

TWO IN ONE

By Marjorie Elaine Porter

This is the Seventeenth of March, so let's celebrate. Let's go completely and uncompromisingly green. Let's look green, sit green, eat greens, and wear green, just for today.

Green is a beautiful color. Even an Orangeman respects a greenback. In the good old pre-dread days, I seem to remember opening my purse, holding resting my eyes upon a roll of wonderful green—and I don't mean spinach. Now, those same delicately-hued strips of green, commonly called dollar bills, make a most popular sight right past me. They pass so quickly, that I am no longer sure of their color. For all I know, the modern five-dollar bill may no longer be printed in green. But then, I have my memories; I had one once, and it was green!

Green is not only a beautiful color, it is a very convenient one. The best way to avoid an argument, is to look green and say nothing. The older I grow, the more convinced I am, that the more verdant one appears, the more trouble he avoids.

Green is not only a beautiful color, it is a little matter I'd like to take up. In some ways, green is a much-abused color. Why should anyone be green with jealousy, or why should that unholty monster be green-eyed? Green is really a kindly color—hills are green, fields are green, tea is green. But who ever heard of a jealous hill? On the other hand, cats are NOT green, yet one often hears of a "jealous cat."

Practically every food expert will admit that the green foods are among the most wholesome. If foods are not green, they may easily be colored. For one St. Patrick's Day suggestion, have you tried pistachio potatoes? Do so—at your own risk.

As for the wearing of the green, one may acquire a complete wardrobe quite inexpensively. Call on your nearest greenhouse this spring and ask to see the greenest of greens. They will love them. For cool, light-weight spring apparel, the fig leaf has no equal.

There are many green things in this world of which the average individual is totally ignorant. Turn to any dictionary and you will find out for yourself. Here are just a few: Greenfinch, green fly, green fly, green frog, greenhead, greenhead, green glass, green goose, green grass, green grape, green heron, green herring, green brings us to "greenhorn." There are some people who still think a greenhorn is a musical instrument. In reality, a greenhorn is someone, who, when you tell him the moon is made of green cheese, he says "I up."

(This is addressed to all the students in the public schools who were formerly members of secret societies. For a quantity of Billingsley high school, and again was a member of a society. So you see, I can understand the situation. And it is my hope that I can still close ranks in the school to organize the students. I hope they understand that I understand, and that my sincere sympathies with all concerned may be of some slight consolation to them.)

By Carol Dweley

The abolition of fraternities and societies in Birmingham schools is a challenge to you who were formerly affiliated with them.

It challenges your integrity as citizens in the making and your social adaptability. If you continue the cooperation which you have started out in this drive, you will come through your present disappointment with a more successful career in high school.

No one blames you for having joined the outlined groups. You are young, high school with a natural desire for social success, and found the secret societies waiting eagerly for you. It is the fault of those secret societies and of course you had fun in all the club activities. Granted that the activities were outlined groups, you can't help but remember in the secret groups was and is helpful.

High schools are the most democratic organizations America has known. All of the people of the same age and of the same potential value to society. Your own sense of justice tells you that it isn't any factor influence a school and its students as much as the dear departed groups did our schools.

To the best of its ability, the state places you all on an equal footing when you enter high school. From then on, your progress should be determined by your excellence in studies of athletics, or your own personality. The persons who have been appointed to direct the policy of the school system, that you can't attach that objective if you have the sorority and fraternity question to consider.

Naturally, the tendency now is to idealize the departed groups. But honestly, was your connection with them all a bed of roses? Don't you remember the agonies of uncertainty through which you went when "ruled"? Is the disappointment which some of you have known at not being chosen by your favorites, all over? Are you no longer angry over the promising youngsters who were lured away from your society by what you have all called "silly twinning" in another group?

The purpose of abolishing secret organizations is not to strip you of your fun, regulate your private life, or destroy the friendships you have formed within your club. The whole object is to make more friends, and to foster school loyalty undivided by separate allegiance to one selective group. The authorities aren't trying to make you associate with "people you never had liked and never will like." Be reasonable a minute. Are there really any "goons" in your school so unworthy that you will shut them forever rather than be ordinary?

Fortunately, there are fewer individuals of this sort in Birmingham than in run-of-the-mill schools.

You'll find that except for a different pin, many strangers are the sort you want to know, now that your club duties no longer confine you so closely within a certain group. The schools sponsor clubs and class activities which are open to everyone. In them you will have the companionship and support of the whole school. (That's really a good break, for even the most loyal members of one society admit that their rivals have several persons that would be welcome in their circle.) It's up to you to turn your energies into this new channel, and make the "legal" activities as interesting and as much fun as the "illegal" ones were. You are equipped to do it. . . if you weren't such very "special" people, other people wouldn't spend so much time on the problem of what to do with you.

