value of

\$334,000.00.

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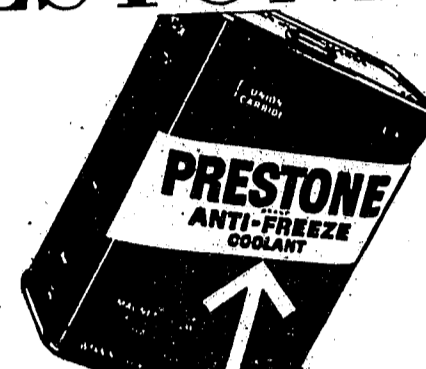


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# Another Day

By Constance Lektzian

## Gathering local color

The way that follows the source of information to a finished article is a devious one. There just never seems to be one person or one book or one set of old records that can give a complete story. Sometimes in the search, I have stumbled across the story of another person who, until then, hadn't been anyone than just a name.

There are in existence some books containing autobiographies of the early settlers. Most of these are in places such as the Burton Historical Library in Detroit and one or two in the Pontiac Library. Luckily for me, there are a few

individuals who own copies of these books.

Russel Maybee, a lifetime resident of Clarkston and a descendant of the man for whom Maybee Road was named, has a set that came in two volumes. He located some references that I needed, but he warned me that I'd have to dig hard to find any particular person's history there. He was so right! The book, one of the most recent of that type to be published, came out in 1912. It is crammed with records of early settlers of Oakland County, one personal history following another with hardly a space between them - and no index. Nevertheless, a goldmine of information. Time and again, I picked up the book and searched through it for names of families I knew had lived in this area.

I was interviewing a man who had spent much of his life in Clarkston, a son of one of the black smiths, and through his musings on the days of his childhood, I heard the name of Esidore Jossman. A picture was conjured up for me of a man much loved and respected in the village - a dark, stalwart good humored man. He couldn't give me any facts of this man's early life but he remembered that he started Clarkston's first bank in the back of his store. I questioned others about this Mr. Jossman. Some had heard he had emigrated from Russia, others said it was Germany. I found a picture of his store and someone pointed out his house to me, but nothing else.

Even the records I found on two of his sons contained conflicting facts about their father. Then one evening, I idly flicked through the last fifty pages of this borrowed book and there squeezed into the middle of the page, was the name of Esidore Jossman. Apparently compiled by his children some years after his death. There was the story of a fifteen-year old youngster who somehow was given money enough to walk out of a ghetto in Germany and on to a boat for the New World. From his first job of peeling the bark off slippery elm branches for a chemist, Esidore managed to save the five dollars that filled a peddler's pack with needles and household items. With this, he crisscrossed a route over upper York state, saving enough to eventually come to Michigan.

When the article on Esidore Jossman was written mention was made that in the 1860's he had bought a produce business from a Major John Knox. This brought a letter from a grand-daughter of the Major. The family didn't know he had owned a business here. Apparently he hadn't kept the store very long, and probably only purchased it with the idea of having a business to return to when the Civil War was over. Johnnie Knox never got back to Clarkston. A highly intelligent man, he had impressed his superiors with his tremendous drive and capacity for hard work. Among other jobs, he was given the task of starting a school for freedmen, as the former slaves were called and worked for the Pension Bureau. Right now, the article on him is still in the oven because the information the government can give hasn't come through.

The main difficulty in getting information through government channels is that after so many years it isn't always possible to know just which agency can supply the needed facts. Quite often they are tucked away in departmental archives, and not in current files. There was recently a series of the post office. A list of all postmasters up to 1929 was received with the information that any newer facts would have to come from another department's and a list of wages of the earlier postal workers from still another source. And then I waited. I was on my way to the news office with the last article and the letter came from the National Archives regarding the wages. I was able to incorporate the

fact that our first postmaster received a little over \$17 per year for passing out the letters that came to Clarkston via horseback.

