

Around The Cracker Barrel

Just sixty-five years ago a book was published in Chicago, with over 320,000 sold, which undertook to advise our forefathers how to behave in polite company. There are almost 600 pages of advice, some of it most unusual. But before giving you a sample, or two, I'd like to surmise that the book gives a fairly good idea of society during the time of our grandfathers. If whiskers weren't worn, for instance, there would be no need for the admonition to be sure soup isn't allowed to discolor them.

But the proper way to drink out of a cup sort of intrigues me. To quote, and I hope the copyright of Mr. Thomas E. Hill has long expired, we find this gem of Americana: "Formerly it was the fashion to pour tea into the saucer; not so now. Tea should be gently sipped from the spoon or cup, taking the cup and spoon in hand when drinking, as shown in the accompanying diagram. (The said diagram indicates you should hold the cup like a bowl, with the handle of the spoon neatly protruding from the cup between the index and the next finger—the third finger to musicians.) The spoon should never be removed from the cup when the guest is satisfied with its contents. Should the cup be empty, and more be desired, to take the spoon out and place it beside the cup in the saucer is an indication to the waiter to have it refilled . . ."

Once in a while, still, one of the local gentry will almost break his contact lenses by following this ancient rule of etiquette. But not often. In those days you would probably see the waiter hovering o'er the table, watching for that spoon to be set in the saucer. And as soon as that signal was given, the diner's cup was refilled. I have no doubt that waiters in the 80's were just as attentively waiting for that signal as are the Birmingham gendarmes today in watching for that red flag on your meter.

A couple of weeks ago we sallied forth, in more or less ignorance, and took a few short jobs at the methods used locally in parking meters. Since then I've been besieged to go further, and to repeat some of the experiences which have been told to me by reputable people. Well, I'm not going to do this. But I am going to continue to object to the practice which is actually driving away business from this town. I'm going to continue to object to a practice which is giving Birmingham a bad name in this whole Metropolitan area.

This week I'd like to make this suggestion: Let's put in a few more meters, eleven, to equalize a situation which shouldn't continue. Along the east side of Pierce Street, opposite the City Hall, meters are installed. Along the west side of Pierce Street, abutting the City Hall, of course there are no meters. Why say "of course"? Because this meterless block of space is used for parking by municipal employees. They park their cars there all day, while just around the open corner in front of the Municipal Building, you and I can park just 15 minutes. Why should our municipal employees be provided with this excellent free parking space in the center of the downtown area, when across 40 feet of pavement Mr. & Mrs. Average Citizen pays a nickel, or a dollar? Put in some meters here, and equalize privilege.

With this sort of thing going on, we of course have every right to resent the scrupulous care with which every other person's meter is watched. When our city fathers begin to loo-poo parking meters as a means of providing reasonable parking time for all, and not as a means of producing revenue for the general fund, then some courtesy will be injected into the system, and business will be attracted to Birmingham, and not repelled.

We've all probably recently read of the new suggestion, emanating from the City Hall, that a new department be set up to handle payments of traffic violation tickets. 'T's embarrassing to the cop who gave you the ticket to sit back of a desk later and take your money. So, a new department is the thing. What do we care about costs? Let's just permit the city authorities to go ahead with this new one, so that even more revenue will be needed to support the overhead. Maybe this idea will be justly decimated before this column is published. For this is written two weeks before publication, so that I can go fishing.

A short time ago I had a phone call from a gentleman in Detroit. Twice he had been a customer at the Village Store, and twice he had received an over-parking ticket. He had not paid the \$2 on the two tickets. This I do not condone as long as the law is on the books. Just before his call, he told me, an officer had called at his plant with a warrant. He could go with the officer, or pay \$16. He paid. But he said, 'I'll stay clear of Birmingham from now on.'

Our forefathers wisely placed a provision in the Federal constitution prohibiting tolls on government roads. They wouldn't allow tolls for the use of moving vehicles; it impeded commerce. They couldn't see the future. If they could have done so they probably also would have prohibited tolls for stopping on the highways.

I'd just like to see what would happen if our cops placed a card on the windshield of the over-parked car courteously asking that another nickel be deposited before the car is moved. Then we wouldn't need more employees to collect the fines, Birmingham would again be known as a city of courtesy and friendliness, and our police officers could regain their self-esteem while we looked upon them with respect.

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Long Reunion

Mr. and Mrs. Bob McCartney, with Ann and Margaret returned from their two week vacation at Dewey Lake, Michigan. Marge and mother decided that vacation time would be a good time to get her back together so her mother, Bill, and four sons and their families all took the same two weeks off. They had a very enjoyable time and rented a couple of cabins and the family was reunited for the first time in several years. With all the reminiscing and filling in of details of recent happenings the days flew by. Marge's brother, Bill, came back with them to spend a few days before returning to Chicago where most of them live.

