

Teaching a child to be polite, to respect his elders, is doing something wonderful for the child's later life. It starts the youngster out on a path of good habits that makes for much of real happiness.

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THIS and THAT

By G.R.A.

If most of the commencement addresses being made this year to the thousands of graduating classes about the nation were given a second time, do you suppose that those who hear them would still be confused? Seriousness of such addresses contains much of value to young folks—but giving it to them at the conclusion of their studies is not the best way of getting the ideas to stick in their crops. That should start the speaker to think ahead, in the very homes that bring youth into a confused world.

Two hundred fifty thousand dollars is nearly half of the sum of money Birmingham taxpayers will pay this year directly into local coffers for the carrying on of our governmental services. At that many local people do not realize there are plenty high enough. But that sum, Dear Taxpayer, is the amount of taxes collected federally that President Truman recently spent on the "non-political" tour to the northwest. (P. 5. But what's a quarter of a million more when Uncle Sam collects nearly 40 billions this year?)

Our form of government is supposed to be free the people. This is coming about, of course, under the New Deal and now the Fair Deal. "It serves us right," say many citizens, "for we are in our right—doers of federal government—if we allow it to continue all or part of the evils fruits of collectivism."

Ancient customs still cling to many lands. For example, London, England has four official beer-tasters, each of whom are given about \$28 per year to spend on suds. They drop into taverns, sample the beer, and if they think it is probably good, they give their approval. If they think it is not good, they give it a "thumbs down." The custom began in 1551. We presume it is as difficult to outlaw these beer-tasters as it would be to eliminate all or part of the duties of a Michigan sheriff.

Always remember, fellow-American taxpayers, that public officials are spenders and not savers of your tax dollars. Their salaries are paid from taxes that you can extract from you, then be given to spend it. True, some officials close to your home are necessarily frugal. But the more an official is from your personal contact, the more he is inclined to collect and spend. That is why centralized government is a blood-brother of totalitarianism.

City Approves Meter Operation Till 9 P.M. Fridays

Birmingham's 300 parking meters are to be operated until 9 p.m. on Friday nights, the city commission decided Monday evening.

The city now will order new plates for meters which give the revised hours. Meters will operate from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Thursday and on Saturdays. They will not be in operation on Sundays.

The action has been requested by the business committee of the Chamber of Commerce "to greaten downtown shopping in Birmingham."

Commissioner Chad M. Ritchie voted against the change on the basis of 23 sample calls to local residents.

MANY OF THESE people I did not know, but I discovered that the majority—12 of them—wanted no change in present hours," Ritchie explained.

Three voters told Ritchie they didn't care what hours the meters were operated.

Traffic Expert Agrees With Parking Need

Study Has Been 'Excellent and Thorough', He Says

D. Grant Mickle of Washington, D.C., a nationally known traffic engineer, conferred Monday with members of the Birmingham City plan commission subcommittee on off-street parking concerning the critical shortage of parking space in the business area.

Mickle, who was Detroit traffic engineer from 1940 to 1945, now is director of the traffic engineering division of the Automotive Safety Foundation.

A plan to provide additional off-street parking facilities now under consideration by the plan commission was explained to Mickle by James J. Hogan, chairman of the subcommittee.

Mickle pointed out that parking in a city must remain healthy or the city at large will suffer. Unhealthy business conditions lead to a city that remains unattractive and values. He added that one way to keep business active is to provide for parking facilities.

"Flying Saucers" Make Appearance Over Birmingham

A report of "flying saucers" over Birmingham Sunday afternoon was given to the Birmingham City Commission by G. T. Dweley of 692 West Lincoln.

Mrs. Dweley said Tuesday that she had gone into the yard where she was working to take him a glass of iced tea.

"He tipped his head back to drink and started to choke. He pointed up and asked me if I thought he was seeing things.

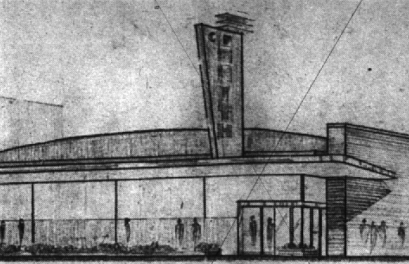
"Flying very high, at what appeared to us to be almost directly over Maple, were two round white dots. They were so high that they looked very small.