A morning spent in the Pontiac Press building looking at microfilms of the early "Pontiac Jacksonian", a weekly newspaper of pre-Civil War days didn't garner me the information I had hoped to find about Bildad Phillips, one of the earliest pioneers. I was amazed at the almost total lack of such news as births, deaths or marriages. These vital statistics, as they are called today, were not publicly recorded in earlier times. This makes it necessary, when needed in research, to comb this information out of church records and family Bibles. In those days, a reporter hustled this news from undertakers and ministers - when he had the time. In the hundreds of pages I flipped through, I found perhaps a half dozen weddings noted, a couple of them from Independence Township.

One of them was the marriage in 1856 of Clarissa and Orsamus Beardslee, whose history I had already included in an article. If it hadn't been for Clarissa, that article wouldn't have been written. It cost anywhere from \$100 to \$200 to have a biography written up in these books of early Oakland County history and Orsamus was notoriously tight-fisted. According to one of his grand-daughters, Orsamus had not wanted to have his history recorded - too much money. From the files in the Moses Wisner home, I got the information for an article on the Hunter school where for many years Bildad Phillips was on the board. Mrs. Theodore Cleveland, Bildad's great grand-daughter, had found these papers and wisely turned them over to the Oakland County Historical Society. It was rainy and gloomy the day I went to the Wisner house and I sat alone in what must have been the everyday parlor, surrounded by the bibelots of an earlier time, reading over these records. Every now and again a window would rattle or a board would creak. A little eerie, but a wonderful setting of 19th century life.

Right now there is an article underway on Townsend Beardslee, the first white child born in Independence Township. He was a lawyer, fought in the Civil War and died in Tennessee

of typhoid. So far the trail has ended there! No details, just statistics. Records such as diaries and letters, put life in historical facts. Mrs. Mary Phillips, a daughter-in-law of Bildad, for over thirty years kept a diary of her life in the Clarkston area. She took over this task when her mother passed away in the late 1800's. Unfortunately, these earlier diaries of her mother, Mrs. Elizabeth King are missing! They would contain a wealth of knowledge of the days of the first settlers.

## Seymour Lake

By Gladys Sherwood

Mrs. George Scott and Miss Terry Buckingdale will be hostesses to the W. S. C. S. on Wednesday, November 15. There will be a cooperative dinner at noon.

Mr. and Mrs. David Porritt are arriving from Atlanta, Georgia and will spend some time with his aunt, Mrs. Joyce Kelly of Clarkston.

Mrs. Millard Perry has returned to her home near Curran after being ill in West Branch hospital.

## Christmas

stamps on sale

The annual Christmas stamp went on sale at the Post Office on Tuesday November 7. Mrs. Elizabeth Ronk, Postmistress states that the stamp duplicates last year's design except it is nearly twice as large so that the rich detail of the painting

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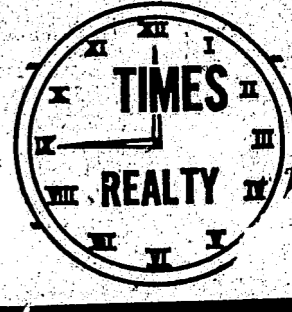

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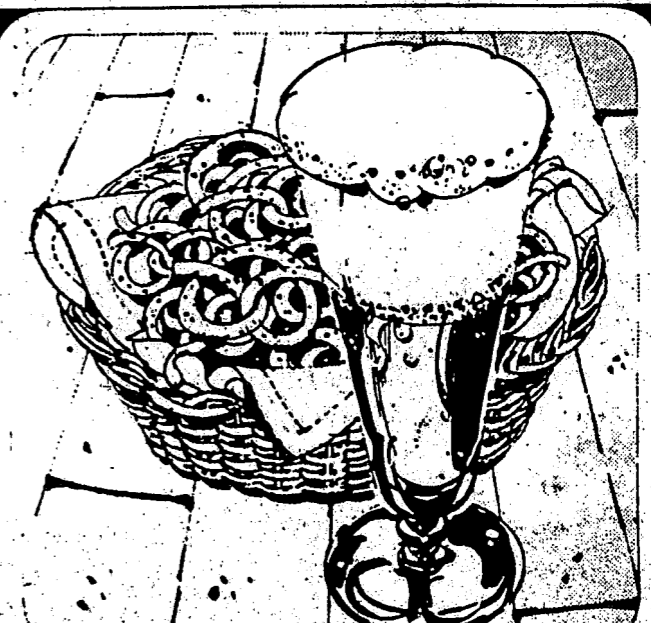
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# The Clarkston News editorial page

## Our children

With the current alarm over the increase in delinquency among young people today, parents are naturally concerned about their own youngsters.

