

F'ton Nurse Nancy Niles Back From Peace Corps

Nancy Niles, R.N., and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John L. Niles of 28275 Farmington Rd. is back from a 9000 mile jaunt to Tanzania, Africa where she was a member of the Peace Corps for two years. Nancy estimates that in that one country there are now 500 Peace Corps representatives.

While there, she was in charge of one or two wards at a time in the 130-bed Iringa Government Hospital. Nursing over there is modeled more after the British with a great deal more independence allowed to hospital nurses than here.

She had the usual rigorous Peace Corps training at Syracuse University before she left and learned to speak Swahili which is the universal language of Africa though there are some 700 languages throughout that continent.

Mothers who brought their children in for treatment refused to leave and expected the



EILEEN STEVENS poses with her good provider. Of course her marksmanship is what counts when it comes to supplying the dinner table with squirrel, rattlesnake, rabbit or armadillo. Eileen is on the Virginia-Niagara Falls trek with the Gillis family of Richmond in their covered wagon.

Hill-Dale Club To Meet Thurs.

The Hill and Dale Garden Club of Farmington August 11 meeting will be held at the home of Vern and Bernice Elsen, 28175 Quail Hollow Rd., Farmington. The meeting will be an informal gardening discussion as she is pleased to have her back home, and the community can be proud that it has such representation where the Peace Corps goes to perform its services for humanity.

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Offbeat Caravan Stops Overnight in City Park

Slightly too late to add its color and flavor to the Farmington Founders' Festival, an unusual caravan arrived in town Wednesday evening and camped overnight in City Park. Patron Michael Gullmette stopped the driver of a covered wagon as he turned his horses into the shopping center without making a proper turn signal.

And then a strange tale unfolded. Driving the weather-beaten front wagon which bore the legend "The Last Wagon West," on its sides was Leon Gillis of Richmond, Virginia. With him were a niece, Eileen Stevens, 18, daughter Jane, 14, her friend, Sandra Gwaley, also 14, and son George 11. There was also a small coal black pup named Whitey picked up as a stray in Saline, Ohio and the two horses, George and Grace.

At present, this colorful entourage is on its way to Niagara Falls, but their past trips have been varied and comprehensive. Life Magazine gave the Gillis family a several-page spread in 1964 when they managed to get through the Iron curtain for a six week journey across Russia. This took place during a 13 month sojourn in Europe. Getting a visa to travel in Russia almost had Gillis stymied.

He finally staked his luck on a direct telegram to Kruschev, and was on his way to Moscow within two days.

One of Mr. K's personal representatives traveled on the wagon with the family which was all together at that time. There are six children some of whom are busy elsewhere this summer. They were allowed to sleep in the wagon and purchase food at the local markets, privileges unheard of for most visitors to that country. Prices were very reasonable and young George could speak to the children there as just about all of them knew English.

Five years ago, the Gillis family decided it was time to stop just talking about their pet project. They had to travel around together before Lee Ann, then 18, should get notions about getting married and leaving the group behind. They had been able to realize this longtime dream. (As it turned out, she met an Air Force helicopter pilot when they got to Germany, "jumped" wagon and married him to remain with him there at the air base.)

They began to build their own museum of the subjects they work, secretly because they weren't sure how the neighbors would react - something like Noah and his ark. They sold their Richmond restaurant and sporting goods store and started out on their educational safari.

It has proved to be such a good life and such a successful experiment, that they continue on from one adventure to the next.

Gillis explains that the kids have had experiences money couldn't buy. It hasn't all been easy, sometimes they have been cold and even hungry, but he says, "I've done more for them by taking things away from them than I ever did by giving to them."

He himself as a young lad started off to visit the New York World's Fair with \$6 in his pocket. It took him a year to get there, but he made it. This is the kind of spirit that prompts him to let his children have some of his early experiences, hardships and all.

It must be paying off, because he did not see 16 kids in Virginia Beach this summer with the total responsibility for a 4-H camp. The boy's mother, Irene, is there visiting him at the present time.

Gillis recalls that they have seen six missiles fired, visited about 200 schools, museums, and 10 to 20 museums. Their next long trip will be to Mexico. For the future, Gillis plans to build a small museum of his own down in Florida and to spend his time seeing more of America ("America has everything") and accepting some of the 25,000 invitations they have to visit people all over the world.

