



m.m. memos

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One more ready to fly

"Your kids certainly are diversified," one of my colleagues commented when I told her about our youngest daughter's tentative career plans. That the kids are. And it's official now that in addition to a seminary student, an engineer in the auto industry and a communications major at a state university, we now have in the family a member of the U.S. Air Force. Her career as an airman (airperson?) doesn't begin until February. But, as she put it when she came home from her second trip to the armed services headquarters in Detroit, "I'm sworn in and the FBI has my fingerprints and I can't change my mind now."

It's a move I have to admit I've thought about for her for several years. From where I sit at work, I get enough information on what is offered in the services to think it would be worth checking by a young woman not at all sure that college would be the way to go.

IT WASN'T my suggestion that led her to talk to a recruiter, but rather a decision that staying much longer with her not-too-remunerative job wasn't really the way to go.

The enlistment wasn't without its complications. After a few discussions with the Air Force recruiter and after bouncing the idea of enlisting off parents and a few sisters, she sat down to take the placement tests required.

A few days later came word she had qualified for several areas of training, so the physical was scheduled. We all did a little worrying that she would be too short, and she starved for a day or so to be sure she weighed in low enough.

By the end of the day of the physical, she was told she had passed but the other test scores were missing. "First of many misraps," I suggested. "Maybe you'd better get used to it."

The missing scores turned up a few days later, in Traverse City, where another young woman with the same name was enlisting. Eventually, daughter and scores got together, and it was once again down to the headquarters.

THAT WAS A DAY ups and downs, she said, with her presence always being required on the fourth floor if she was on the first, and vice versa.

"My legs are sore," she complained the next day. "I've GOT to get into shape."

"You will," her sister confidently predicted. Our airman said she knew she would. "I was talking to some girls who said the whole girls dorm smells of Ben-gay."

Her newspaper editor father added some fun to the occasion by preparing a special page noting her enlistment and President Carter's relief for the safety of the country.

There are three months left get ready and to wonder whether to cut the hair, what kind of program will be offered, how will she look in a uniform, where will she be sent.

There's a whole family wondering right along with her. But the wild blue yonder, at least figuratively, seems definitely on the horizon. And to all of us it seems a fine way to fly.

Antiques for sale

Glen Oaks Antique Show is set for Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 1-2 in the country club at 30500 Thirteenth Mile Road. Show hours are from noon to 9 a.m. Saturday and noon to 6 p.m. Sunday. There is no admission charge.

Ralph Stuffer of Farmington Hills will be one of the dealers showing his collection of country primitives at the show.

He has two unusual oak pieces that will show for the first time, a barber cabinet and an ornate church pew. His booth will also be filled with old cutlery glass pieces by Heisey.

Other primitives of interest on display will be a sizable collection of duck decoys, pine bucket benches, an old rocking cradle and a walnut corner wardrobe with mirror.

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Ducks do their bit for Hawthorn Center

Duck hunting season comes Nov. 8 at Hawthorn Center. That's the day the Michigan Association for Emotionally Disturbed Children will put on its third annual craft sale, and ducks will be right up there among the objects for purchase.

Dick Sprague, association member who has contributed one or two wooden ducks for previous sales, has been carving up a storm of sawdust this year and will have a couple dozen in various sizes ready for the event that will run 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. The center is at 18471 Haggerty across from Schoolcraft College.

More ducks will appear on many of the trapezoidal pillows that will be another featured craft. These are sewn by the association's women's guild and put together largely by Sprague's wife, Yvonne, who has been in on the planning for several of the annual fairs.

"This is his first time at the craft fair," said Mrs. Sprague of her husband, who is a stylist with the Ford Motor Co. and learned the art of duck carving from his father, Roland, a South Lyon resident.

"His father made his own decoys for duck hunting and has some working decoys that are quite old," Mrs. Sprague said.

Sprague will have both painted ducks and those that are carved and left as natural wood.

"Many like the natural ones best," his wife said. "You can see the wood markings better."

THE CRAFT SALE which will in-

clude tours of the Northville Township institution 10-11:15 a.m. and 1-2:15 p.m., will earmark its proceeds this year to establish an assistance fund to help children who use its services.

The fund will help children in need of tutoring, recreational experiences and career training, Mrs. Sprague said.

It also will serve children in residence at the center when other resources are not available for medical and dental needs, clothing, special trips and other projects.

A portion of the proceeds will be used for the work of the association, which has members all over the metropolitan area.

A large number of them contribute craft work each year to the fund-raiser sale and tour.

BASKET WEAVING by Helen Springer, loom weaving by Carl Noffa, handmade pewter by Jerry VanDusen and applehead dolls by Dr. Carol Van Handle are other crafts that will be demonstrated and sold at this year's event.

Karen Boehm will demonstrate rosemaling, a Norwegian folk art, and Bill Szaro will return with his cartoons-on-order booth.

Exhibits of jewelry work, paper tole, photography, paintings and ceramics are planned, and there will be a country kitchen with jellies, jams and baked goods as well as sandwiches and free coffee and tea.

The list of handmade items for sale also includes dolls, baby quilts, Christmas items, wreaths, flower arrange-

ments, tree skirts, wood crafts, children's step stools and plants from the Hawthorn Center greenhouse.

Information about the Nov. 8 event,

the Hawthorn Center and the Association for Emotionally-Disturbed Children is available by calling the MAEDC office, 356-2566.



Richard Sprague carves wooden ducks for the annual crafts sale and open house at Hawthorn Center in Northville Township Saturday, Nov. 8. (Staff photo by Bill Bresler)

Musicale brings Zonjic here for free concert

Alexander Zonjic, billed as Windsor's best-known jazz-classical musician, will be hosted by Farmington Musicale when he appears at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 5, in Farmington Hills Community Library.

The concert is without charge, given by the musicale in celebration of the group's new grand piano housed in the library that was given as a gift to the community.

Aged 27, he is now playing flute and guitar in Windsor's Antonelli's. In November, he will be appearing at Archibald's in Southfield.

His musical style lends itself both to night clubs and symphony orchestras. He has been featured in Windsor Art Gallery, Piper's Alley in Troy and P'Jazz in Hotel Ponchartraine.

His album was recorded with a number of musicians from Detroit Symphony.

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