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Just Chattin'

The Tale of a Young Fellow's
Travels Along Sports Trail

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ON A COLD, dreary, rainy afternoon forty three years ago a young fellow who never had been away from home a night in his life, arrived at the Michigan Central Station in Detroit.

He was filled with hope and adventure as he climbed in a taxi and asked to be taken to the River Town YHCA—a place he hoped would be his "home" for a time.

Earlier that morning he had tramped through a heavy snow in Buffalo and the morning papers carried large headlines informing the world that former President Woodrow Wilson had died.

As he walked through the snow he couldn't help wondering what was in store for him upon his arrival in Detroit to take over a new position.

Could he make good?

Was he equipped to meet the competition of the big time?

These and many other questions ran through his mind. But now he was in Detroit and it wasn't long until he headed his way toward the Detroit Free Press which was then in what is now known as the Transportation Building.

ON THE WAY, in the dreariness of the afternoon, six persons spoke to him, in passing, and he whispered to himself, "Gosh, it's a friendly place, anyway."

At the appointed time he arrived at the Free Press and standing there, just as he had promised he would, was the late Edgar A. Guest, the famed Free Press poet.

After greeting the young lad, he accompanied him to the ninth floor, introduced him to the sports editor and the other writers on the sports staff, wished him luck and then departed.

That was 43 years ago last Friday afternoon—February 3, 1924—and a lot of bridges have been built over the water since then.

With Edgar A. Guest's "Good Luck" always ringing in his ears, the young fellow embarked on a career that has been most colorful.

Through the years he has walked with Kings and Queens of the sports world, as well as its many shady characters.

Along the way he met such outstanding personalities as the late Fielding Yost, at the University of Michigan; the late Knute Rockne, of Notre Dame, and Gus Dorais, of the University of Detroit.

HE WAS ON HAND in Algonac on that morning in 1933 when Gar Wood established a new world speedboat record of 124.83 miles an hour in his famed boat, Miss America X.

In fact he rode in the boat with Gar and his mechanic, Orlin Johnson.

He went on to have a ride with Wilbur Shaw at record speed on the historic brick oval prior to the 500-mile auto race . . . and was a regular attendant in the press box for that big event for years.

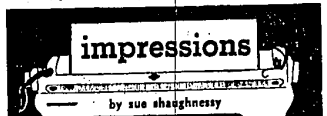
He traveled with the Detroit Tigers during the pennant winning days of Mickey Cochrane—was an intimate of the late Frank Navin, owner of the Tigers, and had the distinction of helping to give Joe Louis his start along the path to the heavyweight championship.

Fortunately, in the extreme, he traveled the sports trail in the golden era with such Kings as Bobby Jones, Walter Hagen, Byron Nelson and the golf greats—was an intimate of Babe Ruth, Lou Gehrig, Harry Heilmann and the top names in baseball along with Jack Dempsey, and he knew "bums" like "One-Eyed" Connelly, the country's No. 1 golf crasher.

And adventure just seemed to grip him every step of the way from that dreary afternoon in 1924 when he arrived at the Michigan Central Station.

How do I happen to know so much about him and his adventures?

Well, you see, that young fellow was me.



Teenagers are strange souls.

They are a mystery to just about anyone past the age of 20. They also surprise the "oldest" generation at times.

During last week's snowstorm a group of teenagers in the Kendallwood Subdivision of Farmington Township pooled their efforts and spent the day helping people dig their cars out from under the batch of white stuff.

They took no pay for the action, but merely stated that they were doing it because they had no school and it was fun.

On the other side of the coin is the enterprising youth who earned quite a bit of spending money digging out stranded autos in Livonia. The young man's father is the manager of an apartment building and the youth had a ready-made market with all the stranded residents of the building.

Teenagers wear long hair and short skirts and people cry what is the world coming to.

Way back when crew-cuts were the latest thing I can remember boys being sent home from school for having such short hair. In addition to this the girls' skirts were down to their ankles—in fact the longer the skirt the higher the fashion.

