

What to Do with Small Fry Is Big Problem for Mom

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We agree with Betty (Anybody Can Do Anything) McDonald, that every family should have a grandma en residence. If for no other reason than to amuse the small fry of the family.

Time was when most households did have a grandmother or an aunt around who helped mother with the work, but whose most important function was reading Billy Bowlegs, playing tiddledewinks or putting out paper dolls. These aunts and grandmas entertained the kids for hours.

But aunts has long since found a place in office or factory and grandmas either has a job, is engrossed in club work, or has joined the Grandmothers' Club which takes a dim view of constant baby-tending. It was only after these good helpers had taken their leave that mothers began to value the contribution they had made.

For now mother must devise a way to keep the pre-schoolers busy while she herself manages a household, doing most of the work without help.



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NURSERY SCHOOLS AND naps help some, but toddlers still find plenty of time on their hands, and boredom leads to misbehavior. At the exact time when mother is trying frantically to huff the pig-tailed costume for tonight's dance recital, and finds that small Nancy Sue's playmates have left in a huff, toys which their novelty and Nancy want her mother's constant attention.

She yells for a snack every 30 minutes, insists that mother hold her doll or cut out pictures with the new round-topped scissors.

And if mother simply can't stop her work, little daughter will doubtless find her own amusement. Mother may find the clothespins dumped over the utility room floor, all the faucets running and the covers removed from the already made-up beds.

AT SUCH TIMES, MOTHER—slightly aided by the utter confusion that reigns, may meet out punishment or reproof judgment slightly less worthy than that of a PH.D. in Child Psychology. She may reach down and give Nancy Sue a hard swat on the jeans, knowing in her heart that if she could spend time with her little girl, the trouble never would have occurred.

And if after a long hard day of such mental conflict, she picks up a magazine article that advises, "Never punish a child in anger," she wonders, where else she'd feel like striking a beloved child, and her mental confusion is complete.

This is not to say that all child-care experts give confusing advice. Dr. Dorothy Baruch, in her "New Ways in Discipline," offers a solution for the demanding child that's worth trying.

SHE SAYS THAT HE may calm down if he knows that for one short period each day, even 15 minutes, he is certain to get his mother's undivided attention.

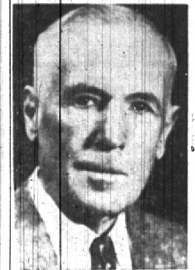
This period might be called "Bobby's Time," and for its duration, mother will not do any work, read a magazine, spend the time dressing or bathing Bobby, or even answer the telephone when it rings. He can choose the activity—whether it's to be read to, play a game, or just sit on mother's lap.

This often helps with an older child who's harboring a well-hidden resentment against a younger one who's getting most of the attention.

One finds such excellent advice in many works on child care, but any parent knows that the only real authority on the subject is the mother who knows how to be in six places at the same time.

When babies come into this world they have no prejudices, no preconceived notions about anything. Their minds are open to the present and examples before them. That they grow up... well, alas, so many of them live the open mind of pure babyhood!

Three Newcomers Oppose Incumbents for Circuit Court Posts



FRANK L. DOTY

Judge Doty was appointed to the circuit court bench in 1927 and has served continuously since that time.

A veteran of Pershing's Expedition to Mexico and World War I, he returned to the practice of law in 1919. Prior to the war he had been prosecuting attorney for Oakland county.

Judge Doty is a member of the Doty and Cram firm with offices in Pontiac. He has been active in civic affairs of Pontiac and prior to his appointment to the bench, was chairman of two Community Chest drives.

He is a member of the Elks, Knights of Pythias, Masonic orders, American Legion and VFW, along with several social clubs.

Judge Doty owns and manages a dairy farm in Rose township, his birthplace.



WILLIAM J. BEER

Making his first bid for the office of circuit court judge in Oakland county, Beer has been practicing law in this state for more than 20 years.

In campaign statements, Beer has said he feels it is the duty of mature attorneys to seek the judgeship, disregarding what he calls "the incumbent label." He also is advocating stricter handling of criminals and action to curb the alarming increase in divorces in Oakland county.

