

By CRAIG PIECHURA

Geisel used his middle name, Seuss, in the beginning, because he

The following day he appeared at Birmingham Bookstore with almost no notice and "the kids came flocking in," said Sol Kurtzman, store owner.

A MILLIONAIRE with little rea-

Geisel, who doesn't like appearing before big groups, figured he wouldn't have to talk to the thousands of kids lining the street. He just had to wave.

"I consider the invitation quite an honor," he says.

Enterprising fans send him boxes of green eggs and ham (the title of one of his most popular books) and jars of gooey slime called "Oobleck."

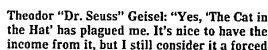
With the mail system as it is, those green eggs are often greener by the time they arrive in La Jolla, Calif. And the jar of slime breaks sometimes in transit and oozes out of the package.

The idea of the Lorax, published in 1971, was that we need to protect our environment from short-sighted

The reason for that assessment: He was forced to write *The Cat in the Hat* using an approved list which limited him to 150 words, Geisel says. At first he balked, thinking it impossible to write to a list and arguing that children should be challenged.

He reconsidered when he discovered he could rhyme "cat" with "hat," two words on the Dewey Word List.

"That's how genius gets its start," quips Geisel. "But, yes ('The Cat in the Hat') has plagued me. It's nice to have the income from it but I still consider it a forced piece of writing."



piece of writing." (Staff photo by Mindy Saunders).

By LOUISE OKRUTSKY

A PENNY SAVED is a penny earned (even if most of it eventually winds up going toward Christmas presents.) Outgoing Farmington Mayor Richard Tupper must be wracking up those pennies for the city. He made his exit from the mayor's chair last week by taking his mayor's nameplate and replacing it with an old "Councillman" nameplate he brought from home. "This should save the city a little money," Tupper was reported to have said as he gave up the mayor's chair for a seat as a councillor. William (Wild Bill) Hartssock takes over the ton seat on the all-male council.

THE SAME PEOPLE who brought you the Traindeer for Thanksgiving, now give you even more traindeer for the holiday season. Before you can say on Dodge, on Chevy, on GM, there's your SEMTA Traindeer ready to wheel you away to a downtown Detroit shopping spree. Beginning Dec. 8, and continuing each Saturday until Christmas, there will be two trains to Detroit every day, traveling to the city in the morning and returning in the mid-afternoon. Commuters will be able to travel from the Renaissance Center train station to business district locations aboard a Detroit Department of Transportation mini-bus.

Train tickets are \$3.50 round trip for adults. Children under 6 who don't occupy a seat ride free. Tickets can be purchased on the 12th floor of SEMTA's central offices, 660 Woodward, Detroit, at the Renaissance Center train station, at Hudson's in Pontiac and Oakland Malls, at the Royal Oak-Greyhound Station, 202 Sherman and by phone and mail. Checks should be made payable to SEMTA and sent to 660 Woodward, Detroit 48226. Master Charge and VISA customers order by calling 256-8700. Charge card orders must reach a minimum of \$10.00. Save the date: the first train bid riders must return on the same train they bid to come into the city. (Gee, I've never really believed in SEMTAClaims before.)

FEELING LUCKY? See if luck will be a lady for you on Nov. 30 when the Farmington Area Jaycees in cooperation with the Farmington Hills Department of Parks and Rec sponsor a Millionaire's Party at 7 p.m., in Mercy Center on 11 Mile and Middlebelt. The Las Vegas style casino operation will raise funds for the Senior Adult Home Chore Program. The Jaycees will purchase tools for the program to use in maintaining seniors' homes and yards. Tickets are \$6 at the door.

CONGRATULATIONS to Duane H. Temple son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Temple of Farmington Hills who is a recruiter aide to the recruiting station in Farmington. Pvt. Temple, a

1979 graduate of Harrison High School, joined the Army this June. After a month in sunny Farmington, he will be transferred to his permanent station in Fort Ord, Calif.

IT'S NEVER TOO EARLY to start talking about an auction, according to the folks at Channel 56. They're looking for volunteers for the auction scheduled to begin March 21. Volunteer will visit in their communities and ask for donations of auctionable items. Channel 56 would like the merchandise to be brand-new and worth \$50 or more. Volunteers are able to attend a special go-getter kick-off event and will receive a kit of helpful materials to make them official auction go-getters. Volunteers can participate in the auction by helping out with behind-the-scenes activities. Early volunteers get the pick of the best positions. To get your 1980 calendar off to a fast start call 873-7200.

IT MAY not be too early to talk about next year's auction (maybe) but evidently Farmington thinks it's far too early to think about Christmas before Thanksgiving. It isn't getting to look a lot like an early Christmas along Grand River. IA figures that's one of the more refreshing things about the place. Angles is already tinsel-out from strolling to the shopping malls bedecked with ever-so-early holiday colors.

A NUMBER OF AREA residents will be honored by the Southeastern Chapter, American Red Cross for their services. Gloria Bird, Paul Schultz, Bruce Carr, Rebecca Reeve, Edgar Jordon, Sally Callahan, John Washburn, William Boger and Roger Riley are the special persons from Farmington who were awarded. Michael Barrett of Farmington Hills was recognized too.

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