Perhaps it is human to be critical; being critical does aid in improving conditions; but why haven't more of us acquired the habit of saying deserved nice things about our friends and acquaintances?

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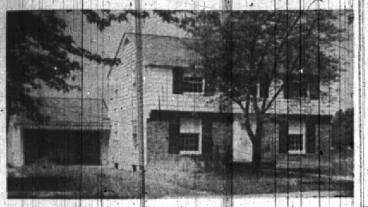

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Red Cross Motor Corps Instruction Interest Increases

Charles L. Winningham proved such an able instructor at the meeting held last week for the Motor Corps of the Oakland County Chapter of the American Red Cross that the attendance was increased Monday evening. Husbands and brothers appeared with their mechanically-minded women folk and filed into the Village Playhouse. The construction of a motor is studied step by step, with the aid of moving pictures and comments by Mr. Winningham.

A beautiful model of an engine running electrically at a slow tempo and lighted from within, and painted in different colors to show the various parts, was used in demonstration.

Mrs. E. C. Kneale, of Pontiac, who is county chairman of the Motor Corps, was present as was Miss Ruth Kimball, executive secretary of the Pontiac office. Mrs. Carleton C. Patterson is Birmingham head of the corps with many able and willing drivers on her list whose duty it is to carry supplies to and from workrooms from the warehouse in Pontiac and to assist in other ways.

Several mothers were present with their teen-age daughters to whom this instruction will prove valuable at the present stage of their driving careers. Among these were: Mrs. Warren S. Booth with Barbara and Margery; Mrs. Lyman Craig, who, by the way, is organizing canteen service throughout the county, with her daughters Shirley and Jill; Estelle Macauley, Cynthia Pierce, Patty Knowles and many others.

Those present included Mr. and Mrs. C. Theron VanDusen, Jane Winningham, Mrs. Charles L. Winningham, Mrs. David W. Lee, Betty Linton, Mrs. Arch Plant, Madeline and Marion McMath, Mrs. A. D. McLay, Mrs. John J. Hamel.

Joan Walker, of Australia, Mrs. G. C. Goode, Annie Laurie McIntyre, Miss Pantlind, Lee Pope, Mrs. R. E. Kearns, Jean Day, Ruth Atkinson, Mrs. K. B. Olsen, Mrs. Ruth Saunders, Caroline Lee, Mrs. James E. Beresford, Mrs. Richard L. Campbell, Mrs. Russel Barnes and Mrs. Paul Penfield.

Speeding, No Lights Costs Youth $15

For driving 60 miles an hour on Woodward avenue without lights, Walter Muzikevitz, 19 years old, of 4028 Oliver street, Detroit, was fined $15, Tuesday, in Justice Forbes S. Hascall's court, and given until Aug. 9 to pay.

"You might have been arrested for reckless driving," Hascall told the youth.

"I know; that's what the officer told me when he stopped me," the youth answered.

Patrolman Robert Pepperell gave the youth two tickets, one for speeding, one for having no lights. The court included both tickets in the $15 fine.

Family

Once a large loyal army that made America. Now an untrained, dwindling division.

Bits of Birmingham

It's Hot and Dry. Why?

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The night was dark and a strange-looking car parked in front of E. W. Osborne's Ford garage last Friday. Two men in the car appeared to be looking the place over, prior to a stick-up. Police were called and they rushed on to the car. The chief passenger was none other than Mr. E. W. Osborne.

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Riding through Saginaw Sunday evening, this Wanderer noticed a Lathrup subdivision, and wondered if Louise has a cousin in the business.

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The Rev. and Mrs. Charles C. Becker are grandparents—for the first time. The new arrival is Charles Raymond, son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond M. Becker, Wyandotte.

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Clyde R. Paton, of Birmingham, has been granted a patent on a motor vehicle; Raymond G. Bowers of Bloomfield Hills, a patent on a calculating machine.