Beer, a navy gunnery officer in World War II, has had experience in private practice, city attorney, board of education, attorney, inspector and is a member of several local societies including the U. S. Supreme Court bar.

He is married and a resident of Berkeley.



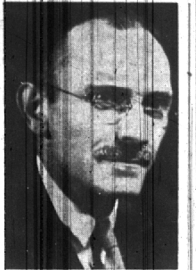
ARTHUR P. BOGUE

Another newcomer to the candidate field, Bogue has a background of 30 years as a practicing attorney.

He has served as prosecuting attorney of Oakland county, special assistant attorney general in connection with the governor's election recount and is past president of the Oakland county bar association.

He points out that for 16 years there has been little competition for this office which he feels is detrimental to good government.

Bogue is a resident of Birmingham, making his home at 891 Bates. He is associated with the firm of Keeling, Bogue and Hutchings in Pontiac.



ROBERT W. HODGE

A resident of Lake Angelus, Hodge is seeking an Oakland County circuit court judgeship for the first time. At 49, he is one of the youngest men to seek election for this six-year term.

Hodge was admitted to the bar of Michigan in 1931 and the U. S. Supreme Court bar in 1937. He has been in the general practice of law since that time, having offices in Pontiac.

He has served his community as chief of police and clerk, and was chairman of the Oakland county Republican club for two years.

His civic activities have included serving on the Royal Oak chamber of commerce, Family Service association, Oakland and Citizens league and Civic Research, Inc.



H. RUSSEL HOLLAND

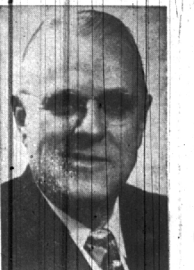
Judge Holland has served as circuit court judge for Oakland county since 1936.

A veteran of World War I, he was a high school teacher prior to entering law school at the University of Michigan. He also attended the Detroit college of law, being graduated in 1926 with the degree of juris doctor.

A resident of Pontiac since 1927, he has practiced law there and in Detroit.

Judge Holland has deeply concerned himself with the divorce problem and the influence it has on the lives of children who may become wards of the state. For the past several years he has been one of the leaders in a movement to have personal interviews with couples seeking a divorce, especially where children will be involved.

Judge Holland is married and the father of two teenage children.



GEORGE B. HARTRICK

Judge Hartrick has been Oakland county circuit court judge for 17 years and has practiced law in Royal Oak for 21 years.

He was admitted to the bar in 1913, at the age of 23, and has held many positions including supervisor of Royal Oak township, circuit court commissioner and a place on the prosecuting attorney's staff. He has acted as city attorney for Royal Oak and Berkeley and for seven years was a member of the Royal Oak school board.

Judge Hartrick has been cited by citizens, lawyers and the press for his court service.

Married and the father of five children, he lives at 404 Hendrie, Royal Oak. He is a member of several fraternal and service clubs and has been active in civic affairs of Royal Oak and Pontiac.

June Deadline To Decide on Trade Policy

"Foreign Trade—New Look" will be presented to Birmingham on April 15 at 3 p.m. at the Community House by the League of Women Voters.

"The issue of trade with other countries is the immediate concern of every taxpayer," said Mrs. William W. Williams, chairman. "We must decide whether to do business with them or continue to give aid in dollars out of our pockets. A full and fair discussion of the subject seems essential at this time."

"Because of the expiration of United States trade agreements in June, nationwide attention is focused on trade aid and tariffs. The Detroit Chamber of Commerce's plan for free trade has made headlines all over the world. The statements in favor of free trade made recently by Henry Ford II was a startling departure from the traditional view."

WE MUST LOOK at the reasons why our tariff has been maintained. The Smoot-Hawley law has determined the American philosophy of trade since 1938.

"Do we still believe in the implications of 'Buy American'?" Or have we, the people, come to agree with Frederic Bastiat, a French

economist who wrote in favor of free trade more than a century ago? These are some of the questions which Foreign Trade—New Look will evaluate and answer."

