

# Mother Isn't Sorry To See the Opening Of School Draw Near

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Along toward the end of August, most mothers long for the opening of school.

It's not so much that mother wishes an education for Bill, Bruce, Darcy and Jane. It's just that she can't stand the little darlings any longer. Loving her children with all her heart, she still feels that if vacation lasted another month, she'd land in an institution.

For one by one the neighborhood children have come back from camps and vacations. Play equipment that was so novel in June has lost its charm. Plastic pools are probably the worse for wear. Any game or activity that mother suggests is quickly vetoed by the youngsters. They're bored and restless.

AND SO back-yard fighting has reached an absolute new pitch. Mother may be more than busy putting produce down into the freezer, or sewing small dresses and skirts, yet her work is constantly interrupted while she listens to the injuries of one crying child after another, confiscates long sticks, baseball bats and other lethal weapons, or goes out to send half the kids home so the other half can play in peace.

A few phone calls from neighbors saying, "Your Tommy has just hit my Michael, who's only two," or "Your Jerry-Lou has climbed up on our garage," and mama is fit to be tied.



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NOR ARE THE bigger youngsters much easier to handle. They arise at mid-morning (mother has let them sleep thinking to occupy some of their time) and roll around the house watching TV and raiding the refrigerator.

The only thing that will get them out of the house is the mention of housework or chores—and then they disappear with the speed of a hawtizer shell, leaving mother to worry about where they are and what they're up to.

Contrasted with their illness, mother has worked like a beaver. She's spent hours shopping for school clothes and fitting the kids with new shoes. She's seen to dental check-ups and waited in doctors' offices with the children for their physical examinations.

She's doled out money for pencils, crayons, rulers and gadgets, visited the barber with the boys and perhaps gone through the ordeal of home permanents for the girls. The kids are ready for school.

AND SO, dear teachers, we mothers hand our children over to you with a sigh of relief. Perhaps, rested by a summer away from them, you can cope with 40 where two or three have managed to wear us out.

We appreciate all your work with them, and we admire your fortitude. It's a miracle that one person can contend with the presence of the handful of these squirming little demons, to say nothing of meeting curriculum requirements.

Praise heaven, we do have you who will take on the job of training them and are well qualified to do so!

But, if you never taught them a thing, we'd still be glad school is starting!

In reality, there is absolutely no excuse for one "to get mad" at another, regardless of the provocation. For when one is a tepper he says and does things that he later regrets; in why not emphasize the constant need for keeping a cool head!

# The Birmingham Eccentric

## Birmingham Background

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### Eccentric Extra!

SEVEN O'CLOCK P.M. SATURDAY, JULY 26, 1881.

#### A NATION IN MOURNING!!

### President Garfield shot by the Assassin Charles Gitteau, at Washington.

A disappointed office-seeker named Charles Gitteau shot President Garfield at the Baltimore & Potomac R. R. depot this morning at 5:30. The ball entered above the third rib on the right side. Dr. Beckwith, one of the attendants, for physicians telegraphed at 2:50 p.m., that

THE PRESIDENT MUST DIE.

and cannot possibly live the remainder of the night. The feeling is intense, and the news of the tragedy is received everywhere with extreme indignation against the assassin, and the wildest excitement prevails throughout the land.

The assassin was promptly arrested and safely imprisoned, and will no doubt meet his just reward.

### LATER—President died at 8 p.m.

This small, single sheet of paper—measuring 5 by 7 inches—was the first Extra issued by The Birmingham Eccentric, July 2, 1881, on the assassination of President Garfield.

The information received "Later" proved erroneous for the President lived on for 80 days.

After the President's death on Sept. 19, 1881, the following issue of The Eccentric was in "mourning." It was printed with wide black column rules and heavy black type, standard practice of newspapers of the day.

Stores in Birmingham were appropriately draped with black crepe on the day of the President's funeral and business places were closed during the funeral hours.

### Finds New Use Of Wonder Drug Is Aid to Blind

A new hope for sufferers of certain eye and optic nerve ailments and a new use of ACTH, recent "wonder drug" was revealed this month by the noted medical writer Paul de Kruif in Reader's Digest. One of the two men responsible for this hope and discovery is Dr. James E. Quinn of Birmingham, whose office is in Pontiac.

Dr. Quinn, working with Dr. William Q. Wolfson of Ann Arbor, pioneered in the research of applying ACTH in the treatment of the eyes. They discovered that the drug would combat desperately recurring and chronic inflammation deep in the eyes and optic nerves.

IN CONDUCTING their research, they showed that patients whose disease was local, such as the eye, stood doses of ACTH far better than those whose illness involved the whole body.

During the course of their tests, the two doctors took many "hopeless" cases, persons who had had every known treatment and had been dismissed as treatment failures.

Dr. Quinn and Wolfson treated every case individually and kept raising the ACTH dosage until their patients could see again, or until they dared give no more hormones.

