

Moon Once Was Romantic—But Look At It Now!

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Do you remember how romantic that round yellow moon used to look, over the shoulder of your best fellow, a few—many—years ago? Now look out the window some cold winter morning when you're getting breakfast in order to get the Commuter (probably that same fellow) off to work. See how different that same moon looks. It hangs there in the sky, cold and sullen, while you droop around the kitchen, your brain foggy with sleep, you reach for the coffee and probably get the sugar-container instead.

But somehow you manage to get the eggs into the pan, the bread into the toaster, and cut the oranges without slicing a finger. And all the while, that once-romantic moon is staring down at you.

MANY HUSBANDS and wives are grumpy in the morning, if comments on that subject can be believed. If both partners are "low" in the morning, the only thing to do is to maintain almost complete silence. In fact, a famous divorce-court judge says:

"Husbands and wives should positively not talk to each other before ten o'clock in the morning—and then only after they've had a good breakfast."

Combinations where one partner is cheerful, the other morose in the morning are very trying. Especially for the grumpy one.

Such grumpings have been known to positively hate anyone who insists on being cheerful at dawn. They just can't understand how anyone can enjoy the sound of an alarm clock. Apparently there are quite a few such combinations.

ONCE THE COMMUTER has started his rush for the 6:51, there depends on the household a short period of great quiet. This time is regarded as very precious by many a housewife. Some are so tired at this point that they drop back into bed for a few more minutes sleep before the children begin to rouse.

Others take this tranquil time to read the new magazine that came yesterday. Those who can get up steam early in the day find it a good time to get on with the ironing, washing or sewing. But these quiet moments are soon ended by the patter of small feet on the stairs.

And so begins the day for the Commuter's Wife—a day when her work will be interrupted often by the Littlest One coming in saying, "Mama, my sled's broke," or "Jimmy has me on the head." And may well end with her wracking her tired brain for enough High School Algebra to help the Oldest One balance an equation.

SHE'LL BE THE family cook and chauffeur and may double as seamstress, laundress, or handyman. She'll put the snow-suits on—and off—a dozen times, settle fights and clean up messes.

All of which would seem to be a heavy burden if it were not for one thing: in her particular job, she's the one worker in all the world who cannot be replaced. She's Mama.

At Georgia Air Base

Serving aboard the Glynn Naval Auxiliary Air Station, Brunswick, Ga., is Donald W. Farr, aviation mechanic (third class), USN, son of Mrs. Rosie W. Farr, 460 Wattle, Troy township, and husband of Mrs. Donna S. Farr, Pontiac.

Day of Prayer To Be Observed In City Feb. 20

Representatives of the Birmingham Council of Church Women are compiling plans for the annual observance of World Day of Prayer, scheduled this year for Feb. 20. The committee, headed by Mrs. R. D. Mager, 1606 Birmingham boulevard, includes Mrs. A. E. Ayers, Mrs. Frank Corraigan, Mrs. George Coleman, Mrs. Maurice Garabrant, Mrs. Hugh McLeese and Mrs. Ruth Norton.

A Birmingham program, to be held at the First Presbyterian church at 19 a.m., will feature the Rev. H. Perry Gresham of Detroit.

AN AFRICAN theme has been selected for the 1953 observance, and will open when Feb. 20 dawns over the International Dateline with Queen Salote of the Tonga Islands and a group of her followers meeting for prayer.

In abundant tongues, these ceremonies will follow the course of the sun around the world, touching wherever there are people who pause to worship God. This is the 60th year in which this globe-circling demonstration of Christian unity has been held.

The Birmingham church women will make a special offering during their program, to be divided between home and foreign missions for the progress of their programs.

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FRED PEW
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WALTER F. SKINNER
(Eccentric Staff Photo)

Advance Contributions Swell Roll Call Funds

Over \$10,000 had been contributed to the 1953 Community House Roll Call by Tuesday morning of this week, it was announced today by Lyman J. Cring, Jr., co-chairman of this year's drive.

Returns from pre-campaign mail requests for donations has been most gratifying, said Cring. "If the cooperation of the people of Birmingham and surrounding areas continues, we should meet our goal of \$40,000 by the end of the drive."