Birthday Party

Gay Marie Kelly celebrated her third birthday Saturday by inviting her neighborhood playmates to a party. Her guests were Dan Murphy, Doug Pearl, Mary Ann Murphy, Bonnie Perkins, Judy Steere, Lynn and Denise Southard and of course Mickey and Kathy, her sister and brother.

Newcomers Here

Alan and Delores Campbell of Royal Oak purchased the new home on the corner of Verona Circle and Greenfield and have already moved in. Alan is manager of the Patent Scaffolding Company, and Delores works during the rush season for the French Fur in Royal Oak.

Right across the street from the Campbell's on Verona Circle, Mr. and Mrs. Southard were able to rush to their new home in the city last Friday. They were in a hurry to get settled so Denise might kindergarten. They have a little three-year-old daughter Lynn, too, and so far the little girls just love the wide open spaces they have been living in an apartment in Detroit for the past six months.

Canadian Fair

Mr. and Mrs. K. R. Otto, who live at 2440 Sheridan, went to Canada last week to see the annual Canadian National Exhibition. They stayed at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Ross Hicks in Toronto.

A Family Affair

Mr. and Mrs. John Dear of Berkshire road had their annual get-together Sunday at their cottage at Upper Pettibone Lake. Mrs. Faith Davis from Toledo, Ohio, and Mrs. Art Hornung from West Unity, Ohio were the out-of-state guests. Other relatives and friends present from Pontiac, Birmingham and Berkeley.

Newcomers Feted

A roast was held in the yard of Mr. and Mrs. Colvin Pearl last Sunday to welcome and introduce two new families into the neighborhood. Mr. and Mrs. Al Campbell and Mr. and Mrs. John Southard and their two girls Denise and Lynn were the honor guests while the Pearls and sons, Doug, Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds, Mr. and Mrs. George Murphy and Mary Ann, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Pallas, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Kelly, Kathy, Gay Marie and Mickie, and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Duester and Norma and Shirley attended to the welcoming.

Visiting Here

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Jappel, 32066 Auburn Circle, entertained Mr. and Mrs. Harold Wiesner of Kalamazoo last week. On Saturday they attended the State Fair, which Mrs. Wiesner especially enjoyed as she is from Texas and it was her first chance to see such an exhibit. On Labor day they attended the ball game at Briggs Stadium. Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Brimstool spent Monday with them before returning to Muskegon.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Borden of Arlington were very happy to have their son Harold and his wife and son Kenneth with them over the weekend. The Harold Borden lives in Buffalo, Me. and Mrs. Mark Kopenhagen also arrived last Thursday to spend the holiday with the Borden's. The Kopenhagen's returned to Oaker, Pa., the first part of the week.

Mr. Charles Schonard last week was pleased to see her daughter Mrs. John Murray who resides in Jackson. She came down to spend a few days with her mother and aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Strague who live at 16006 Amherst. She returned Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lionel Wootton on Auburn had as their houseguests Mrs. Olsen from Glendale, Calif., and Mr. and Mrs. Ladd

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Summer Cops City Title in Playoff

Summer Motor Sales, sparked by the brilliant relief pitching of Rick Ripberger, defeated Michigan Bell Telephone company 6 to 4, last Thursday evening in the finals of the Birmingham YMCA-City Recreation league playoffs.

Michigan Bell drove Maurice Germaine from the mound in the first inning with a barrage of three extra size hits coupled with two walks for a 4 to 0 lead. Summer's came back in the second inning to gather two runs and added three in the fourth and one in the fifth to give them their margin of victory.

With runners on second and third in the fourth inning, Wilkinson, the Michigan Bell catcher, threw low to Westery on third in an attempt to catch Joyce. When the throw went through in to left field, both runners scored.

Allows Two Hits
Reynolds McBride, who relieved Jake Wade in the second inning only allowed two hits but poor fielding on the part of his teammates allowed Summer's to come from behind and win.

In the regulation season play, the W. A. Caltrider nine won both halves of the split season but

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Have You Met? . . .
Mr. and Mrs. William Brooks who have come from Neeah, Wis., to live at 1565 Washington? Mr. Brooks is with the Sun Oil Company.

Tommie Doe is off on one of his trips again, this time to California. He'll be plane on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. William R. Gibbs, 17325 Beechwood, returned from their vacation at Houghton this past weekend.

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failed to survive the second round of the playoff series. A total of 60 regular games were played involving 1,403 participants. The playoffs went 10 games before the winner was determined on a two-loss-and-out basis.

More than 3,400 people witnessed league play which started last June. The league was organized and supervised by the Birmingham YMCA.

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STATE OF MICHIGAN - The Probate Court by the County of Oakland, In a matter of said Court, docketed at the Probate Office in the City of Pontiac, in said County on the 27th day of August, A. D. 1949.

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