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STATES-ITEM



In and About Town

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GREEN BERETS ENJOY WOODEN NICKELS

Donald Savery writes: "Before Mike left he said, 'Pop— Now hear this. I want comics, sports pages and all news about the Garrison trial.'

"The new air mail rates to Thailand, where Mike is in a Green Beret outfit (where he could be airlifted and parachuted into the war zone in 30 minutes) may be 10 cents an ounce. But anyone can send a pound of newspapers or magazines for 80 cents. Not a high price for those who are laying their lives on the line for us.

"Small things can be important. I sent Mike a few wooden nickels and his whole outfit had a ball with them. Mike's brother got swamped with letters in Vietnam (he's now in Iran) but Mike never gets anything in Thailand."

He says he will distribute mail, clippings, wooden nickels, newspapers, doubloons in Thailand—if someone will just write Lt. Thomas H. Savery, 46th Special Forces Co. (Airborne), First Special Forces, APO San Francisco, Calif. 96261."

Donald Savery adds that he's particularly proud to have two sons who are officers on active duty, even though their dog tags read "Quaker." One of his Quaker ancestors fought in the American Revolution.

ART APPRECIATION PROGRAM AND TEA

Joyce Kelly and John McCrady will demonstrate the "Multi-Stage Technique" of the John McCrady Art Center, 910 Bourbon Street, New Orleans, La. 70112. March 15 at 7:30 p.m.

A tea will be served by the Art Guild.

SWEDISH MOVIES SEEM TO GET RAVES

Joy N. Houck Jr. is calling "Elvira Madigan", a Swedish film coming to Joy's Pantheon on March 14, "perhaps the most beautiful movie in history," quoting The New Yorker.

If Houck really wants to be lyrical, he can quote such adjectives as "exquisite," "gorgeous," "eloquent," "beyond verbal description," "perfect," "comparable" used by others. Pia Degermark, a Swedish actress who won the Best Actress award at the Cannes Film Festival last year.

The most important thing all want to know about Swedish movies, Houck says, is: Does she, or does she not, take off her clothes on the screen? Or must we wait about a Nudist colony?

CELEBRITY BONANZA

It was a special event for Helen Reddy, Eastman Johnson, and the "Celebrity Sundaes" at the Lanes. This is the first time Prof. J. Edgar Hoover opened his spruce Blaine Club.