The anxiety of mothers and fathers about the conduct of their children is certainly understandable. They want their boys and girls to grow into fine men and women.

Parents can influence the conduct of their children by not denouncing their customs or fads, but by giving them intelligent guidance and good examples to follow. After all, growing boys and girls require some amusement and social life and it is natural for them to want to congregate together.

If parents dislike certain current activities, it is up to them to provide other forms of recreation which are more desirable. It is an accepted fact that young people must be kept busy doing the right things or they are likely to get into trouble.

Before adults complain of what the youngsters are doing, it would be wise for them to take stock and see what they are doing for the boys and girls.

## PEEKIN' into the PAST

10 YEARS AGO IN THE CLARKSTON NEWS  
November 7, 1957

Mr. and Mrs. Gus Birtsas (Carolyn Yoder) are receiving congratulations on the birth of their first child, a 7 lb. 9 oz. daughter, Anne Elizabeth, on Thursday, October 10, in St. Joseph's Mercy Hospital.

The Boy Scouts of Troop 133 will serve a chili supper at the Andersonville School on Saturday evening, November 9th, from 5 until 7:30 P.M.

In the last two weeks two members of the Clarkston Pioneer Club have observed their ninetieth birthdays. Frank Atkins celebrated his birthday on October 22nd and Joe Amman's was on November 6th.

Paul Wilmot of 6245 Orion Rad, has completed his basic training at Ft. Leonardwood, Missouri, and is now attending Surveying School at Ft. Sill, Oklahoma.

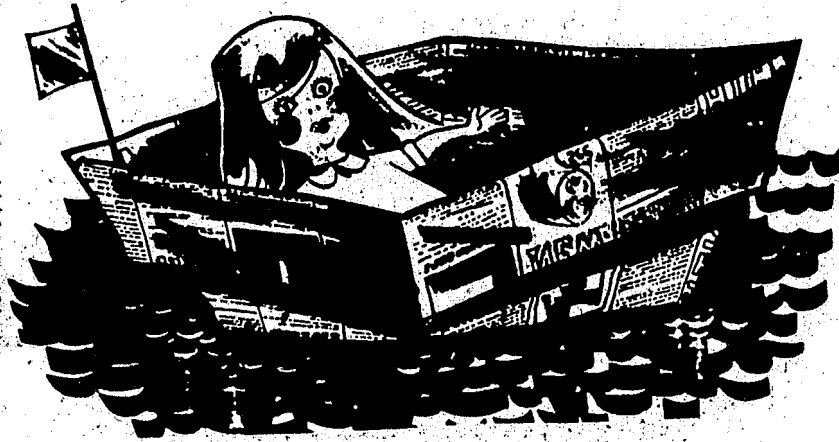
25 YEARS AGO IN THE CLARKSTON NEWS  
November 6, 1942

The annual magazine campaign this year at the High School was highly successful. The total sales exceeded \$300 and was the highest for any year up to the present time.

Edward Thomas Grahl of 127 North Holcomb Street, Clarkston, enlisted in the Navy and was sent to the Training Station at Great Lakes last Saturday.

On Wednesday afternoon the W.S.C.S. of the Clarkston Methodist Church met for their regular monthly meeting. A lovely luncheon in charge of Mrs. James Bennett was served to the public at noon.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Milton Galbraith (Myra Cole) a 5 lb., 13 oz. daughter, Bonnie Marie, on Sunday, November 1st at the Pontiac General Hospital.