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This Will Be Company's 50th Anniversary Store



ARCHITECT'S DRAWING OF PROPOSED SUPERMARKET Plan includes off-street parking for 200 cars

New \$100,000 C. F. Smith Supermarket To Be Constructed at Hunter and Hazel

Youth Council Holds Back Survey Results Till Fall

A 50-page report on recreational facilities available to Birmingham youth will be distributed this fall by the Youth Council.

The council accepted the report last week from William G. Robinson of the University of Michigan extension service, department of community organization.

Robinson directed the survey of the Birmingham school district in cooperation with Mrs. Alice Parnie, youth council committee chairman.

Southfield Census Figures Indicate Decrease Since '47

After preliminary census figures indicated a population increase of 3,344 persons in Southfield township since the last county census in 1947, D. P. Prater, township supervisor, said this week he will ask for a re-count.

1950 School Census Shows 804 Increase

Mrs. Irene Stevens reported Tuesday that an increase of 804 children over last year's count in Birmingham schools was reported.

Pre-school children have increased by 365 over the 1949 figure, while school age enrollments are 439 over the previous year.

Estes Chairmen Legislature's Gas Study Group

State Representative Howard R. Estes of Birmingham has been named chairman of the special 5-man legislative committee to consider possible revisions in the state's safety regulations regarding natural gas transportation systems.

Estes is attorney for and a director of the C. F. Smith Co. The store will face on Hunter and Hazel streets.

B of E to Name New Officers on Monday

According to Michigan school laws, the officers of the board of education for Birmingham will close on July 1.

Autopsy Shows Franklin Man's Death Accidental

FRANKLIN—The body of Edward Mason, 68, of 261 1/2 Main, was recovered from Bon Lake on the Dreyfus estate early Monday.

Next Week Will Be Another Short One For the Eccentric because of the July 4th holiday

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White House Bricks For New School Here

Two bricks from the White House in Washington, D. C. are to be used in the new school building program.

Petition Asks Removal of Local Rent Controls

A petition with 81 signatures was presented to the City Commission this week asking for the removal of rent controls in Birmingham.

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Oakland Hospital Needs \$600,000; Consultant Is Hired

With the approval of a hospital consultant, the appointment of several working committees, the election of new members to the board of trustees, and acknowledgment of action taken by the Bloomfield Medical Center to make available its funds for the use of Oakland Hospital, the Oakland board of trustees took definite steps this week in their session at the Birmingham Community House toward the construction of the new hospital to serve the people of Oakland County.

Dr. Paul H. Dusen, with 30 years' experience as a hospital consultant, was medical director of Rochester General Hospital in Rochester, New York, for many years.

SINCE THE WAR he has devoted himself exclusively to consulting activities. He is particularly noted for his work in helping design the University Hospital in Ann Arbor.

Dr. Dusen was named chairman of the committee which has as members W. O. Briggs, Jr., William D. Downey, William T. Gossett, Howard L. McGregor, and John R. MacManus.

SOHA Asks Detroit Fund to Solicit for Woodward Hospital

Officials from nine South Oakland County cities approved a resolution last week asking the Greater Detroit Hospital Fund to solicit for a new hospital on a 100-acre site at 13 Mile and Woodward.

This is a different project from the 200-bed Oakland hospital to be constructed on Adams and Birmingham, financed by the same Detroit fund.

It continues that the South Oakland Hospital Authority has approved \$700,000 in cash and pledges as the Detroit fund, which later rejected this location in favor of Birmingham, at that time approved the ground by 10-9 vote.

Commissioner Carl A. Braun of Birmingham said Monday that he would support the resolution, said it would give the Detroit group the signal to search for a site in South Oakland County and bring the area its desired return, thus adding both to the city's official capital, however, that the Fund officials have informally stated that they will support only one hospital in Oakland County.

After acquiescing in the plea, the authority raised \$505,749.59 in cash and \$223,990.23 in pledges by a subscription campaign.

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