The Roll Call begins Feb. 18 and closes March 2. Nine captains handling business solicitations will meet for a kick-off luncheon today at the Community House.

Walter F. Skinner, in charge of these collections, will instruct section leaders in methods of solicitation. He said 40 additional canvassers will aid these captains in their work.

AT NOON Tuesday, Feb. 10, 54 women, section captains handling house-to-house canvassing of Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills, Bloom-

field Village, Beverly Hills, Foxcroft and Wing Lake, will meet for luncheon at the House.

Mrs. George A. Weinhold, co-chairman of the drive, will preside at this affair. She will be assisted by Mrs. George A. Maxted.

Captains will be requested to come early to organize their work lists for solicitations in their sections.

The captains will be hostesses at coffee meetings in their homes on the opening morning of the Roll Call.

Over 600 added volunteer solicitors will be present at these meetings and many will begin canvassing immediately after receiving instructions from section leaders.

"COOPERATION of section captains has been wonderful," commented Mrs. Weinhold. "Their



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AAUW Providing Special Services To School Groups

Under the sponsorship of the Birmingham A. A. U. W., Doris McMillan, of Detroit, is now serving as the Grandbook Institute of Service to extended school children and explain the exhibits to them.

Her salary, as a part-time teacher, is paid wholly by the AAUW, in an effort to make the services of the institute of even greater importance to children in area schools.

Classes, accompanied by their teachers, are encouraged to use a regular study period for these visits to the Institute where Mrs. McMillan is serving each Wednesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

In arranging the program the AAUW worked closely with Paul Carter, coordinator of elementary education in Birmingham schools and Cranbrook officials. The program was planned to assure each group a method of getting the most out of their visit.

Special tours and lessons now available include avian architecture, spread of plants, weather, continuity of life, energy cycles, planetarium, rock cycles, and many exhibits which are at the Institute.

AAUW members helping set up the program included Mrs. Howard Green, Mrs. H. W. Eadie, Mrs. George A. Capp, Mrs. D. C. Kossiga, Mrs. Alan Gernick and Mrs. Syver Thinsstad.

White Elephant Sale

A white elephant sale will feature the Feb. 11 meeting of St. Catherine's guild of St. James church. The affair will be held at 8 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Fredrick Komelmat, 1937 Stanley.

Mrs. Arthur Hill and Mrs. Maxwell Matthews will aid the hostess in her duties.

Promoted to Corporal In S.C. Military Dist.

Pfc. Philip H. Robb, son of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Fisher Robb, 857 Colonial Court, has been promoted to the grade of Corporal. It was announced recently by officials of the Headquarters, South Carolina Military District, Columbia, S.C.

Corporal Robb is presently assigned to the Armed Forces Training Station as a Classification Specialist. Prior to his entry into the Army in 1951, he was graduated from Princeton University and was a member of the Phi Beta Kappa fraternity.

To buy or sell a used automobile, read and use Eccentric Classified Ads.

Reports To Hutchinson Naval Air Station

James H. Bernard, seaman apprentice, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank E. Bernard, 708 Smith, has reported for duty at the Naval Air Station, Hutchinson, Kansas.

Bernard entered the Navy in 1952 and completed recruit training at the Naval Training Center, San Diego, Calif., prior to his transfer to Hutchinson. He has been assigned to the Security Department.

Red Cross to Sponsor First Aid Class Here

No advance registration is necessary for the standard first aid course which opens Feb. 10, under the sponsorship of the Oakland County Red Cross.

Mrs. W. J. Taylor, 1926 Maryland, motor service chairman, said all classes would be held at the Birmingham Community House, starting at 1 p.m.

James A. Guest, C.P.A. Kenneth E. Wright, C.P.A. and Harold R. McKim, C.P.A.

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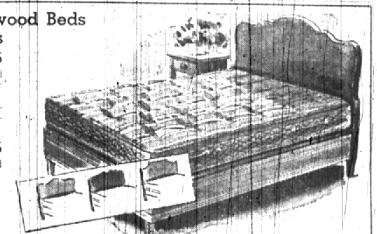
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