## Ripples from the Pool

By Faith Poole

Two of the most attractive window displays to be seen anywhere are right here in Clarkston. At Bob's Hardware the beautiful decoupage work of Mrs. Keith Leak is being displayed. Others who have that same hobby are urged to bring their finished pieces there for passers by and customers to gaze at and admire. The friendly folks at Bob's are handling a new line of materials essential to the followers of that hobby. Marie Mitchell's special varnishes and other related items to go with the craft will be stocked in the store.

Area residents really went all out to create some beautiful Christmas ornaments for display in the windows of King's Insurance. There were really more winners than was originally planned for, due to the loveliness and originality of

some of the entries. The festive ornaments will be on display there for a while before being replaced by the annual pre-Christmas display of dolls.

Another sign that Christmas is coming as the Rotarians plan for their annual Goodfellow edition of the Clarkston News.

Local high school counselors spent the day in Lansing on Tuesday as they attended a State Conference arranged just for counsellors.

Andersonville Community Church will be greeting their new pastor, the Rev. Wallace Duncan of Mayville in early December. The Wallace's are not new to the area as their daughter is the wife of Rev. Dick Hazen, pastor of the Davisburg Baptist Church. The Andersonville Church has not had

"If It Fitz . . ."

## Gee, could my big sister ever fight!

By Jim Fitzgerald



I have been invited to a birthday party which reminds me that for several years I've been surprised that my middle daughter never beats up on her little brother, who is about 2 years younger.

"Chrissie," I asked her, "you are a little older and a little bigger than Eddie, so how come you never beat him up?"

"Girls don't fight," she explained, "and besides, I'm afraid of him."

I questioned Chrissie further and discovered that none of her girlfriends batter their little brothers. She was, in fact, surprised that I should wonder about such a silly thing. Where did I get such stupid ideas?

It was then I realized that Jean had been a special case. All these years I thought all big sisters knocked heck out of their little brothers. I thought it was an automatic part of childhood, like going to the dentist or scraping your knee on the sidewalk. About 35 years too late, still bruised and girl-shy, I discover that my big sister should have been arrested for what she did to me.

In those days, girls didn't live in trousers. But they did wear bloomers to match their dresses, which was good enough for my big sister, Jean tucked her skirt inside her bloomers and played football and baseball better than any guy in the block, especially me, gee.

People just shrugged and said, "Well, Jean's a tomboy." Life was simpler then. Today, Jean's mother would be writing to Ann Landers and whispering to her preacher. But our mother didn't care what Jean did, as long as she did the dishes.

What Jean did mostly was manage the neighborhood kids, especially me, gee. If we had to choose up sides for a game, she'd choose up both sides and elect herself captain of the team with muscles. The other team was a bunch of skinny kids who couldn't run because their shoes didn't fit, especially me, gee.

Once in a while I'd scratch up enough courage to defy Jean. Maybe I'd call her Jeannette Marie, her

real name. And once I told all the kids that Jean was lying, she didn't really make a movie with Rin-Tin-Tin when she was in California. I'd always shout such blasphemy from a block away, while running, but it was no use. She'd always catch me and kill me.

What a fist fighter! She used to swing her big fists down, as if she were pounding nails. It was the same as being caught under a rockslide. It usually took her 30 seconds to make me disappear into the ground, whimpering.

My only chance was to tripe her, before she started pounding, and then grab her in my famous neck hold. When she was flat on her stomach I would put my knee in her back and clutch her by the chin with both hands. I would then pull back with all my strength, stretching her neck something splendid. She would beg for mercy, how sweet it was, and I would let her free only after she promised, cross her heart and spit to die, that she would never hit me again.

Then she would get up and she wouldn't hit me. She'd hit the ground

with me. I was her hammer. It was a horrible mistake for any kid to cross Jean, especially me, gee.

I can't remember exactly when Jean quit beating me up. It was probably after I was drafted and she didn't think it would be patriotic. Anyway, she has continued to be a winner to this day. No matter what it is — sing, swim, dance or draw — she does it better than most anyone else, especially me, gee.

She went to Marygrove College in the big city and was president of her class 4 straight years. She married a guy named Fitzgerald (nobody was going to change HER name) and he loves to cook, too. She is a commercial artist, a teacher, the mother of 5 lovely children, and the warm friend of everyone she knows. And I'll bet she can still lick me.