A panel of four well-informed speakers will talk briefly. Moderated by Robert A. Deady, will provide ample time for questions and answers following the panel discussion.

DEARTH IS assistant to the president of Ross-Roy, Inc. He spent four years in Naval Intelligence, was a statistical analyst for the United States Department of Commerce and until recently was head of the speaking bureau of the famous Cleveland Council on Foreign Affairs.

An interesting highlight on the planning for the April 15 meeting, Foreign Trade—New Look, is the problem of obtaining high tariff advocates who will take a public stand on the issue.

The League of Women Voters, as usual, plans to present both the pros and cons of the trade problem.

Said Mrs. Charles Shain, co-chairman of the meeting, "It has been easy to find advocates for free trade. But there is another side which has major importance, if only historically."

IN SEARCHING for exponents of this theory to present their case, we find that as a group they change their minds. Are their high tariff advocates in town? Possibly for the first time in the 21 years of Birmingham League history, everyone in this community agreed.

It will be exciting and very important as a straw in the wind of national thinking if the meeting proves that Birmingham really wants crippling restrictions removed from foreign trade."

Easter Seal Sales Reach \$10,000 Mark

Receipts to date in the Oakland county Easter seal campaign for crippled children amount to approximately \$10,000. It was reported this week as the drive approached its closing week.

Although the amount was below the \$18,821 contributed by Oakland residents last year, campaign leaders expressed confidence that remittances during the next few days for Easter seals, special contributions and collections from ranslers which Birmingham Rotary club members have placed on street counters would provide the additional funds necessary to prevent curtailment of the society's services.

Mrs. Elizabeth Kirkby, executive secretary of the Oakland county society for Crippled Children, said that receipts are expected to increase in volume over the weekend. Contributions are being received and tabulated by Sam Hink, treasurer, at the Pontiac State bank.

"WE ARE VERY hopeful that many persons who have not made their contributions will do so by check this week," Mrs. Kirkby said. "Every parent will agree that it would be tragic to shut the door to any of the unfortunate youngsters who have been receiving the help by which he or she can overcome some of the handicaps confronting the crippled and the blind."

"Aside from desiring to help these unfortunate folk, there is a very practical reason for supporting the Society's work. Every individual who is thus enabled to care for himself means a reduction in the amount of tax funds which otherwise must be spent for his future support."

Total operating expenses of the Oakland society during the past fiscal year amounted to \$17,283.84. Mrs. Helen Poole, society treasurer, reported Special gifts supplied the difference between the local society's share of the revenue from seal sales and the total expenditure.

Half the funds raised locally from the seal sales go for direct support of the Oakland county society. The balance goes toward support of research and similar activities conducted by the national society.

The Easter seal drive's present status, Mrs. Kirkby said, finds 188 active cases being cared for by the Oakland staff of two full-time and four part-time paid workers. They are assisted by a group of volunteers.

Services to these cases include physical and occupational therapy treatments, pre-school training for 10 cerebral palsied children; bedside teaching for 25 hospitalized children, Braille instruction for 11 blind persons and a new educational club for parents of crippled children in which 50 are enrolled.

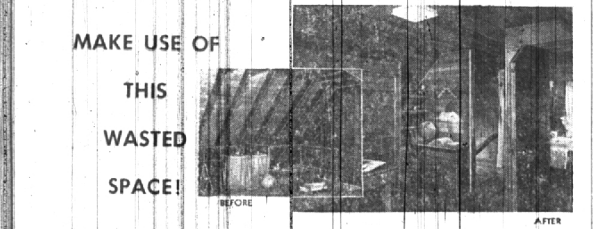
The society also is providing, on both temporary and indefinite-period loans, 10 wheel chairs, nine pairs of crutches and two body lifters. Three pairs of orthopedic shoes have been supplied crippled children this year.

At Air Missile Base

Ronald H. Domeier, airman, U.S.N., son of Mr. and Mrs. Hans Domeier, 3761 Jennings, Troy township, recently reported for duty at the U.S. Navy Air Missile Test Center, Point Mugu, Calif. Prior to entering the navy in October, 1952, he attended Troy High school.

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