

**THE SPEAKER**

By Marjorie Elaine Porter

"It was probably one of those high school kids," explained one of the officers, with a hint of boredom in his tone. "It makes me as mad as it does you, but we can't do anything about it."

The speaker was a member of the Birmingham Police Department. I had just reported to him an incident, which has no doubt, happened to others before. In all probability, it will occur several times again, until there is a fatality.

It was one of those experiences which causes one to realize more keenly than ever how fragile is the thread of circumstance separating the "quick and the dead." As I East Maple Avenue recently, having looked carefully east and west for approaching vehicles, I jumped back just in time to avoid what might have been a fatal accident. I had only time to walk around behind the car, when suddenly an automobile, going east, shot past me at a rate of speed that obviously exceeded the limit. It swung so rapidly around from Woodward Avenue, that in a matter of seconds, it was upon me, without my having seen it. The driver of the speeding car missed me by only a hair's breadth. Had I been a minute sooner in stepping into the street, or a distance of six inches nearer, I should no doubt, have been struck with all the momentum of a motor car going much faster than the laws of safe driving permit.

As it sped east on Maple, it was impossible to read the license number, or to see who was at the wheel. As I gazed after the speeding car, it revealed to me that the driver was a girl with a bright scarf tied around her head. A girl, recklessly driving to gain a few minutes of time, valuable in comparison with the rest of the day, she was taking. A girl, who if Providence or luck, had not been favorable to her, (and to me too) might today be facing a charge of negligent homicide, or one almost as serious.

I wondered afterwards if this girl realizes what chances she is taking with her own future, by so selfishly, recklessly, and stupidly endangering the lives of others.

When I regained composure, I proceeded across the street, only to find to my amazement, two members of Birmingham's Police Department chaffing contentedly in a parked automobile, almost opposite from where I had nearly been struck.

I was sorry to interrupt the visit, but I felt moved to ask if they had observed the speeding automobile. They had not. I explained that I had very narrowly escaped collision with a car driven by a girl, who was unquestionably violating the speed limit.

It was then one of the officers made the above remark—that it was probably one of "those high school kids," and that they (the police) "can't do anything about it." The question as to why the Police Department "can't do anything about it," is certainly justifiable.

The incident was observed by someone else on Maple Avenue at the time I have been informed, by someone who also tried to take the license number, but was unable to, because of the rate of speed at which the car was traveling.

But the most disturbing thing about the incident to me is the manner in which the police officer referred to the reckless driver as "one of those high school kids," as he might have designated someone admittedly beyond the reach of the law. It may be this attitude which accounts for the reckless assurance and impunity with which high school-age drivers speed through the streets, endangering life.

By Carol Dweley

Now that we're on the subject of don't much like children's parties, either. That isn't a new idea; even when we were children we didn't like children's parties. Very few children do. Neither do their parents. And it won't take even three guesses to find out why.

The most intrepid animal trainers hesitate to venture into cages of different sorts of animals. But the nonchalance with which parents will invite Sonny's whole gang, or the best for which you can hope to bring, is fearful and wonderful and universal. Everyone does it.

If a "dress up" affair, the small guests are usually made to play parlor games. The peanut hunt is a great favorite, because it's so much fun and you always prolong it indefinitely by pretending that there are simply LOADS of undiscovered peanuts in plain sight and that they really must be found before you can produce the prize.

By the time it's over, half of the furniture bears scars and the rest is knocked over. Several animals have been broken, and little Tommy, who is allergic to peanuts, has eaten all he can find. He looks very queer, but thoughtfully forewarns to trouble you until it is too late.

For fostering the good old-fashioned spirit of revelry, there's nothing like a game of misnigging vigorously around the circle, the kiddies can reduce your heirlooms to kindling. You may be upset about it, but oh boy! They LOVE it! Don't be upset if they offer criticism on your plans during the romp. It's all offered in a helpful mood. And sometimes (unless you get there first) they'll even give you a few lessons.

Some parents are fool-hardy enough to suggest that the moppets dance. That's bad. In the first place, they don't. If they do, the best for which you can hope is the sight of the biggest, in girls-firmly clutching the smallest little boys and shoving them sternly about the room, counting in a hoarse whisper. The other girls are usually being the length of your pole, being busy or fighting it out among themselves in the center of the room.

The feeding of young party-goers is as trying as their care. We can still compare to the visitors who remark on the marked of every dish offered here: "Oh I COULDN'T eat that. I'd gag!" If you try to give them healthy-sane-and-normal fare, they are contemptuous.

"How—is THAT all you got? I kin eat this at home." And they spurn your jelly sandwiches and milk and birthday cake, or whatever it is you offer them. (Oh yes, we forgot to mention the little girl who always grows hysterical at the mere sight of those crepe-paper snappers, and is borne from the room, screaming, at the very start.)

"If you think, 'Well, it's a party and rich food won't hurt them for once in their lives,' your lot is even more bitter. The guests are entranced, and fall to with a will. You don't realize the extent of the havoc until the next day. You don't realize the pass you by with an icy stare. Eventually the murmur reaches you.

The very idea: feeding those helpless children Welsh rarebit and mince pie a la mode. It's the last time she'll get my Erinbrude into her clutches. She should be whipped."

Even if none of these calamities makes your party a normal one, we still don't like children's parties. The festive spirit, you see, never fails to be dampened as the infant formula is digested by each departing guest. "O' yes, MOTHER says I had a good time."

