

If you are a parent, you know that few things, if any, can bring you a greater thrill than the thought that your youngsters are making good, in school, or on some job. Even service in the armed forces has strengthened many young men, who have made parents proud of the success, too.

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Wonnberger Adds Play Direction

Instruction in directing is to be added to the curriculum of the Cranbrook Summer School of the Theatre, according to word from Director Carl G. Wonnberger today. Such instruction will be limited to older students' otherwise qualified, and will stress the methodology in securing a blending of production and acting, with some opportunity for laboratory work.

"The stress of war has brought forward rapidly the importance of the community theatre in American life," said Mr. Wonnberger, who besides being director of dramatics at Cranbrook is chairman of the National Committee on Drama. "Responsibility for putting on a play is an executive job of a high order and it involves scores of details which must be done in effective order to make a play interesting and worth looking at. What is more, the training a student receives in detail work and patience is excellent for work beyond in the theatre. Because of the qualifications essential for this type of work it is clear that only the oldest, most zealous and most reliable students should attempt it. The great demand for directors in all kinds of community and little theatre work make it clear that to the student who succeeds goes the opportunity of participating in an important phase of the building of war-time morale."

"Cranbrook Summer Theatre School will open in the Greek Theatre on Cranbrook estate on June 28. Enrollment will be limited, with a junior division for small children included.

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"You give your clerks two weeks' vacation every year, don't you, Mr. Tintack?" asked the friend.

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people to use them. Detroit has been divided into more than 20 districts and people there are supposed to advise you what their district is. A sample address would be "John Doe, 2222 Blank street, Detroit 19, Michigan." The "19" is the postal district, and inexperienced clerks sorting mail can use this easily, without running through a list to find just where Blank street is.

Now that the opera season is over, we wonder what Dominic Caputo, the meat man, does for Saturday afternoon relaxation. Daring the winter's Metropolitan Opera broadcasts, Dominic kept one ear on the radio and with the other, took your order for hamburger. They say he's simply mad about opera.

Police Lt. Deane Service and Patrolman Ralph Bell nabbed three boys Monday marking the walls in the Hunter-Oakland underpass.

It was so warm and damp Tuesday before the storm that the alarm at the Wabcock Bank insisted on going off periodically.

Leo Judkins, the gas station man, said a friend has a child one year old who was started when he saw the sun emerge the other day.

While lights were out 45 minutes Tuesday afternoon, it was funny to watch clerks at Mailing Office. Everything a customer picked out had to be taken to the light the moment for instance. Some looked at yard goods with the aid of flashlights.

The other day this Wanderer stopped in at Consumers Power to visit with the manager, Bert Brown. "Where's your gas light, Bert?" we asked, noting only the electric glimmers of the ceiling. "We don't have any," he said, "although Kresge's and the telephone company have them. It is so warm here that both places would have had them within a couple of days."

The telephone company turned on its gas lights, and made use of its emergency batteries, and the boards were swarmed with calls, especially by people trying to notify Edison men that their lights were out. All available operators were called in to handle the big volume, and even hours later, the boards were still confabing among themselves via the Bell lines. Great institution, the telephone.

Herbert H. Stalker returned today from Memphis, Tenn., where he acted as master of ceremonies at the 26th business anniversary of the Lewis Supply Co., an event he planned and carried through. The Memphis Commercial Appeal went beyond the usual news stories and commented at length editorially, stating that the booklet, written by Mr. Stalker, "Industry to Boom in Dixie," challenged the forefront of a re-veiling Southland. Mr. Stalker, while now engaged in the photographic business with the Beatrice Studio, has had long experience in the publicity field.

H. George Field, for many years a former Birmingham business man, who once owned the West Maple avenue building bearing his name, was in town Monday. He is now working in the government ordnance plant in Burlington, Iowa. It is nearly 15 years since he left Birmingham; Monday he exclaimed to this Wanderer: "Boy, how this community has grown and changed from the village type it used to be!"

The Schettler drug store here has closed.

Among the divorce cases filed at Pontiac is that of Frances C. Augur against Edgar R. Augur.