Local Girl Scout Troops Participate In 26th Birthday Of Movement In U. S.

Birmingham Girls Scouts are celebrating the 26th birthday of the Girl Scouts of America, which was officially marked by a week of extra activities, ending with the Court of Awards, to be held at the County House on Friday, March 18, at 7:30 p. m., will be included in the local birthday celebration.

Each of the six troops in the city has taken a window in various local stores, in which Girl Scout uniforms are displayed. Troop One's exhibit, called "Child Nurse," is in the window of The Cheer Shop. Troop Two's exhibit is in the window of the nursery plaster lady in the official Scout uniform. Educational games and books for children are also in the windows, as well as a Scout manual, opened to the article dealing with requirements for the "Child Nurse" badge.

"Camp Cooking" is the title of the window in the Birmingham hardware store, which was dressed by Troop Two. There is a regulation kettles on a tripod, behind which are hanging all the necessary for comfortable cooking in the woods. A small green table is in the window of Troop Three's hardware store. It shows a mannequin, smiling cheerfully despite its ills (which is probably unofficial). The correct remedies for such ailments are shown, as well as a correct first-aid kit.

Troop Five is showing some of the requirements for "Hostess Badge" in the window of Sanders cleaning office. Half of the display is an observation of the 26th birthday of the Girl Scouts of America, which was officially marked by a week of extra activities, ending with the Court of Awards, to be held at the County House on Friday, March 18, at 7:30 p. m., will be included in the local birthday celebration.

A Family Washing In 1918 Started Smelt Fishing Sport

Because a husband who had been sent to draw a pail of water for the family wash hauled up a pail of fish instead, thousands of smelt dippers are making ready for seasonal renewal of an unique sport.

Although smelt dipping did not immediately become a sport, discovery of the famous Beulah run, first known in Michigan, was forerunner of the recreation in which thousands now take part annually. But Newt Ely, Benzie county clerk, was not looking for smelt when he went to Cold Creek in Beulah one spring morning in 1918. In fact, Mr. Ely didn't know that a smelt was and anyway he was after water with which to fill Mrs. Ely's wash tub.

When he pulled up a bucket of silvery fish and then noticed that the six-foot width of stream was filled from bank to bank with struggling mass of fish he forgot about the family wash and ran for tell neighbors of his discovery. Not many, if any, among the excited villagers who gathered to view the phenomenon of the catch of this run would be a yearly occurrence. In fact, only a few, according to the records, were actually able to net the fish, the majority preferring to stand in wonderment and watch.

Since then, with recurrence of the Beulah run and the discovery of similar runs in other streams, smelt dipping has become a yearly sport offering both recreational and commercial value, marked by community celebrations in many parts of both the lower and upper peninsulas.

East Jordan is usually the scene of the first yearly smelt run, followed closely by the run at Boyne City. This year the official date at Boyne City has been set for March 26, with officials of "Smeltmania," shanty town for ice fishing, planning a jamboree.

BITS OF BIRMINGHAM

K. B. Olson, of Hawthorne road, appeared before the City Commission Monday night and informed them that he is planning to form a citizens committee, recruited from local organizations, to campaign in favor of the \$140,000 bond issue for the construction of sewer mains in conjunction with the \$180,000 sewage disposal plant, to prevent pollution of the River Rouge. The Citizens Committee, which is being formed for his interest in the matter, Mr. Olson plans to open a downtown office as headquarters for the campaign activities.

Discussion of a plan to widen West Maple boulevard, which would face the present road pavement took place at the City Commission Monday night. Those who have contacted State Highway Commissioner Murray D. Van Wagener and the latter expressed his present inability to offer aid, due to lack of funds.

City Manager Donald C. Egbert this week stated that, as soon as the frost leaves the ground, work on the improvement of local streets will take place. "Here isn't much we can do of permanent benefit until the snow is evaporated," he said. "But whenever possible, we shall keep our road equipment busy relieving the worst situations."

Elizabeth White, junior at the University of Michigan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lee J. White, is in something of a predicament. She is chairman of the properties committee for the Junior Girls Play and, according to "The Michigan Weekly," is having some difficulty in locating a printing press and 50 wine glasses, to say nothing of 20 gram light enough to be carried in a dance. Even with the

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