This Wednesday a bunch of us are gathering to celebrate Jean's 43rd (egad!) birthday. There will be many wisecracks and insults, such as a smartie little brother might write. But there will be no disguising that everyone loves Jean.

Especially me, gee.

## Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

We would like to express our most sincere appreciation to the Clarkston Volunteer Fire Department for the prompt service we received when a fire erupted in the kitchen of our home on October 23, 1967. Though the kitchen was a total loss, we are sure that, had it not been for the speed and efficiency of our Clarkston Firefighters, we would not have a home today.

We can only again say "Thanks for a job WELL done. Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Stoll, & Family 4912 Sundale Drayton Plains, Michigan

Dear Editor,

Auburn Builders and its employees would like to thank you for your help and patronage in our charitable sale.

Although it did not turn out as we had anticipated, we are pleased that there are people like you who were willing to participate in such a worthy cause.

Our sincerest thanks, Auburn Builders and employees.

## Lion speaker

Dr. Donald Tatroe will be speaking to the Drayton Plains Lions Club, Tuesday November 14, 7:30 P.M. at the F.O.E. Lodge on Highland Rd., Waterford.

Business and professional men are invited to attend. Reservations should be made at OR3-1224 by Monday, November 13.

## Child Study group meets

The November meeting of the Clarkston Child Study Club was held at the home of Mrs. Kenneth Barks on Warbler Drive.

The guest speaker for the evening was Robert Brumback, school social worker. He gave an interesting talk on how they help children to cope with their problems. A question and answer period followed.

New members of the club are Mrs. Donald Paulson and Mrs. Donald Hamaker. Guests for the evening were Mrs. Cleon Kortege and Mrs. James Ladd.

Refreshments were served by the co-hostess, Mrs. Robert Beattie.

## Around the Town

Nancy Brancheau

Phone 625-1792

A Hippie, a Flapper, a Gangster and Little Red Riding Hood were among the colorful costumes seen at the Halloween party given by Jaime Hinkley of Langle Street. The 19 guests played "Spin the Witch," "Brew and Old Mother Witch" and "A dinner of hot dogs, baked beans, and spaghetti O's was topped off with cider and potato chips. Everyone agreed it was a great party before they left to go begging. Among those attending the party were Tom Ranott, Kathy Sue McGill, John MacKay and Tom Jadin. Others were Tim Hinkley, Kurt Maier, Melinda Ledbetter, Lisa, Karen and Gregg Giegler, David, Kevin and Ann Bickstaff, Kathy Sraggs, Brad and Douglas Katula and Tom and David Brancheau.

The Junior Adventure group from the First Freewill Baptist Church in Pontiac were treated to a Halloween party on Nov. 3 at the William Ledbetter home on West Church Street. Mrs. Joy Ledbetter was hostess assisted by Mrs. Jane Wilmont. The children played Bingo, acted out song titles and everyone tried their hand at biting for apples on strings. Joining in the fun were Marie Ley, Randy Tiltson, Jimmy Wilmoth, Martha Black, Jack Schmidt, Eva Worel, Brenda Jarvis, Melinda Ledbetter, Phyllis and Brenda Adkins, Dennis Shepard, Ann Curtis, Paul Asst. terkamp and Cindy and Glenn Snelling. An appetizing snack of sloppy joes, chips, punch and specially decorated cup cakes were served to the hungry ghosts, goblins and bunny rabbits who attended the party.

Who was that scary witch on Holcomb Street Halloween night? She looked very authentic in her witches costume and makeup. The fire burning in her big black kettle helped create the illusion of a witch cooking up a pot of brew. It was Evelyn Cushman and she said she really enjoyed her 'role' and giving out candy to the beggars.

Congratulations to Fran and Lesley Johnson of Hummingbird Lane on their 27th wedding anniversary. Helping them celebrate at Bedells were Henry and Louise Kline of Warbler Street.

