

Little children come into our lives because God never gives us His belief that the human race will become better and better. And the human race is better in exact proportion as we correctly love and rear our children.

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## Harvest Dinner

The Ladies' Missionary Society of the Redeemer Lutheran church will sponsor a roast pork dinner on Thursday, Oct. 23. The dinner will be served, family style, in the church dining room from 5 to 7:30.

Mrs. Edward Pepper, Mrs. Herbert Solon, Mrs. Donald Barnes and Mrs. Amanda Summers will be in charge of the dinner arrangements. The dinner room committee is headed by Mrs. Fred Samuelsen, Mrs. Kenneth LaBarge and Mrs. Herman Siebig; has charge of ticket sales.

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## Bits of Birmingham

It is reported that a 12-family terrace, to cost in the neighborhood of \$100,000 is to be constructed on Woodward avenue just north of Ravine road. This Wanderer tried to reach the Detroit committee who took out the building application, but the party could not be reached by phone. The deal must be a big secret, evidently.

Birmingham Rotarians are planning a program for November 3 at which time they will formally dedicate Howard's Memorial Park. Charles J. Shain, Ray Cook and Dwight E. Ireland comprise the committee planning the event.

According to Fire Chief Vern Griffith, an estimated \$13,000 worth of real and personal property in Birmingham was endangered by fire last month. However, actual damage amounted to only \$275. But look what could have happened if Fire Prevention Week is every week of the year to the wise business man and householder.

So many queens of "this thing" or "that thing" are crowned every year that it is surprising that some Birmingham beauty isn't selected as "Queen of Something-or-Other." On the other hand, maybe it is to the community's benefit that such a fact hasn't taken place.

If a motorist at night should inadvertently run into the back end of a live cow, the driver must have to be blind. From the rear, the tree when the driver prepares to stop.

That Detroit company which laid the blacktop on Woodward this week certainly had plenty of "sidewalk superintendents" on the job. Practically every Birmingham resident who came downtown those days stopped for at least a few minutes to see how such a project is accomplished. Traffic at various intersections was disrupted temporarily as the oil truck, asphalt spreader, and roller worked on the new surface. Those persons who were too anxious to walk a few more steps to either cross on molten or unrolled asphalt surfaces discovered that their shoes were a bit sticky after the crossing.

Dr. Dwight B. Ireland, local superintendent of schools, will preside at Tuesday's Board of Education meeting; will recommend for appointment at Birmingham assistant school superintendent. A southern Oakland County public official, this Wanderer learned this week. The vacancy was created October 1 when Dr. John Springman left for a new position at Glenview, Ill.

A Berkley youth, George Arnold, became a bit flustered Monday morning as he brought his Avroca trainer in for a landing at the Berz airport. George, who soloed Saturday, got his plane on the ground but then went off the runway "into the rough" where he ground-looped and damaged a landing gear.

A local artist, Morgan D. Douglas, Jr. of Washington boulevard, has had his watercolor, "Wood Ducks in Flight," reproduced on the October cover of the Ford Times, monthly publication of the Ford Motor Co. Doug's father, incidentally, heads GM's Young Truck & Coach Division at Pontiac.

Some day, fans who travel to witness collegiate football games will see each college field two en-

tire teams—one for offense, one for defense, believes Frank Whitner, Birmingham school's athletic director. "The game is becoming so specialized that two entire teams will go on the field every time the ball changes hands," states Frank. To illustrate the trend in this direction, he cites the U. of M. gridiron tactics developed by Fritz Crisler.

Recently the Birmingham Fire Department received a call from a local resident stating that she had received a hot seat on the corner of Frank and Chester. The startled fire department rushed to the scene of the fire only to discover that the woman's car battery had shorted causing the steel coils in the seat of the car to conduct heat to the top of the cushion, making it quite hot for those who sat down. (And this is the end of the story.)

As the surfacing of Woodward avenue in the business section continues, we seem to find Birmingham a village of athletes. There are some who remain dignified and walk to the pedestrian crossings where the ropes, used to separate the lanes, are open. There are others who show publicly that they are not stiff by gracefully swooping under the ropes, while the more daring souls casually walk up to them and jump over. We saw one girl do it Monday noon. Very nicely, too.

Now that the drivers are piling up on the lawns, the local police department asks that residents refuse traffic to the pedestrian crossings where the ropes, used to separate the lanes, are open. There are others who show publicly that they are not stiff by gracefully swooping under the ropes, while the more daring souls casually walk up to them and jump over. We saw one girl do it Monday noon. Very nicely, too.

That blacktop surface on Woodward avenue isn't finished yet, according to information from city engineers. There's a smooth surface yet to be applied, they remind this Wanderer.

City Manager Donald C. Egbert is a little disappointed at sewer contractors in general. "Last Friday we got one bid on the West Maple-Bates project and the Birmingham Forest Hills sewer," Egbert complains to commissioners Monday evening. "And that is quite a bit more than what we had estimated the projects would cost. This sewer contracting business is getting to that point where I wonder if we'll get the projects done as soon as they should be."

## Dad's Night Is Feature of Game This Friday

The Sideline Quarterbacks' dad's night will be a feature of Friday night's football game between Birmingham and Hazel Park, according to Dr. Edwin W. Deer, president of the club. Dads of the players will sit on the players' bench, Deer said, and at the half the band has dedicated a portion of its usual routine to them.

On Monday evening, Oct. 20, color pictures of the Michigan State-Washington football game played last Saturday will be shown at a meeting of the Backs in room 101 at Baldwin High. This meeting will begin at 8 o'clock and as usual all male football fans of this area are cordially invited to come, Deer said.

The picture was filmed in natural color and a member of the Michigan State Public Relations department will be here to show it.

## Community gets heart check-up



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## Outline Program for Pierce PTA Meeting Tonight

"Understanding Children—Points for Home and School" will be the subject of a panel discussion at the Pierce School P. T. A. meeting tonight at 8:00 p.m. in the school auditorium. Program chairman, James S. Moon, 1751 Birmingham Blvd., has outlined the following program: Norman Drachler, assistant superintendent of the Roosevelt School, Detroit, and a member of the staff of Wayne University, will act as chairman and open the discussion.

Panel members, Paul D. Carter, principal of Adams School; Miss Francis Curtin, Birmingham school nurse; Dr. Claude Usher, director of the Clinton Valley Child Guidance Clinic; and Mrs. Edward H. Laird, a member of the Pierce School P.T.A. Board, parent and former teacher, will each speak for five minutes, from his own viewpoint, within the framework of these questions:

"Will Exchange Views  
on Behavior? What do we mean by discipline? What do we mean by poor behavior? Versus bad behavior? How

do we meet the emotional needs of children? How do adult problems affect our attitude toward children? Do the war babies have special problems? Is there consistency between school and home in meeting children's needs? How does class load affect teacher-child relationship? What effect does health have?"

Panel members will then exchange views for ten minutes, followed by discussion from the floor and a summary by Mr. Drachler. Resolutions should be extremely interesting if both parents and teachers participate readily," says Mr. Moon.

Mrs. Russell Richardson, Mrs. Robert Kerley, Mrs. H. C. Carlson and Mrs. David Blasky will act as hostesses for the evening, under the guidance of Mother Vice-president, Mrs. Wilson H. Feldman. Mrs. Roy Brown, hospitality chairman, and her committee will serve refreshments.

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