A card from Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hoople, St. Petersburg, Fla., states: "We expect to be in Michigan every day but three since we arrived Dec. 6."

"Wanderer's" note—Some one ought to warn the Hooples about the local situation. "Charles Todd and wife; George and wife; Miss Henning, left for home Thursday. Please send the next paper to us at 628 West Maple street, Pontiac. Grant E. Hoople is now a pilot instructor at Hoosier airport, Indianapolis."

Dorothy Lee Beals, of 139 West Brown, the children's book illustrator, has her work in big volume. "Cowbells for Forget-me-not," just published by Thomas

Gardeners Urged To Register Now; Contest to Close

The War Club book captains have been busy distributing registration blanks for the Victory Garden contests. All registrations for the contests must be in by June 10, so there are only a few days left. Every garden in town should be entered in the contest, sponsors say. The registrations will be seen only by the local Victory Garden contest committee.

In each of the 14 zones of Birmingham certificates will be given for the best garden in each class. Presbyterians, you know, have started such a fund to build a new church.

A bike belonging to Edward Smith, 608 Davis, was stolen last Thursday and recovered two days later at Dearborn.

More windows were broken at Quarter School last week; also two of the young flowering crab trees were broken. Sixteen windows were broken on Friday at 2045 West Maple. As you will remember, our school superintendent is quite concerned about this continual petty vandalism and last week the P. T. A. Council expressed its interest, too.

One thing is evident about the situation and that is—old methods of discipline do not worry the kids any. Police can pick up youngsters and bowl them out, but that does not seem to be enough. Parked too, display occasionally an amazing concern. One boy stole an antique from the local store, but it was recovered. When the merchant phoned the father to find out who was going to do about it, the father replied: "What do you care? You got your stuff back, didn't you?"

That parental attitude is unfortunate, but should that mean that the police and the rest of the community should throw up their hands? If parents won't supply the necessary discipline, some one else must. Old methods are inadequate; something new must be added. Perhaps "Junior FBI" could be organized, with the youngsters themselves formed into a group to help in the crime culture, to justice. The problem is one which deserves the best thought and cooperation of all our community leaders.

The first thing to do would be to scout out trouble-makers and other problems have tried to solve the problem. It is undoubtedly the fact that in some places, the condition is a whole lot worse than in Birmingham, and in other places, it is better. It is not clear, nothing new, and undoubtedly there are communities which have effectively curbed juvenile delinquency.

The shortage of meat is not going to worry Richard Fowler, 787 Harmon, who is raising both chickens and rabbits.

Postmaster Joe Byrne's men counted the number of chickens included in the Birmingham during the past month. In April, 9225 were sent; in May, 22,200 chicks, and 2,000 ducklings. As many of you know, chicks have an amazing stamina for the first few days after they are hatched and can be shipped some distance.

The word "helicopter" is coming into wide use now that this wingless airplane with the whirling blades above has been perfected. O' Noah Webster, the dictionary man, points out that the word is properly "helio-copter" and not "helio-copter."

Detroit police phoned the local bastle the other day and asked that police here look for three boys reported as runaways from Detroit. They were collared at home on Floyd street where they were visiting a boy friend.

If you go into the aforementioned police station and hear a hot jazz tune on the radio, don't be critical. That station (WJB) is kept on day and night, for it is used in its air raid warning system and programs are interrupted occasionally. You've probably heard that kind of music in the past, and announcement, followed by dot dash code.

Measles are on the downgrade. Miss Blanche Breakey, City nurse, reports.

The new war alarm clock will be sold for not more than \$1.65 exclusive of tax. WJB is allocating materials for 1,700,000 of these clocks to ease a national shortage.

New rules permit local war price and rationing boards to conduct hearings to revoke gasoline rationing if—(1) The motorist is charged with speeding (driving over 35 miles an hour); (2) The motorist is charged with abuse of his tires; (3) An applicant for new gasoline ration is believed to have committed a previous violation; (4) A ration board is charged with a violation demands return of his book before a written notice of hearing is sent him.

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