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Dr. Hugo Erichsen very kindly brought in to us a copy of testimony before the Ways and Means Committee in the House of Representatives, given by Dr. George S. Benson, president of Harding College, Searcy, Arkansas. Dr. Benson told the Committee that unless non-military expenditures are reduced the country is headed for inflation and socialism. He advocated cutting federal expenditures for a total of $2,031,000,000.

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Divorce cases have been filed with the County Clerk as follows: Ronald L. Edwards against Mrs. Margaret Edwards. Mrs. Josephine M. Setter against Howard A. Setter. Mrs. Eunice A. Barrows against Ruben C. Barrows.

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Two carloads of Birmingham people, going from Higgins Lake to the Grass Lake Fire Tower, a distance of about 30 miles in all, one evening last week, sighted 12 deer.

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Birmingham Gun Club members Frank Vignoe, Robert Perritt, James Nesbit, Maurice Lowman, A. L. Nelson, Edward Parks, W. C. Morgan and Dr. W. C. Bragg attended the state championship trap-shooting tournament at Battle Creek Saturday and Sunday. Nelson captured the state doubles trophy with a score of 90. The state championship was won by Fred Ford, of Detroit, with a perfect score of 200, the first time a perfect score has ever been made in this annual event. Mr. Ford is well known by local gun club men having won the Memorial Day shoot at the Birmingham Gun Club with a score of 99 in the 100-target event.

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Lillian Diederich sends us this one:

"Most folks get dizzy spells at times with just reason. But why a person just sittin' should experience symptoms of dizziness is without reason, so I thought early this morning when buzzing sounds buzzed in my head persistently, while reading the morning paper. So I took a quick turn in the garden ... and felt better momentarily. But it started again when I sat to read. I stood and raised the window shade nervously, and there in the ruffled curtain was my symptom! A huge buzz fly with white paper wings! I shook him free and he took off gracefully, soaring ceiling-ward. He glided. And no wonder ... attached to his body was a tiny paper airplane my aeronautically-minded son had glued, as an experiment. Just then the screen door slammed, and in he came bottle in hand, in which was another victim, to replace the exhausted one. (Now I feel better to know I'm not as dizzy as I always thought I was. But who of my son?)

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Golf players at Birmingham Sarsdale Park golf course are now playing the new No. 8 green situated on the high bank south of the former position on the creek flats.

All players report it to be a remarkable change, according to Manager Fenton J. Watkins, because No. 9 tee is also located on the bluff overlooking the creek valley, and increases the yardage for No. 9 green by 135 yards for a total of 423 yards. Joseph L. Rouleau, of 1140 Ashlee avenue, Detroit, a frequent visitor at Sarsdale, was the first person to play the new green and he spoke very favorably of the change. His score for the nine holes was 37, or three above par.

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A great many of the park patrons are not Birmingham residents and our City Commission discussed restrictions not long ago. The park now pays its own way and returns a profit, and the City Manager and this Wanderer feel the same way about it: As long as it's a number of improvements are still needed in the park, why not let the profit from outsiders make the cost?

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Royal Oak is to have a Community House, planning to take over the former Northwood Auditorium, Woodward avenue north of 9 Mile road. Roy Hedge, restaurant man, who holds a lease on the building, has offered to donate $8,000 worth of equipment in the building.

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Philip DeBoubien, of Birmingham, participated in the Michigan Amateur golf championship tournament held at Charlevoix last week. He shot an 82.

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The Oakland County Gas & Station on south Woodward avenue reported to police Monday night that a car drove away without paying for gasoline. The license number was given to police and traced to a Beverly Hills youth. However, when police went to question the youth, he returned and paid for the fuel, declaring he had left his purse.

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Robert E. Berges, 1880 West Lincoln, reported to police Monday that he was bitten by a dog owned by Rolf Ackerman, 315 Pierce. The animal had been vaccinated.

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Lesley Bailey reported to police Monday the loss of a black Persian cat.

