

# Icelanders get first view of the good old U.S.

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Mrs. Hickey's 12-year-old son, Michael, participated in the "global village" program last year by visiting the Philippines. Mrs. Hickey's a big supporter of the organization, which was founded in Cincinnati in 1951 by Doris Twitchell Allen under the premise that "peace is possible only as individuals learn to live with one another as friends."

"WE FIND WE are more similar

than dissimilar," says Hickey, who also housed two youngsters for the weekend of July 31 and Aug. 2. Kenneth Crawford of Christchurch, New Zealand and Emanuele Gressini of Padova, Italy stayed with the Hickeys and visited the Farmington Founders Festival and Windsor during their stay.

While they didn't like the water, the four kids from Iceland are enjoying their stay in the Detroit area immensely. They like the latest movies such as

"E.T.," "Iron" and "Raiders of the Lost Ark" and are crazy about tape players, Diana Ross records, cheeseburgers, American steak and pizza. They even like the cafeteria food served at Marygrove with Pali commenting that "we can choose from 14 drinks."

Trips have been taken to the Oakland County Wave Pool, Bobo Island amusement park. And a visit to Upland Hills Farm in Rochester is planned.

The American contingent wants to treat their international counterparts featuring burnt weenies and a favorite of summer camp, S'mores. That's graham crackers with a melted Hershey bar sandwiched between them, for the uninitiated.

The kids from Iceland say there are more trees in Detroit than they expected and more blacks than they imagined. Aside from the water, the only

thing they really miss from home is an abundant supply of fresh fish.

IN A CULTURAL exchange, every evening the youngsters sing a song and do a dance that typifies their nationality as well as show older youngsters a game they play in their country. Wednesday evening, for example, the South Korean youngsters taught others a game called "Chicken Fight."

The children communicate mainly by hand gestures, although many foreign youngsters know English.

Foods are exchanged, too. The Icelandics group brought caviar and sardines to sample and the New Zealand group made a rich confection called Pavlova made with 24 eggs and 18 cups of sugar, which they topped with Cool Whip.

The group from Iceland told their hosts some interesting facts about the little-known country. Eva pointed out that Iceland's president is a woman. Group leader Magnusson told hosts about the country's frequent volcanic eruptions and noted that 95 percent of all Iceland homes are heated by the hot

## Robber hits gas station for \$3,000

Being a nice guy didn't pay off for Dennis Boyle, owner of the Shell gas station at 12 Mile and Middlebelt roads.

## Voter bus service is available

For the first time, the Southeastern Michigan Transportation Authority (SEMTA) will operate special mass bus and taxi-cab service to polling locations in seven municipalities in Oakland County for the primary election on Tuesday.

The service will be available in Birmingham, Farmington, Farmington Hills, Ferndale, Pleasant Ridge, Royal Oak and Waterford Township.

Service will be available to local polling locations for anyone who wishes to vote for a fee of \$1 round trip. The

in Farmington Hills Thursday night. It paid a handsome \$3,000 dividend for an armed robber, however.

About 10:45 p.m., Boyle stopped by his station after hours to pick up the night's receipts. "Something I do once in a blue moon," Boyle said.

"My wife does the books, and she wanted to finish the payroll so she'd have Saturday free."

Shortly after, he locked the door behind him, a full-sized dark-colored Buick or Oldsmobile pulled up next to Boyle's wrecker in the drive.

A man described as approximately 30 years old, 5 feet, 10 inches tall with a medium build, baby face, brown hair, mustache and scraggly beard, knocked on the door asking to use the phone.

He was dressed in a blue denim hat, white T-shirt and blue jeans.

"I didn't want to let the guy in," Boyle said.

"I told him there was a phone at the

gas station across the street, but he told me he didn't see a phone over there and said, 'Oh, I'm lost.'"

"We have a map on our wall, so I let him in. He pointed what looked like an automatic handgun at me and said 'Give me all your money.' I wasn't going to argue with him," Boyle said.

Boyle handed over a manila envelope containing \$3,000, and the robber jumped into the passenger side of the black or dark blue car, which sped north on Middlebelt.

Police have no description of the driver.

"Just a while ago I was saying to my wife we're lucky nothing's happened in the five or six years we've been here," Boyle said. "Well in the last couple of months, we've been hit pretty good around here. It's probably because of all the unemployment."

## Ice cream parlor robbed

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357 Magnum, he told police.

The holiday victim told police he left the door unlocked after the store was closed because he had never been robbed.

## New SEMTA post for Whitty

Gail A. Whitty of Birmingham has been promoted to manager of communications of the Southeastern Michigan Transportation Authority.

The former SEMTA coordinator of community relations-all projects now will have responsibility for media relations, internal and external publications and employee relations. She re-

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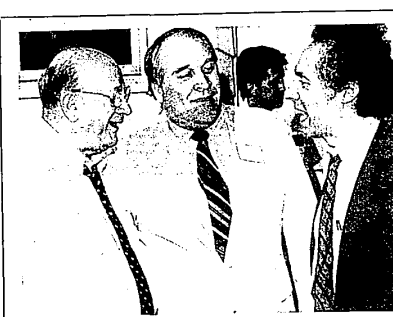
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