

Personal appearance is of reasonable importance in our contact with others who populate this earth. Not that one has to overdo, and seek to simulate a fashion plate, either. Neatness, cleanliness, and harmony in attire cuts no more than its opposite, yet is so much more worthwhile.

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Face-lifting at the Ranch Room



A group of local teen-agers disregard the heat and turn hard work into a barrel of fun as they get together and perform a face-lifting job on the Community House Ranch Room. The group shown above represent only a small part of the crew who moved in and began to make things hum. There were 35 boys and girls in all who made one coat of paint vanish and ready for 15 gallons of nice, fresh material to take its place.

"There'll be some changes made," might have been the theme song of the Ranch Room teen-agers during the past week. The Ranch Room has been a beehive of activity, to the tune of a sanding machine and the slap-slap of paint brushes, as the gang set out to give it a face lifting.

For many months, these teen-agers have had in mind a few changes in the color scheme of their Ranch Room at the Community House. The whole group using the Ranch Room became interested in brightening it up, especially the two doorways, fireplace and the ceiling.

They took their problem to C. E. Blunt, member of the Community House Board of directors, in charge of the Ranch Room who presented their case to the house committee, headed by Mrs. H. G. Wood. The board approved the re-decorating plans as submitted.

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 With the unequalled enthusiasm of youth, lots of elbow grease and the cooperation of several Birmingham business men, these youngsters turned out a job of which the whole community may be proud.

There were 35 boys and girls from the ninth grade up who worked. Some removed varnish and sanded the tables. Others spread the 15 gallons of paint which make up the attractive light blue ceiling. Still others busied themselves cleaning up the ceiling paint which somehow found its way to the floor. Some just came to look but remained to work.

Miss Shelly Ingalls, recreational director of the Community House, was co-ordinator and chief of the moral support department on the project.

Somehow, the whole Ranch Room looks bigger with its light ceiling. The fireplace seems more inviting in its new light blue coat. It was with the satisfaction of a job well done that the teen-agers wiped the last bit of paint on their jeans, and stood back to survey their handiwork.

"Well, we're all ready for next fall," seemed to be the consensus.

Bits of Birmingham

If you ever wonder what is in a name, ask the Gillespie family. Mrs. Arthur Gillespie informed this Wanderer last week that she is receiving a constant stream of telephone calls from friends and neighbors who are sorry to hear that her son, John A. Gillespie, was involved in an accident Tuesday afternoon. The driver of the car which struck Annabelle Scheper as she was crossing Woodward avenue is not the John A. Gillespie who spent his youth in Birmingham and whose parents are still local residents.

The little citizens of this community know their rights under our form of democracy. Last week Police Chief Ralph W. Maxley was conducting the Junior Police Academy, he was explaining the science of finger printing and demonstrated it by taking each child's finger prints. When this part of the class started, one of the little fellows exclaimed "I want to talk to my lawyer first."

Remember the old saw, "It'll all come out in the wash." Well, this Wanderer isn't too sure, but believes perhaps a local family was given a chance to prove that Friday morning. Apparently Son had been sent to the cleaners to pick up daddy's suit or mother's dress. At any rate, he had a garment in a cleaner's bag slung over his shoulder as he prowled around the mudhole which is a part of the construction job at the new

telephone building. Son wasn't very tall and the bag was quite long, so . . .

Cpl. Kenneth R. Block, son of Mrs. Gerald Eller, 1332 Davis street, was one of the members of the color guard of the 7th Division, Eighth Army, which participated in a Fourth of July parade in Tokyo, Japan. Cpl. Block enlisted in the Army in 1946, was sent to Japan in September of last year where he took his airborne training and was assigned to the 187th Airborne Infantry with this outfit until its departure for the States and was then assigned to the public information

office, Headquarters 7th Infantry Div.

This Wanderer has it, from reliable sources, that a Franklin couple is seeking information as to how one sends a bill to a bird. For the past few days they have been busy "baby sitting" for a family of five young swallows which have apparently out-grown their nest. Just about every day one of the youngsters comes tumbling out of the nest. Then some member of the baby-sitting family gets the ladder and patiently returns the fledgling back to the family "bosom."

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