

Around The Cracker Barrel . . .

A couple of days ago a motorist actually stopped his car while we walked across Maple in front of Shain's. When he stopped, and smiled; we looked around to see if there wasn't some mother with three or four children, or some man with a white cane. But we were all alone. As we walked across we thought there might be something very curious about this. Our hat was on, and the driver could see what the "ravages of time" had done to our pate. Then it dawned on us, as a sort of last conclusion, that this driver was actually courteous.

When such unusual things occur, when such unexpected courtesy is shown, we are all sort of dumfounded. For pedestrians, who are only walking, motorists have a very "rich" car. The man back of a wheel. What in the world makes it so? Time was, not many years ago, when it was the secret desire of almost every motorist to spend just one day back of the wheel of a truck before he died. With that truck he would push his way around, into everything which came into his path, and thus sort of deal a fierce retribution for all the wrongs he had suffered.

Trucks were then the bane of the highway. They pushed their weight around like the neighborhood bully. But something happened. Safety and courtesy campaigns were instituted. Drivers learned they might be out of a job if they misbehaved. And after a long period of transition, other motorists and pedestrians learned that trucks were to be feared the least. And while the truckers became more courteous and considerate, drivers of passenger cars became more intolerable.

What is it that makes a man—or a woman—a veritable savage when they get back of the wheel? Why are they in such a hurry? Why do they ignore speed limits, run amber lights, ignore at times the directions of school safety boys? Why do automobile drivers suddenly ignore the rights of others and care only for themselves? Is it the automobile bringing back the Law of the Jungle?

Well, I don't know the answer. But I do think if we were a manufacturer of cars, that we'd take cognizance of this menace and do something about it. Courtesy is allied to, but quite different from, safety. Safety campaigns have been started and waged in these many years. And in all of them there is that feeling that safety doesn't apply to us. But common courtesy is a trait almost all desire to have attributed to themselves; it would seem much easier to sell courtesy than to sell safety. Wonder what would happen if one of the auto manufacturers started selling courtesy with their cars, if the driver of a Car XXX were noted for their courtesy. Have an idea sales would boom, for we all like to be associated with the nicer things of life. Courtesy is a state of mind, which can be sold like any other commodity or honest idea.

And for that next courteous drive back of the wheel, or back of the driver, you'd be wanting one of those fine Minneapolis-made storm coats. In poplins, gabardines and handsome tweeds, these finely made coats are lined with a full alpaca lining, and have a spot proof genuine mouton collar. There are lots of poor imitations on the market, but these coats are good, well-made, and fairly priced.

We had a letter yesterday from a New York importer who brings in certain items for us from the British Isles. Said was his tone, but sadder still his news. For mired on some dock in New York is that shipment of fine English butterscotch candy we've been waiting for. This candy is the finest we've ever tasted, made of pure butter. We hope it will get here in time for Christmas, but you never know. For the last two years, just when the Christmas push began, we've had an express strike. Maybe it's the dockworkers' turn this year, but another transportation tie-up when the dock strike is over wouldn't surprise us. What a government; we want our candy.

There used to be a time when government bonds were tax exempt. That is, if you loaned the government money and took their bond, they'd pay you a small rate of interest for the accommodation, which you could keep. We used to wonder about the size of the federal debt, wondering how in the world the huge interest debt could be met. But sadly, we've learned the answer. In those "EF" bonds, which so many of us bought, and which were sold at the rate of \$4 for every \$3 in ten years, we could see on the face of the bond that this was true. But now some of those bonds are starting to "mature" and we learn with a shock that the interest—that extra dollar—is taxable as income in the year in which the bond matures. Not as a capital gain, and not as ordinary income. So if you're in the 25% bracket—which is quite low in these days, you only get 75¢ of that dollar. If half your income goes back for taxes, then you'll only be able to keep 50¢ of that dollar. Such a system really cuts down the government's interest bill; they get most of it right back. A good loud clamor would make these bonds tax exempt, as they ought to be.

