

Every generation has its critics and its defenders of youth; some say "Kids today are going to the dogs, for they're lazy, thoughtless, lacking in ambition." Others say "Hain't so!" What do you say?

**Promised!**  
"Daughter, there are two words I wish you'd promise me never to use. One of them's 'well' and the other's 'lousy.'"  
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## Local PTA to Resume Sponsorship of Specially Approved Saturday Movies

Sponsorship by the Birmingham Parent-Teacher associations of approved movies for children on Saturday afternoons will be resumed this week with a Big Crosby picture, "Top O' the Morning," at the Birmingham Theater. Each week in eight schools in the Birmingham area, posters will be prominently displayed announce-

ing the title of the movie bearing the stamp of approval of the national Parent-Teacher association and which local theater it will be shown. Announcement also will be made, when possible, on the school page of the Birmingham Eccentric.

**Want Shortened Programs**  
"It is suggested," said Mrs. Lawton Tabor, chairman of the Birmingham PTA movie committee, "that parents train their children to watch the posters for the title of the approved picture. The PTA is interested in improving the quality of movies for children and also in shortening their programs."

"Locally, on Saturday afternoon, one feature with additional cartoons, short subjects and news will be presented in a program requiring not more than two and a half hours. Then, at the end of the program, the lights will go on for a few minutes before the theater resumes its regular schedule is resumed."

Mrs. Tabor emphasized that if children are not instructed by their parents to leave when the lights go on, they may stay for a second film which might not be PTA approved.

**Theater Managers Cooperate**  
"We have had fine cooperation from Howard Holab, manager of the Birmingham theater, and Miss Gail Young, manager of the Bloomfield theater, on our project for better movies for children," Mrs. Tabor said.

Work of the movie committee is a part of the program of the Birmingham PTA course, which Russell Richardson, Mrs. Tabor, chairman, is also school representative for the PTA.

Other members of the committee are Mrs. R. H. Rubenstahl, Adams school; Mrs. David Williams, Holy Name; Mrs. Richard W. Brown, Quanton; Mrs. F. A. Lamberson, Franklin; Mrs. E. T. Sheehan, Bloomfield Village; Mrs. Herbert K. Lewis, Walnut Lake; Mrs. Frank Rising, Barnum junior high.

## Gerald C. Inman Awaits Discharge

Private First Class Gerald C. Inman, stationed with Headquarters and Service Company, 5th Engineer Combat Battalion, Fort Lewis, Wash., is presently awaiting discharge.

For most of his time in service, Pvt. Inman was working as a clerk typist for the company. He formerly played basketball with St. Mary's High School of Bedford and has carried on his athletic career by playing with the 30th Engineer Combat Group basketball and basketball teams.

Upon his separation from the service Pvt. Inman will return to the University of Detroit where he will be a sophomore. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Inman of Lathrup Townsite.

Some birds consume as many as 10,000 weed seeds in one day. They also eat tremendous numbers of insects. Other birds destroy great quantities of rodents which are destructive to farm crops.

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## Bits of Birmingham

**Best wishes are in order for Peter Asp, lindytop operator in The Eccentric composing room for the past six years. Peter, who left the ranks of the wage-earner and joined those of the business man. It all came about when he purchased the Powers-Spalding Tribune in Powers, way up in Menominee county. Pete, a native of Escanaba, is getting back into his home territory for his big business venture, too. While he wouldn't admit it, openly, this Wanderer has a suspicion that he has had a longing to "get back home" for some time.**

**The Ray Smiths out on North Woodward admit their sunflowers aren't the tallest in town, nor is it the one with the largest number of blooms, nor even the largest bloom, but they're pretty proud of it just the same. Early in the summer they noticed this little green shoot forcing its way between a couple of stones in the front wall which is part of the approach to their home. Curious, they let it grow and are now gazing at it with pride and tenderness as it turns its bloom proudly to follow the sun each day.**

**Well, dear readers, the dollar is going to Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Croisse of 1011 Smith street for having the greatest number of readers.**

There are three readers at home, after which two daughters and two sons saw peruse our week journal. The Eccentric editorial family is sorry the commercial subscription could not be included, but felt it just wouldn't be fair. Sorry, too, for those folks missed the deadline on our inquiry and did not phone in early enough to become eligible to win a buck.