AMONG THEIR test cases was a woman, blind for 30 days, who could distinguish light from dark after a month of constantly increased doses of ACTH. Four months of treatment brought her vision to normal, a condition which holds.

A man who had only 10 per

cent vision in his right eye and 30 in his left, received huge doses and within 50 days had normal sight in the left eye.

ACTH helped 54 out of 66 persons, the research showed, with only three having to stop taking the treatment because of ill effects of the drug. Only two of the 54 have had vision relapses.

Dr. Quinn, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Rowland Quinn, 451 Park, is a graduate of Baldwin high school. He studied medicine at the University of Michigan, graduating in 1948, and remained in Ann Arbor as an intern with an additional three years of residence there.

### Red Cross Starts Plans for October Volunteer Class

The Oakland County chapter of the American Red Cross will open its new training course for volunteers to help servicemen and their families at the Community House at 9:30 a.m., Oct. 15.

Volunteers themselves, will help set up the exact schedule of their 30 hours of instruction in social work. Red Cross regulations and community resources available.

Training will be in charge of Mrs. Everett C. Sparlock, home service director, and Mrs. F. S. Johnson of Pleasant Ridge, home service committee chairman.

THESE VOLUNTEERS work with the Red Cross staff in helping active servicemen and their families. They also act as "liaison men" in emergency cases where civilians need help.

A college education or its equivalent, an interest in people and a desire to help people in trouble are the aide's best qualifications. Volunteers should contact Mrs. Johnson or Mrs. Sparlock at the Royal Oak and Pontiac offices for details of the work.

### Helty Bass Taken From Walnut Lake

There's fish in that there Walnut Lake. Doubtless can be referred to Tom Unger, son of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Unger of Parker drive, Royal Oak, who landed a three pound, 18 inch long large-mouth bass last week. The youngster's success was attributed to a jitterbug lure on a spinning rod.

### MRS. K. E. MATUS

pupil of the late Leopold Godowsky is now residing in Birmingham at 249 Aspen Road, and is ready to accept piano pupils for the fall and winter season.

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### PLAY IT SAFE! A Careless Smoker Is A Menace!

Careless smoking causes 80 per cent of home fires. These fires do not occur in homes where smoking materials are disposed of properly and smoking is limited to safe areas.

#### COMMON-SENSE SMOKING HINTS

1. Smoke in safe places. "No Smoking" areas in the home include beds, closets, attics and work bench when wood shavings are around or flammable liquids are being used.

2. Use ash trays with built-in safety features. Desirable built-in safety features are low center of gravity, adequate size (at least four inches diameter) and cigarette rests above the interior of the tray, or sloped toward the interior.

3. PLACE ASH trays conveniently for use. Plenty of ash trays, distributed for easy use, contribute to the pleasure and safety of smoking.

4. Dispose of ash tray contents so fires won't start. The silent butler or other covered metal container is a safe place to empty ash trays. It's far better to leave ash trays unemptied a few hours than to empty them in unsafe places.

5. BE CAREFUL with matches. When "lighting up" out doors and in other areas where ash trays are not available it is particularly important that the match is out before being tossed away. It is a good idea not to discard the match until the head is cool enough to touch.

6. Keep awake while smoking. "PLAY IT SAFE." Too many lives are lost and homes destroyed by sleepy smokers whose cigarettes fall on their clothes, upholstered furniture or bedding.

Birmingham Fire Department

### Early Copy Next Week, Please!

What with Labor Day arriving next Monday, The Eccentric's work-week will be only 4½ days instead of the usual 5½. Therefore, for the issue of Thursday, Sept. 10, all

NEWS, DISPLAY AND CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING SHOULD BE SUBMITTED AT THE EARLIEST MOMENT

to facilitate and insure its publication.

### Again — EARLY COPY NEXT WEEK, PLEASE!

### Heads Carboloy's Ad, Sales Depts.

Charles E. St. Thomas, 1892 Graefield, has been named manager-advertising and sales promotion at the Carboloy Department of General Electric Company, according to an announcement by J. E. Welby, manager-marketing.

St. Thomas had been news bureau manager since August 1952 when he joined the Carboloy Department after release from 12 months active duty with the Air Force. Prior to that time he was with the general news bureau of the General Electric Company in Schenectady.

St. Thomas also was administrative assistant to the president at the University of Bridgeport, Connecticut, during 1949-50.

He is filling a post formerly held by E. C. Howell who died recently.

You will find many bargains in The Eccentric Classified Columns.

### Democratic Club Board Discusses Fall Programs

Members of the Birmingham Democratic club's board of directors met Sept. 2 at the Greenwood avenue home of Mrs. Dorothy Roosevelt.

Under discussion was the fund raising program of the state finance committee and the Labor Day Rally at Pontiac, at which Gov. G. Mennen Williams will be one of the speakers.

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