Most ladies, we've learned, fancy themselves somewhat adept in designing coats and suits. And the strange truth is that many of you have such an ability. Perhaps your ideas have been thought of before, but have been discarded by manufacturers because they didn't lend themselves to mass manufacture. If you have always wanted a suit of a certain design, or a coat with a certain distinctive twist—and never been able to find it—then we have the answer for you. Our custom tailoring department will produce any design you want, in any fabric. Bring in your idea and our Mr. Gwynn, who is a designer of note, will work it out with you—just for you.

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Dr. Ralph Sockman Strikes Hopeful Note For Peace

In Speaking at the American Association of University Women's Guest Breakfast at the Community House, October 29, Dr. Ralph Sockman of the National Radio Pulpit, struck a note of encouragement for world peace.

Dr. Sockman has just returned from an extensive tour of France, Switzerland, Yugoslavia, Germany, and England. Since he spent some time in Europe in 1946, he compared conditions today with those he saw abroad five years ago.

Dr. Sockman felt that France, although presenting an atmosphere of surface gaiety, was extremely unstable in government. He believed France needs very strongly America's strengthening influence.

Herald-Tribune Forum is Subject Of Class Studies

Mrs. Ruth Shain, recently returned from attending the Herald-Tribune Forum in New York City, announced that about 60 attended the opening class of the 32nd season of the Ruth Shain International Affairs Class on October 30.

Special sections of the Herald-Tribune were studied and commented on at the class. These sections dealt exclusively with the Forum, and contained 72 pages of reports, pictures and advertisements on the topic "Balancing Moral Responsibilities Against Scientific Progress."

The Forum, held at the Waldorf-Astoria, was broadcast in seven languages, and was attended by representatives from 360 schools and colleges, and from 259 Women's Clubs.

AT THE NEXT meeting, on November 4, the class will hear a discussion on the speeches of the Forum, by Mrs. Shain and Mrs. William O. Merrill.

The class meets each Tuesday at ten o'clock at the Community House.

Birthdays, anniversaries, guests, birth parties are news—call the society editor about them.

Junior Goodwill Antiques Show to Open November 4

Members of the Junior Group of Goodwill Industries have been working in earnest and into the fall on plans for their fourth annual antique show and sale, scheduled to be held at the new building on Brush at the Boulevard, November 4-7.

The show will open on Sunday, November 4, at 2 p.m., when Secretary of State, Fred M. Vinson, will cut the ribbon at the entrance of the show. The public is especially invited to the opening of their collections. All these pieces will be for sale to the public.

As in previous years, the Junior group earmark funds realized from the antique for specific projects. Proceeds will be made available to the Goodwill Industries for new machines for handicapped persons.

Ellis-Slane Rites Held

The marriage of Eleanor Mildred Ellis and Peter Leon Slane took place at eleven Saturday morning, October 27, at Holy Name Church.

Eleanor is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Byron Horton, of Oakland Ave., and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Slane of 5230 St. Charles.

For the morning ceremony the bride wore a gown of blue satin, with tulle and lace and a tulle train of the fitted bodice to the front Pan collar.

A matching Dutch cap caught a shoulder length veil of blue net. The bride carried her bridal, to which was pinned an orchid.

MRS. JAMES F. ABBOTT, President of Birmingham Girl Scout Council brought greetings and a welcome, and gave a short biographical sketch of Mrs. Slane's life and the early days of Girl Scouting in this country.

She then introduced Joyce Kaiser and Sue Strough of the Senior Girl Council, Girl Scouts of Metropolitan Detroit, who led a discussion on "World Friendship Around the Campfire." These girls had been chosen to help create a primitive camping set-up near by Michigan, this past summer, and they described vividly the process of lashing their tables, wash-stands and the necessary camp furniture, and the pleasure of sharing camping experiences with sister-campers from Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania.

The hymn "Peace of the River" followed by the retreat of the colors and tap club, this other beautiful and significant Girl Scoutc own service.