**STATE OF MICHIGAN**—In the Probate Court for the County of Oakland.

At a session of said Court, held at the Probate Office in the City of Pontiac, in said County, on the 14th day of March, A. D. 1938.

Present, Hon. James H. Lynch, Judge of Probate.

In the Matter of the Estate of George Charles Philip Thomas Austin, and Richard Osborn Austin, Minors.

Richard Osborn Austin, administrator of said estate having filed in said Court his annual report of the administration of said estate, and having been examined and approved therefor.

It is Ordered, that the said report of said administrator, filed in said Court on the 14th day of March, A. D. 1938, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, at said Probate Office, be and is hereby appointed for the examination and adjustment of all claims against said deceased.

It is Further Ordered, that the 1st day of August, 1938, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, at said Probate Office, be and is hereby appointed for the examination and adjustment of all claims against said deceased.

JAMES H. LYNCH, Judge of Probate.

A True Copy, FLORENCE DOTY, Deputy Register of Probate.

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**BAPTIST DRAMA CLUB TO OFFER '3RD FLOOR BACK'**

The Dramatic Club of the First Baptist Church, under the direction of Mrs. Leland J. Bunyan, is preparing a presentation of "The Paragon of the Third Floor Back," to be given April 28 and 29 in the lower auditorium of the Baptist Church.

The play, a three-act allegory by Jerome K. Jerome, is the story of an English city boarding house whose inmates live by the ancient rule: "Do others before they do you."

The cast includes "Mrs. Sharp," the landlady, played by Mrs. Herma Black; the maid, played by Mrs. Bunyan; a sharp-tongued gossip, Miss Kite, played by Mrs. A. Jackson; a socially aspiring relative of nobility, Mrs. DeHoolley, a role taken by Mrs. Lila Pook; a retired major, played by Glenn Chrisman; the major's wife, played by Mrs. Viola Mink; a proprietor of a silver mine in Ireland, played by Raymond Pack; his colleague, played by William Richardson; a retired nurse of the racetrack, played by David Anderson; a daughter of the major, her lover, an artist; and of course, the Stranger of the Third Floor Back.

The story deals with the changes in the lives of the boarding-house dwellers influenced by the kindly Stranger.

**STATE OF MICHIGAN**—The Probate Court for the County of Oakland.

At a session of said Court, held at the Probate Office in the City of Pontiac, in said County, on the 24th day of March, A. D. 1938.

Present, Hon. James H. Lynch, Judge of Probate.

In the Matter of the Estate of August F. Peterson, Deceased.

Robert Van Peterson and Florence Swain, executors of said estate, having filed in said Court a petition praying that the time for the presentation of claims against said estate be limited and that time and place be appointed for the examination and adjustment of all claims and demands against said deceased by and before said Court.

It is Ordered, that four months from this date be allowed for creditors to present claims against said estate.

It is Further Ordered, that the 1st day of August, 1938, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, at said Probate Office, be and is hereby appointed for the examination and adjustment of all claims against said deceased.

JAMES H. LYNCH, Judge of Probate.

A True Copy, LEAH KOCH MARTIN, Deputy Register of Probate.

**STATE OF MICHIGAN**—The Probate Court for the County of Oakland.

At a session of said Court, held at the Probate Office in the City of Pontiac, in said County, on the 15th day of March, A. D. 1938.

Present, Hon. James H. Lynch, Judge of Probate.

In the Matter of the Estate of Frank A. Archem, Deceased.

Edith C. Archem, executrix of said estate, having filed in said Court a petition praying that the time for the presentation of claims against said estate be limited and that time and place be appointed for the examination and adjustment of all claims and demands against said deceased by and before said Court.

It is Ordered, that four months from this date be allowed for creditors to present claims against said estate.

It is Further Ordered, that the 1st day of August, 1938, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, at said Probate Office, be and is hereby appointed for the examination and adjustment of all claims against said deceased.

JAMES H. LYNCH, Judge of Probate.

A True Copy, FLORENCE DOTY, Deputy Register of Probate.

**STATE OF MICHIGAN**—The Probate Court for the County of Oakland.

At a session of said Court, held at the Probate Office in the City of Pontiac, in said County, on the 31st day of March, A. D. 1938.

Present, Hon. James H. Lynch, Judge of Probate.

In the Matter of the Estate of Elizabeth L. Martin, administratrix with will annexed of said estate, having filed in said Court a petition praying that the time for the presentation of claims against said estate be limited and that time and place be appointed for the examination and adjustment of all claims and demands against said deceased by and before said Court.

It is Ordered, that four months from this date be allowed for creditors to present claims against said estate.

It is Further Ordered, that the 1st day of August, 1938, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, at said Probate Office, be and is hereby appointed for the examination and adjustment of all claims against said deceased.

JAMES H. LYNCH, Judge of Probate.

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**STATE OF MICHIGAN**—The Probate Court for the County of Oakland.

At a session of said Court, held at the Probate Office in the City of Pontiac, in said County, on the 14th day of March, A. D. 1938.

Present, Hon. James H. Lynch, Judge of Probate.

In the Matter of the Estate of Elizabeth L. Martin, administratrix with will annexed of said estate, having filed in said Court a petition praying that the time for the presentation of claims against said estate be limited and that time and place be appointed for the examination and adjustment of all claims and demands against said deceased by and before said Court.

It is Ordered, that four months from this date be allowed for creditors to present claims against said estate.

It is Further Ordered, that the 1st day of August, 1938, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, at said Probate Office, be and is hereby appointed for the examination and adjustment of all claims against said deceased.

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