Eileen, Gillis' pretty niece is the Annie Oakley of the group this trip supplying the family table with such delicacies as squirrel, rabbit, rattlesnake, and armadillo by her dead-eye marksmanship. "Rattlesnake flesh braided under the automobile in four parts," explained Eileen "and when fried it tastes a great deal like chicken."

Clarenceville School District

C'ville Names New Personnel

Clarenceville Board of Education announced the appointment of four men to administrative positions following a special meeting held on August 4. The new appointments included the promotion of Lynn Nutter from athletic director to Assistant Principal of the high school, David Kamish of Arlington Heights, Illinois to Principal of Edgewood Elementary School, Frank Brenner former teacher/assistant principal of Edgewood to full time Assistant Principal, and Mrs. Elizabeth Moore to serve as referral Person for the Special Education Program and Assistant Principal at the elementary level.

Each of these appointments was made from the recommendations of the screening committee for administrative positions. The committees spent many hours reviewing credentials and interviewing outstanding candidates.

Clarenceville Sets Annual Budget Hearing To Prepare Housing List

The public hearing on the Clarenceville School District's 1968-69 school year budget will be held Thursday, August 11, at 7:30 p.m. in the board of education meeting room at the Clarenceville board office. Copies of the preliminary school budget may be obtained in advance at the Board of Education office on West Eighth Mile Road. All residents of the Clarenceville School District are invited to attend this hearing. Members of the board of education and the administrative staff will be available to answer questions concerning the school budget.

As a service to the members of the Clarenceville School District staff we are preparing a housing list for distribution to these staff members. Any person or business having rooms, apartments, and/or houses to rent, sell or lease are invited to send such information to the following address for inclusion in the housing list.

It will be suggested that staff members contact those persons submitting lists of available units to obtain additional information. The assistance of community members to provide the staff with this information is greatly appreciated. Address all information to Clarenceville School District Staff Housing List, 28830 West Eight Mile Road, Farmington, Michigan 48024.

C'ville To Buy Used Textbooks

The bookstore located in the Clarenceville High School has announced its hours for the purpose of purchasing used textbooks. The hours are: Tuesday August 15, Wednesday August 16, and Thursday August 17, from 9 - 12 noon and from 3 to 5 p.m. those three days.

All books must be in good salable condition and credit slips will be issued towards the purchase of books for the coming school year.

It should be noted that no textbooks will be sold to students during these three days. The regular period for purchasing textbooks for the coming school year will begin on Tuesday, August 23.



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Understanding your HEALTH

By Albert E. Heustis, M.D. Director
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MOTORCYCLES

A growing fact in motorized vehicles is reaching the point where we are approaching a new epidemic in this country. I'm referring to the tremendous rise in the popularity of the motorcycle or motor scooter. In 1960 only a few hundred Japanese lightweight cycles were imported and sold in this country. Four years later, there were over 300,000 three-wheeled cycles in Michigan, registrations of cycles jumped 66 percent between 1964 and 1965 - and at the same time accidents increased by 93 percent. In the month of May alone, 16 people were killed in this country. This compares with the death toll of 46 for all of last year.

A MOTORCYCLE rider has no protection similar to an automobile, where the car itself surrounds the passengers with a protective layer of steel. On a cycle the rider is thrown, often at high speed, directly into another vehicle or to the pavement. When the cycle collides with something the rider is catapulted over the handlebars and his head usually receives the full force of the impact.

In addition to this, the cycle is by its very nature a far less stable and more subject to loss of control and skidding than a four-wheeled vehicle. In fact, one study made in England, indicated that the distance for distance traveled, the risk of being killed in an accident was 46 times greater for motorcycle riders than for automobile drivers. Another distressing fact about these cycle accidents is that the persons involved are almost entirely young, otherwise healthy people.

NOW, THE QUESTION is, what can be done to make motorcycle safer? - because like it or not, they are here to stay. We can't wish the problem away. And that means, to me at least, that we should develop carefully supervised motorcycle driver training programs, establish meaningful road tests, and have rigid inspections. In addition, ways must be found to improve the vehicle's safety equipment. The use of effective crash helmets, also, would undoubtedly reduce a number of fatalities. Finally, parents must learn about the hazards involved in driving these vehicles so that they will be perhaps less ready to allow their children to drive them. Only by taking a firm position in combating this rising hazard to health, can we hope to avoid many future tragedies.

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