Bazaar to Open Nov. 8

Handmade gifts, aprons, baked goods, flowers, plants, stationery, cards, and home-made candy will be among the articles for sale at the annual bazaar scheduled for November 8 and 9, and sponsored by the Women's Society of the Birmingham First Methodist Church.

Mrs. Parker Eckerson is chairman of the snack bar offering lunch. Mrs. Virgil Gipson and Mrs. Henry Selzer are doing the decorating.

General chairman of the event is Mrs. Henry McCarty.

Couples Join in Anniversary Fete

October 23 is a day of remembrance for three Birmingham couples whose wedding anniversaries fall on that date.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Lindoval celebrated their 33rd anniversary on October 23, as did their two daughters and their husbands, Mr. and Mrs. V. Gable, whose 25th anniversary it was, and Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Eberly, who commemorated their ninth anniversary.

They were joined in the celebration by Mr. and Mrs. John S. Eberly whose 36th anniversary fell on October 26.

ALL FOUR couples were honor guests at a dinner party given by Mr. and Mrs. H. Henderson at their home on Buford, October 23. Other guests present were Mr. and Mrs. George Gillingham, Mrs. H. H. Strand, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert and Marilyn, Mrs. Clara Gable, and five grandchildren.

BIRTHS

From Fontana, California, comes the announcement of the birth of a son, John, to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Wichman, Mr. Wichman is a former Birmingham resident.

A daughter, Edith Yvonne, was born on October 28 to Mrs. and Mrs. B. E. Neubert of 1970 Graefeland road. Mrs. Neubert is the former Barbara Beer, the former Neubert is serving in Korea.

Mr. and Mrs. Derek Bolton of 458 Binnaville announce the birth of a daughter, Jill Lynn, on October 28. Mrs. Bolton is the former Marjorie Peck.

A son, Timothy John, was born on October 14 to Mr. and Mrs. John W. Gorman of Royal Oak. Mrs. Gorman is the former Edna Crouse of Birmingham, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd L. Crouse of 1914 Smith. The baby's paternal grandmother, Mrs. Edna Gorman of Royal Oak.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank McIsaac of Detroit announce the birth of a son, Michael Andrew, on October 17. Mrs. McIsaac is the former Pauline Haase of Birmingham.

A son, George Horner, was born to Mr. and Mrs. George A. Maxted, 1708 Washington boulevard, on October 17. Mrs. Maxted is the former Shirley Scott of Syracuse, N. Y.

Newcomers Welcome Slated for November 8

The annual reception for newcomers to Birmingham will be held at the Community House at 8 o'clock Thursday evening, November 8.

Mrs. Lawrence Clark, who is in charge of invitations, has announced that over 1,000 invitations have been sent out, and most cordially invited, and that no invitation is needed. Reservations may be made by calling the Community House office.

Serving as the evening's hosts and hostesses will be the board of directors of the Community House.

HEADING THE evening is a tour through the Community House. The adult education classes in session may be observed, as well as the other activities and services offered.

Charles B. Kass, president of the board of the Community House, will be the first speaker on a brief program. He will greet the newcomers, and introduce Mayor Dean Beier, who will welcome them to Birmingham.

Mrs. Carlston H. Hiley, director of the Community House will then introduce the staff members.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Bertram will give an exhibition of square dancing, followed by square dancing for all and refreshments.

Book Reviewer to Speak To Child Study Club

Mrs. Mary Newton, well-known authority on children's books, will be the speaker at the November meeting of the Birmingham Child Study Club. The meeting is scheduled for 8:15 p.m. November 6, at the home of Mrs. Syver, 7470 Third Street.

Mrs. Newton is a book reviewer for the Detroit Free Press, and was "Book Lady" on station WJXL for eight years. She arranges a book show annually in her home, and also has a display on books about trains, as part of the Transportation Exhibit at the Detroit Historical Museum.

Study club members will have an opportunity to order new books for children up through 12 years old from Mrs. Newton that evening.

CO-HOSTESSES assisting Mrs. Thimigstad will be Mrs. N. E. Baboff and Mrs. B. C. Pettypiece.

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