**Mr. and Mrs. H. Augustus O'Dell, who have been living in Detroit for the past seven years, are moving to Birmingham. In a note Mr. O'Dell writes: "We have moved to 375 N. Woodward Ave. in Birmingham. During our previous 20 years in Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills, The Eccentric has always been regarded as 'standard equipment.' So please put us back on the list of subscribers." To which this Wanderer says: "Welcome back to this delightful community, and may The Eccentric continue, for many years, to be a welcome visitor in your home!"**

**There's a gentleman in Birmingham who, seems to be quite annoyed. He's nursing a sore hand and arm because the youngsters in his neighborhood don't pick up their toys before turning in for the night. "They leave them all over the street," he told us, "and people fall over them. I did, and my hand still bothers me. I don't want the kids to have to go without toys, but gosh, I sure do wish they'd pick 'em up before dark!"**

**It's house cleaning time at the Municipal building again, and from what this Wanderer saw of it, reporting isn't such a bad job after all. At least we are very thankful that, even though it was a jolly day Thursday, we didn't have to dangle down the side of a flag pole (do flag poles have sides?) and wield a paint brush.**

**Parking problems are not new to Birmingham. An item in the "Happenings" column this week refers to the village ordinance which made it illegal for a person to tie his horse to a tree in the village. Editorial comment on the law spoke of the fact that if local merchants wished to continue to enjoy the patronage of vicinity residents, it would be necessary for them to provide proper "parking" facilities, in the form of adequate and sufficient hitching posts. Probably, 50 years ago, it was just as big a headache as it is now. Of course, today, however, we don't have to worry about our "sides" taking a good healthy nip at passersby.**

**Birmingham Rotarians spent a very interesting 30 minutes at their Monday noon luncheon listening to member Stanley Reinhardt recount some of his encounters with the Russian army in Austria. Reinhardt, commanding general of the 65th Division which in May 1945 held the allied section of Austria, had quite a lot of commerce with the Russian military before he came home on retirement. "If you talk hard facts with the Russians and have the means to back up your statements, you have no trouble with the Russians. But if they see you are merely talking, then you can expect them to become extremely demanding."**

## To Construct Roads at His Own Expense

City Manager Donald C. Ebert has been authorized by the city commission to sign an agreement with Karl P. Meyer which would permit Meyer to hire a contractor to improve three streets at the latter's expense.

All work will be under the city engineer's office to insure the supervision and inspection of the maintenance of minimum city street standards.

Affected by the agreement at Hazel and Bowers, between Columbia and Eton, and Columbia from Haynes to the north property line of the Porritt property.

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## Dixie Cream Donut Shop Opened Here

Stanley Calvert and Mrs. H. V. Hart, both of Royal Oak, have opened a new donut and fried cake shop at 1455 South Wood-

ward and have brought to Birmingham a new Dixie Cream franchise.

The new business is to be known as the Birmingham Dixie Cream Donut Shop and will be open every day except Sunday from 3:30 in the morning until seven o'clock in the evening.

According to Mrs. Hart, the business has started off with take-out service only, featuring besides Creams, frosted and jelly fried cakes. A line of french pastries is to be added later.

Classified ad deadline is 5 p.m. each Tuesday.

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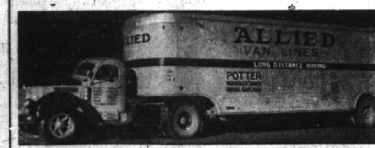
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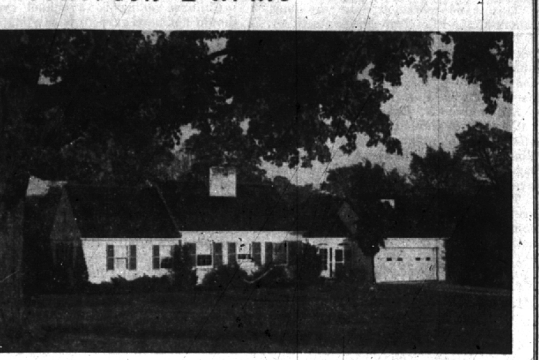
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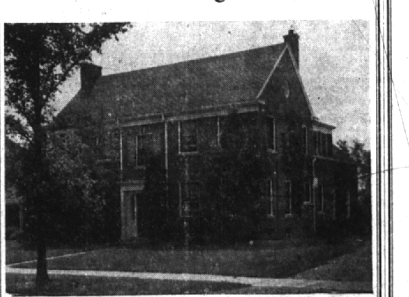
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