

Family Rallies 'Round Dad To Pay Him Special Tribute On June 18th

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Fathers throughout the United States and Canada, again will come into their own next Sunday.

A great deal seems to be known about Mother's Day, but very little about Father's Day, although it is in line for its 40th observance June 18.

Back in 1910 a Mrs. John Bruce Dodd of Spokane, Wash., began the observance, but records show no reason why she did so. They leave it purely to one's imagination whether she began the celebration because of a great love and respect for her father; purely as a commercial boost or whether she felt that since Mother was being honored with a special day the head of the household should come in for his share.

WHATEVER the reason, the third Sunday in June has been set aside as a day in which Dad can shine in all his glory.

While a flower has been designated for Dad, there's a difference of opinion there, too. Some sections of the country use the rose, while others have selected the bachelor button.

Dad doesn't come in for the sentiment bestowed on Mother, of course. Somehow Dad always gets a little flustered when son or daughter attempt to tell him how deeply rooted he is in their affections.

He usually turns gruff (and red) and switches the subject to baseball or cut worms that will

soon launch their annual attack on his cabbage plants.

PROBABLY a great deal of this hinges on the fact, too, that to most of us Mother is the one who has had the greatest influence on our lives. It was to Mother we turned with our childhood aches and pains and problems, and poor Dad was relegated to the status of "Hey, Pop! How's about a quarter for the show?"

As children, most of us saw so little of Dad that while we did love him, he never rated as an important and integral part of our lives. He'd come home from work, often just as we were being put to bed, tired and hungry. There were always things to be done around the house. Some Dads are even away from home for days and weeks at a time.

Sunday, though, gives us a chance to make up for some of our neglect. To those of us who have Dad with us, it's a chance to try to express how much he means to us.

SINCE HE DOES get red and flustered at vocal expressions, we have to resort to gifts—and there

again he leaves himself wide open. The poor guy, it isn't bad enough to have Aunt Minnie and Cousin Jane giving him neckties at Christmas, he has to have all the kids turned loose on him for Father's Day. Some of the things that happen to him shouldn't happen to a dog!

He's always a good sport about it, though, and admires the most awful things which come his way from loving sons and daughters. He smokes their cigars, wears their ties, shirts and sweaters, eats their hard candies because whoever heard of a man who liked bon-bons?

Comes Sunday morning, he proudly tucks that rose bud in his lapel, gathers his brood around him, and with a pronounced swagger in his walk, sets out for church.

LIKE MOTHER, Dad gets most of his thrill out of the day from having his kids all around him. He wouldn't admit, for anything, that there is a sting behind his eyelids when one of the children pulled in after a couple of hundred miles on the road, just to be with him on Father's Day.

He wouldn't let anyone tell him that smoking stand that Bob made in his carpentry class at school isn't just about the best thing he ever saw, even though it is a bit crooked and the word "Sunkist" grins through under the varnish.

Just try to tell him how pleased he is that the whole family is having dinner at his favorite restaurant. He won't say a word, but watch that chest when he sees the kids go to the cashier and each one pay out his share!

NO, DAD'S A gruff sort of guy who now and then has a pretty heavy hand. He never seems to understand just how important an extra dollar is when the gang goes out together. He always has something to say about how hard he worked when he was a boy and how much



From left, Jean Sinclair, Peg Sweet, Elsie Maves, Marion Gould, Penny Sprague, Jean Sutton and Paige Fitzgerald will trip the light fantastic as the Walnut Lake Women's club sponsors a "Gay Nineties" night.

The affair will be held from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. on Saturday evening, June 17, at the Bloomfield township hall on Orchard Lake road.

better breaks the kids have these days.

He seldom stops to pass a gentle hand over a sleeping forehead. He almost never pads softly into a dark room at night to quiet the cry of a bad dream or tuck a blanket closer around a sleeping boy.

But gosh! He sure can whittle a mean canoe out of a chunk of soft wood. He can drop a trout fly just about where it should go, too, and shoot! Say it's really something to go to the fair with Dad and have him step up to that shooting gallery.

When he lays down his quarter and picks up three baseballs you can bet those old bottles are going to hop, too. Dad's pretty

good at fixing a scooter or broken bike, as well.

AS ORGANIZATIONS and churches pay special tribute to Dad through dinners and services, most of us are pretty much indebted to Mrs. Dodd, although a lot of us never heard of her.

We lean back and say to ourselves:

"Guess this is a good chance to get Dad that special fly rod he's been wanting. You can't give him that for Christmas, very well. "Humph! I wonder if he ever guessed how burned I was the night of the high school dance and he wouldn't let me have the car? I suppose he was right,

though, but it sure didn't seem of then.

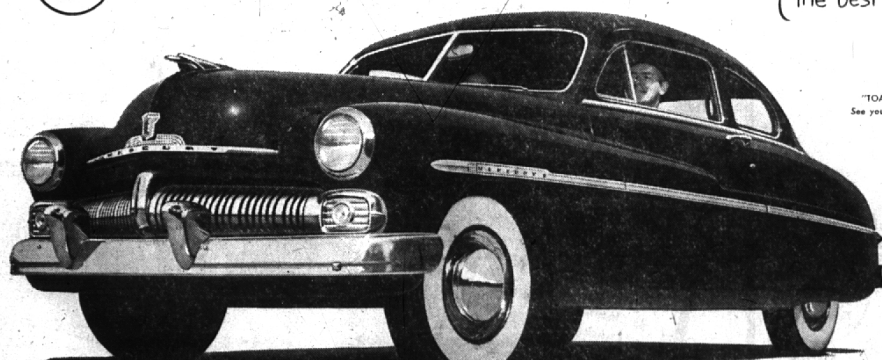
"Golly, just think what a life I'd have had without him. He used to look at me sometimes when I brought home a good report card as though he'd just been handed a thousand bucks. Y'know, Dad's a good guy! I really love him—wish I could say so!"

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