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Commissioner Luther Heacock was back on the job Monday night after a vacation with Mrs. Heacock at their cottage, Otsego Lake, Gaylord. The Wilmer E. Moores have returned from a vacation in Wisconsin, including Janesville and Lac du Flambeau. "It was swell," said he. When in Janesville he made an inspection of the sheriff's radio-set-up, knowing that the radio question was coming up in Birmingham.

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A postal card has been received by an inviting all former Marines to attend a meeting of the Marine Corps League Pontiac post, on July 22, at 8 p. m. at the club room, 20½ East Huron street.

Either Way, It's Sometimes Dangerous

It's dangerous to drive through a red light; also it is sometimes risky to stop for one, as Mr. David Dexter, 9600 Dexter, Detroit, discovered Sunday night when driving south on Woodward. He halted for Brown, J. R. Campbell, 1628 Palmer, Detroit, coming from behind, rammed Davis' car. No one was hurt.

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Pontiac Orchestra Shows More Zest In Second Concert

By FENTON B. MATHEWS

A transformation was apparent in the performance given by the Pontiac Philharmonic Orchestra at the Cranbrook Greek Theatre Thursday evening.

This second concert directed by Cesar Chanfone was played with a different spirit and showed greater flexibility with resultant musicianship that was really delightful.

Playing music is a matter of life and death and taking it too seriously destroys the enjoyment and satisfaction for both the players and the audience. At this concert there was much greater freedom and it showed the future heights to which this splendid young orchestra is entitled to reach.

Audience Larger

A much larger audience greeted this second concert and due to falling rain in this open air theatre, the concert was quickly concluded just beyond the half way mark.

Opening the program was the overture, "The Magic Flute" by Mozart. This colorful and well-known overture was played at a lively tempo and with the augmented orchestra, tonal effects were achieved that would do credit to a much older orchestra.

The Schubert First Movement of the "Unfinished Symphony" from which so many adaptations have resulted was played in a finished manner. The ever-recurring motif carried by the different sections of the orchestra showed Schubert to be in a contemplative mood when he composed this number. The various and somewhat lengthy treatments of this first movement was given an excellent reading by Mr. Chanfone.

The sprightly dances of Johannes Brahms concluded the first part of the program. The "Fifth" dance is, perhaps, the most popular and since Chaplin used it in the barber scene of the picture, "The Great Dictator" it has become even better known.

This program was dedicated to Jan Ignace Paderewski whose recent passing was commented upon by this reviewer in the last review. The audience stood as the stately "Minuet" was again played.

Life of Paderewski

A resume of the life of Paderewski was given by the Rev. Michael O'Reilly, pastor of St. Michael's Church. The remarks of the priest were timely, and beautiful thoughts concerning Paderewski were woven into well-chosen words that paid tribute to a truly great artist and a gentleman.

Willard Schindler, a baritone from Flint, was the soloist and was given cordial reception by the audience.

That choice offering of most baritones, "The Toreador Song" from the opera "Carmen" by Bizet was both sung and acted by Mr. Schindler in excellent American. It is quite possible that many in the audience were never familiar with what this song was about but with the precise diction of this singer there must have come enlightenment to many.

"Shipmates of Mine" by Sanderson, came next and this man's song of the sea delighted the audience. An insistent encore brought Mr. Schindler back again and "Old Man River" by Kern was sung by him a la Jules Bledsoe. Lacking the environment, it would be difficult for any singer to sing as Jules Bledsoe but a splendid presentation was given to a satisfied audience.

The Verdi first act of "Traviata" was just nicely started when ascending rain compelled the people to ascend and hasten to waiting chariots, regretting that a good program was fore-shortened by inclement weather.

Two Cars Collide At Pierce, Merrill

Another crash has occurred at the Pierce-Merrill corner. Allan Keogh, 16 years old, of 448 Pierce street, driving on Pierce street last Thursday, collided with the car of Ellis Hav—(police report uninteligible), who was going west on Merrill street.

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