

O&E photo wins national award



DAN DEAN/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Home at last: With her flashlight and compass still hanging around her neck, this Cranbrook student ran off the bus to meet her mother after spending days trapped in the Smokey Mountains.

A national first-place award for his photograph of a Cranbrook hiker returning home after surviving a winter storm in the Smokey Mountains went to the photographer for The West Bloomfield/Lakes Eccentric.

Dan Dean, who started with the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers in 1983, won the monthly National Press Photographers Association award for his photograph titled "Welcome Home," a picture of one of dozens of Cranbrook students who had been pinned down in the mountain range by a storm that left up to six feet of snow in its wake.

The students had been on a camping trip in the mountains; part of a regular activity of the Cranbrook Schools. The storm

sealed them off from their base camp and led to a three-day search by several law enforcement agencies and the National Guard.

All members of the camping party eventually were accounted for and returned by bus to their parents waiting at the Cranbrook campus, where Dean took this picture.

Dean won the Observer & Eccentric's Journalist of the Year award in 1990 for his work on the West Bloomfield staff and shooting for the Sports, County, Taste, Suburban Life, Creative Living and Business sections of the newspaper.

He has also won numerous Michigan Press Association, Associated Press and United Press International awards for his photographs.

Leave used books in barrels

The famous blue barrels of the American Association of University Women, Birmingham branch, for book donations will be in local stores the first week of June.

They'll be there until the Tuesday after Labor Day. The books will go on sale Sept. 18-20 at the Masonic Temple, 357 Woodward in Bloomfield Hills. Proceeds go for scholarships and community projects.

The association accepts all books except condensed Readers Digests and text books older than five years. Records are okay, but no magazines or periodicals.

The participating stores and organizations are:

■ A&P supermarket at 555 Adams Road in Birmingham.

■ The Community House at 380 S. Bates in Birmingham.

■ Damman's Hardware stores at 30600 Southfield, Southfield, and 6650 Telegraph & Maple, Bloomfield Township.

■ Farmer Jack supermarkets at 3800 W. Maple & Lahser in Bloomfield Township and 2880 E. Maple & Crooks in Troy.

■ Hunter Maple Pharmacy at 655 E. Maple, Birmingham.

■ Kroger supermarkets at 3675 W. Maple & Lahser, Bloomfield Township, 725 E. Maple & Hunter, Birmingham, 4099 Telegraph & Long Lake, Bloomfield Hills and at 6592 Telegraph & Maple, Bloomfield Township.

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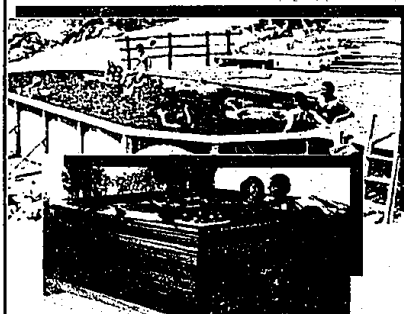
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