A Golden wedding anniversary was celebrated last Sunday by Mr. and Mrs. Henry

J. Kline of Pontiac. Helping to host the open house were their son and daughter-in-law, the Henry Klines of Warbler Street. Over 500 guests attended the affair held at the Methodist Church in Lake Orion. Yellow, reds and yellow centerpieces were used in the table decorations. Punch, tea, sandwiches and the traditional wedding cake was served. Mr. and Mrs. Kline were married in Pontiac in 1917. They have 7 children, 25 grandchildren and 1 great grandchild. Out of town guests were from Ohio and Pennsylvania.

Mr. and Mrs. H. MacKay attended a family Christmas party on November fourth at the Clifford Cattrell home in Wolverine. The party is held early each year so the family can celebrate with the Sr. John MacKays who spend the winter months at St. Petersburg Florida. The sixteen guests enjoyed the Christmas tree, gift exchange and a turkey dinner.

## BIRTHS

Mr. and Mrs. David Young (the former Theresa Coleman) of Holly are announcing the birth of their first child, a daughter Laurie Ann on November 2. Weighing 7 lb. she was born at St. Joseph Hospital in Pontiac. The Youngs who reside at 601 N. Saginaw in Holly were former Clarkston residents. The baby's grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Max Prosser of Clarkston and Mrs. Alice Young of Holly. Mrs. Bessie Bush of Holly is a great grandmother to Laurie.

## NEW BABY

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Logan (the former Dawn Joseph) are announcing the birth of their first child, a son, born on October 29 at Pontiac General Hospital. Weighing 7 lb. 7 oz. he has been named Kenneth Kester. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Joseph of Clarkston and Mr. and Mrs. Kester Logan of Pontiac. There are also two great-grandparents, Mrs. Goldie Pfeiffer of Pontiac and Mr. Harry Cox of Birmingham.

Want Ads, 20 words \$1.00. The Clarkston News

# Notes on the Orchard

By Constance Lektzian  
625-2378

The winter social season seems to be getting underway. Along with lots of organization and committee meetings, people have been very busy. Just let us know what - where - when and why and we will keep the community posted on the activities. You supply the words - we've got the music.

The Brownie Troop #800 made good use of those free days away from school last week. Thursday their leaders Mrs. Charles Evans of Plum Drive and Mrs. Floyd Tower of North Main Street took 16 little Brownies and went to Goodrich for a visit to Porter's Cider Mill.

'Twas delightful - what with cider and donuts and a look around the Mill.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Heath of 6858 Pear Street were very happy to have son Pvt. Robert J. Heath home over the weekend. Private Heath was on a three-day pass from Fort Leonard Wood in Missouri. Thursday, November 9, his group graduates from basic training and on that day will be given notice of their next assignment.

There is this feeling in the Orchard that with the Michigan weather getting thicker every day, maybe next weekend everyone will be snowed in so -

The Richard Barry's of 6543 Plum Drive dashed up to Byron, Michigan Friday night for a weekend of hunting and visiting with the William Mangan's. The hunting turned out to be just an exercise for the dogs but the visiting was nice.

And the Robert Hagstrom's of 6868 Snowapple Drive packed up sons Tim and Ken and went to Akron, Ohio for the weekend. There they were the guests of the Russ Parish's, long-time friends of the Hagstrom's.

A farewell luncheon was given recently honoring Mrs. Charles Gillis of 4785 Clearview Drive. Mrs. Dennis Martin of 8100 Pleasantview Drive, at whose house the affair was held, was co-hostess with Mrs. James Frady of 8118 Center Circle. Fourteen friends and neighbors were present and gifted Mrs. Gillis with a spice rack. The very popular Ellen, who is moving to Central Drive in Lake Orion, will be missed in our community.

Doctor and Mrs. Frederick Roeser of 6380 Waldon Road were recently welcomed into the Wednesday Night Dance Club. This is a delightful and long-established club that for a number of years now has held these once a month evenings of dancing. The Roeser's, alumni of University of Michigan, of course never miss a football game at Ann Arbor. This past weekend they had the pleasure of watching Michigan beat Northwestern. While in Ann Arbor, the Roeser's paid a visit to Doctor Roeser's brother Douglas who is a student in dental school at University of Michigan.