People lamented about the younger generation then. Today's teenager will turn out in full force for a dance to benefit the local Goodfellow. They will spend all day Saturday working in yard or washing cars to raise money for school projects or to help finance an AFS student. They will stand in the cold to sell Christmas trees to raise funds for a pet project.

Yesterday's teenager was involved in many of the same kind of projects.

Today's teenager drives parents crazy with recordings by the Monkees. Remember Johnny Ray or Frank Sinatra and how the teenagers swooned and parents wrung their hands?

There is a song from the musical, "Flower Drum Song," entitled "The Younger Generation" which asks "Oh, what is the younger generation coming to?" The answer to the question is that the younger generation is the same as every one before it.

WHAT IS IT: Swamp Gas of Suburbia?



THE OBSERVER will pay \$5 for any picture run on the feature page. The above was sent in by an extremely imaginative photographer, James Osborn of Alexander St. in Livonia. It was taken with a telephoto lens.

\$\$ Investing Inquiries \$\$

Retirement A Guidepost
To Type of Investment

(The answers are the opinion of Laurence A. Wyong, a stockbroker for Faine, Weber, Jackson and Curtis, who is considered highly qualified on the subject. Mr. Wyong welcomes all inquiries on investing. Send your responses to Investing Inquiries, 33050 Five Mile Road, Livonia, Michigan.)

Q—I have \$50,000 in the bank and I am 56 years of age. I will have a larger sum shortly. I feel I should buy stocks for income. Am I too young for that or should I buy growth stocks? Or should I buy preferreds for a 4 1/2 to 4 3/4 per cent yield. Or Treasury bonds? How much should be left in the bank?

A—Age is a criteria, of course, in formulating an investment program. Whether to invest in growth or income depends upon nearness of retirement.

A person who is 54 and wants to retire at 55, should buy income stocks. Another investor who is 65 and has no intention of retiring should, properly, continue to invest for growth (if, of course, he has a comfortable living without having to rely on his investments).

At 56 (then, the decision to buy growth or income stocks must be made on the basis of when you have decided to retire. If it is a year or two off, you should consider income stocks since it might not pay to invest for growth for so short a time. If retirement is to be at 65, you might still aim for growth.

Treasury bonds fit into an income portfolio, not into a growth plan.

The same can be said, for preferreds.

How much should be left in the bank? As much as gives you a secure feeling although the equivalent of living expenses for a year or two would be sufficient.

'Reckless Driver' Is Free Because of 2-Year Delay

Because he did not receive a speedy trial, Richard J. Johns, 45, of 22455 Walsingham Drive, Farmington, obtained dismissal last week of reckless driving charges, stemming from his arrest March 6, 1965.

Livonia Municipal Judge James McCann granted a motion to dismiss the charges presented in writing by John's attorney, John M. Dillon who is Redford Township justice of the peace.

Dillon noted that the defendant had received notice on Jan. 28, 1967 that his trial had been ordered—almost 23 months after the arrest.

"The defendant's contention is that under the Constitution, he is entitled to have a speedy trial," Dillon said.

He added that Michigan requires that a trial, for a defendant who pleads innocent, must take place within ten days, unless illness prevents or witnesses are absent from the county.

Neither of these conditions existed in this case, Dillon declared.

At the time of the arrest, Robert Lorion was municipal judge.

Court Clerk Betty Tal-

bot declined comment added count of reckless driving and was fined \$100.

The late Paul M. Chandler, state senator-elect, had voiced strong objections to having elected jurists represent clients in neighboring courts and had planned to introduce legislation curbing the practice.

This aspiration ended with his untimely death in 1964.

New Hours Listed for Social Security Office

Mr. Sam F. Test, Manager of the Detroit-Northwest Social Security Office today announced a change in the Wednesday evening hours.

Mr. Test said, "Beginning Feb. 4 and each Wednesday, thereafter, the office will be open from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in addition to the regular 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. schedule."

Mr. Test pointed out these hours are for the convenience of the area residents who cannot call at the office during the regular scheduled hours.

The office is located at 18500 Grand River. The telephone number is 272-0080.

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