

Travel with Children Is Fun for Everyone If Carefully Planned

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A trip by car, with the children along, can be a nightmare for mother.

The family isn't on the road two hours before the kids start fighting. They whine all day for drinks and rest stops. And long before meal-time they begin crying that they're hungry. Every so often dad threatens to stop the car and "thrash them good". By the time mother's stood two weeks of travel, she's decided to give up traveling until the kids are grown.

But children should be taken on trips, for their education isn't complete without some travel. And most parents can't go at all unless they take the children.

A YOUNG MOTHER on our street tells me that they solved most of their travel problems on a trip to Yellowstone last summer.

When they packed the car they put only small cases containing clothing changes in the trunk. The larger cases were placed inside in front of the back seat to make a level platform. They padded it with pillows and blankets and it served as a play space and a good place for naps.

Too, she had bought a supply of small toys, crayons, coloring books and simple games, which she brought out a few at a time, to keep the children busy. She let only two of the three children ride back there at a time, keeping the other one in the front seat.

Each time there was a stop for coffee or car service, she insisted that each child get a drink and go to the restroom. This saved four or five extra stops per day.

A small thermos of water and paper cups took care of it between drinks. And she carried a small kit with a damp washcloth, soap and comb for cleaning the kids up a little as she went along.

FRESH CELERY or carrots, cleaned and cut in strips each day before starting, helped to stave off hunger until meal-time, and stopped most of the whining.

When you're taking the children, it's almost impossible to make fast time and travel late. It's much better to get up early, have a cup of coffee from a thermos filled the night before, and hit the road. The children won't want breakfast early for a couple of hours, for they'll probably sleep in the back seat.

Then if you stop around four in the afternoon, you have your choice of motels and the children can enjoy some active play before dinner.

While dad watches them, mother can slip over to an automatic laundry and run through the seersucker and cotton jersey clothes for the family, to be dried overnight.

Baths all around, a good dinner, and everyone's ready to go to bed early.

Yes, traveling with children can be enjoyable.

Most homeowners are fascinated with the flowers and other vegetation that comes to growth in their yards and gardens every spring. And how very wonderful that Mama Nature performs this miracle with so little help from us!

Medalists Fail In PGA Tourneys, Records Prove

The jinx which traditionally bars the path of medalists in golf tournaments has worked overtime in the PGA championship.

As a result the odds against the player who tops the 96-hole qualifier winning this year's tournament, July 1-7 at Birmingham Country Club, will be at least nine to one.

In the 27 PGAs played since 1924, the earliest that medal play records are available, only three medalists have gone on to win the championship. They were Walter Hagen in 1926, Olin Dutra in 1932 and Byron Nelson in 1945.

In 1939 four pros with 138s shared medal honors but none was able to go the full distance. They were Ben Hogan, Ky Taffan, E. J. (Dutch) Harrison and Emerick Kocis.

Henry Picard captured the championship that year by defeating Byron Nelson, 1 up 37 holes, in the final.

AS LATE AS 1951 at Oakmont there were three co-medalists Pete Cooper, Claude Harmon and Lloyd Mangrum—but none of them was around at the finish. Sam Snead defeated Walter Burkemo in the final.

The qualifying record for the PGA is 134. Jim Ferrie set it in 1946 at Portland, Ore., and Skip Alexander equaled it two years later at St. Louis. Tom Weir made the record a strictly personal one when he was trapped on the final hole.

On three occasions the medalists didn't take the cut until the semifinals. Tom Creavy defeated Gene Sarazen there in 1931 and won the championship the next day. Two years later Jimmy Hines, co-medalist with Mottie Dutra, lost his semifinal match to Willie Goggin.

Seven medalists failed to get past the first round at match play. Of these, Al Watrous put in the sternest battle to stay in. He took Walter Hagen 39 holes at Olympia Field before losing to Jimmy Hines, second of his five PGA championships that year.

Dutch Harrison won the medal with 136 last year at Lovipec, Ky., only to be beaten by Marty Furgit in Round No. 1.

GM Center Design Earns AIA Honors For Eero Saarinen

The Eero Saarinen-designed General Motors Technical Center at Warren has been named top winner in the American Institute of Architects annual honor award program of outstanding American architecture.

The building designed by Saarinen is a research laboratory for testing engines and advancing automotive design.

Saarinen, who came to this country from Finland with his parents in 1923, has won many architectural honors and has achieved high distinction in the related fields of city planning and furniture design. He is head of the firm, Eero Saarinen and associates, with offices in Bloomfield Hills.