Lt. Colonel Charles Klann of 6682 Pear Street just arrived back home last Monday night after almost a week attending the National Board Meeting of the Civil Air Patrol. This was held at the Riviera Hotel in Las Vegas, Nevada where the group of 52 Wing Commanders, representatives of all the states, gathered Wednesday, November 1.

George Lekas paid a surprise visit to his parents, Nick and Annetta Lekas of 6655 Plum Drive this past weekend. George is a student at Ferris Institute in Big Rapids.

The Campbell-Richmond American Legion Post #63 had

their regular monthly meeting last Thursday night, November 1. Presiding was Commander Louis Seffens of 6080 Waldon Road. The highlight of that evening's meeting was the drawing of the ticket that won Mr. Arthur Blankenburg of 1887 Maddy Lane, Pontiac the 3006 Remington automatic deer rifle. The Post uses the proceeds from the sale of these tickets to help support their philanthropic projects such as their Christmas baskets, child welfare program, Wolverine Boys State and the American Legion boys baseball team.

LuAnne Klann, daughter of the Charles Klann's of 6682 Pear Street, celebrated her 8th birthday Friday November 3. There were brothers Gary, Bob, and Michael and sister LaRee gathered around to wish her many more happy birthdays.

Mrs. John Somack of 6614 Shelley Drive just returned from a six day trip to Jamaica. She was accompanied by Mrs. Walter Centomini of Bloomfield Hills. The two flew from Detroit to Miami on October 26, only to find that the day's flight to Jamaica had been cancelled. They spent the time motoring to Fort Lauderdale and left the next morning from Miami to Montego Bay. On arrival they rented a little English car and drove to Ocho Rio, having the rather breath-taking experience of driving on the left-hand side of the road. While in Ocho Rio, they stayed at Tower Isle, enjoying the beautiful white beaches and mountain scenery, all in 90 degree weather. There were visits to the sugar cane fields and to markets where the lovely Jamaican straw work was sold. Mrs. Womack and Mrs. Centomini, who are both employed at a Birmingham travel agency, combined business with pleasure, checking hotel rooms, accommodations, prices, etc. for the forthcoming season, and very pleasurable business that must be!

Girl Scout Troop #453 had planned a bike hike for last Thursday. Then because of the uncooperative weather it was postponed until Saturday. Bright and early ten girls started out with their leader Mrs. Roy Lewis of 6291 Church Street and Mrs. Charles Klann of 6682

Pear Street. They drove six miles out on Holcomb Road where they stopped to learn the art of making shelters with their bikes and ponchos or blankets. This trip counts for their Cyclist Badge on which their girls are now working. They needed all their Scouting endurance for the trip back which was made in a heavy downfall of snow. Monday night, November 6, the Troop met for their regular meeting. There were twenty-four girls present and each of them donated ten pieces or packages of candy to be given to the Children's Home. Thursday, November 9, Mrs. Roy Lewis, accompanied by patrol leaders Janice Adams, Holly Hawkes, Marsha Johnson, Peggy Dougherty, and Brenda Lewis will visit the Children's Home and take them their gift of candy.

Last Monday night a program meeting for Brownie leaders and mothers of Brownies was held at the home of Mrs. Charles Evans of 6544 Plum Drive. Projects and aims for the forthcoming year were discussed. Present were Mrs. Gerald Kenyon, Mrs. Robert Tilley, Mrs. Ernest Meeker, Mrs. Robert Crusinberry, Mrs. Charles

Klann and Mrs. Floyd Tower. Visits son

Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Schwarze were in Marquette and spent some time last week with their son Fred at Northern Michigan University. This is his second year at that school.

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Every fall when the leaves turn red, I pay a visit to New York City. There's magic there for me. A pulse of excitement rides the autumn air and no matter what I'm doing, riding the bus on the avenue or browsing in a bookstore, I'm invigorated.

I see exciting plays, visit art galleries and indulge in my love for museums. Shopping in large department stores intrigues my woman's heart. Each year I save some time to sit on a bench and watch the people go by.

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