Y Cosmopolitan Club Plans Cranbrook Tour

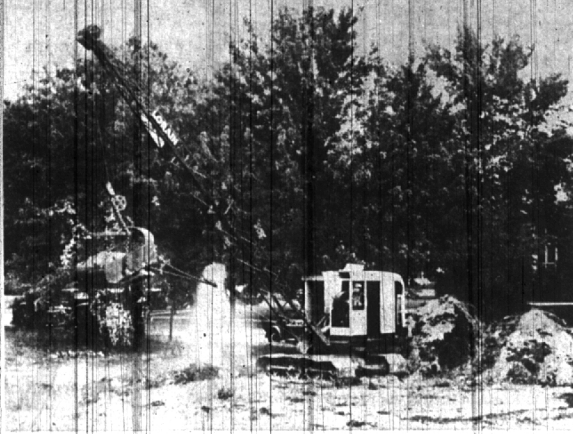
A visit to Cranbrook is included in the summer schedule of the young men and women, members of the YWCA's Cosmopolitan club of Detroit.

The group will visit the institute on June 27 and after a tour of the museum, will continue to Cass lake for a picnic and swimming.

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Birmingham Background

• Local History in Story and Picture •



BACK IN 1939 the U.S. government began construction of its present Birmingham post office at the southeast corner of Bates and Martin. It was dedicated on May 18, 1940, in a civic ceremony which saw the late governor, Laurin Dickinson, giving the principal address. The massive photo shows a crane dragging the topsoil of the site so the basement excavation could begin. At the right background (and across the street) the Baldwin Public Library is visible. Postal headquarters had been in six different locations since the first office was opened here on April 5, 1938, in a store near Maple and Woodward.

Rec Program Opens Doors For Summer

Birmingham's annual city recreational program opened this week with scheduled activities in all sports and skills in every section of the city.

Five playgrounds will be opened daily for children six years and older and will provide facilities for arts and crafts, story telling and dramatics, elementary games, molding, modeling, dress-ups, picnics, contests and other supervised playground activities.

Adams, Quarter and Pierce playgrounds will be opened daily in the mornings with full-day activities scheduled at Terry and Hembree park.

Arnold Bernick, director of music in the Birmingham school system, will direct a complete music program each morning in the Baldwin school gymnasium. A night band group will also be organized.

THE RADIO dramatics group will meet in Barnum school each morning for instruction in directing, organizing, dramatizing, sound effects and production. Mrs. Monzelle Clarke will again head this activity.

Baseball-minded youngsters will find diamonds in operation at the high school, Beach park, Howard park, St. James park, Pierre field, Terry park, Poppleton park, Pembroke park and Zion park.

Beginning golfers may have a chance for instruction at Springdale park if the recreation board receives enough entries.

A daily morning tennis workshop will be conducted on the Hill school courts. Several tournaments have been scheduled. Sally Buck, physical education graduate of Bowling Green University, will supervise the tennis program. Class members must be over nine years old.

A CRAFT SHOP will be offered at Barnum Junior High school each afternoon for youngsters wishing to work with wood, leather, plaster, and other mediums. Although instruction is provided for those who wish to concentrate on specific projects, the shop is also open for those youngsters who wish to stop off for a while and build self-directed articles.

The Barnum swimming pool will operate daily from 12:45 p.m. to 5:15 p.m. Classes will be divided as follows:

Beginning boys (4) 12:45-1:15 p.m.; beginning girls (1) 1:15 to 1:45 p.m.; beginning boys (2) 1:45 to 2:15 p.m.; beginning girls (2) 2:15 to 2:45 p.m.; beginning girls (3) 2:45 to 3:15 p.m.; mixed intermediate 3:15 to 4:15 p.m.; and mixed advanced 4:15 to 5:15 p.m.

Beginning classes consist of non-swimmers who are able to stand on the bottom of the pool and keep their chins above the water. Youngsters are tall enough to participate if they measure 40 inches below their chins to the floor without shoes.

GIRLS ARE required to bring suits, soap, towel, and rubber caps. Trunks, soap and towel are enough for the boys.

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Farrell Speaks At Award Dinner

Frank R. Pierce Foundation fellowships for advanced study in agriculture were awarded at a National Award Dinner to four outstanding agricultural agents from Ohio, Montana, North Dakota and Kentucky.

The fellowships were presented Thursday in Detroit.

Each fellowship provides a grant of \$2,000 in addition to the tuition fee for nine months of advanced study in agriculture at the institution selected by the fellowship winner.

Thomas A. Farrell, president of Dearborn Motors, was the speaker at the award dinner. The foundation was established

by the 32 Dearborn distributors in the United States in memory of a late Frank R. Pierce, first president of Dearborn Motors. Its purpose is to give outstanding county agents, associate and assistant county agents an opportunity to increase their knowledge and develop their abilities for greater service to agriculture.

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