

There comes a time in the relations of parents with their children when the child MUST be given the right to "string" things, letting the youngsters carve out their own lives. When asked, give me advice, otherwise it will ruin your life, which always needs meddling.

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Clean-Up Drive To Start Monday

Several Birmingham organizations stand ready to make the city's clean-up, fix-up program, May 1 to May 10, an effective program to raze the city's unsightly lawns and streets and to repair and paint weathered homes and business places.

The campaign, sparked by both the Birmingham Garden Club and the Birmingham Kiwanis Club, will include clearing out attics, basements and garages from waste of unusued material that present a fire or health hazard.

City employees and local Boy Scout units will join in making Birmingham a real contestant in the city's first and largest street clean-up contest sponsored by the National Clean-Up, Paint-Up, Fix-Up Bureau, Washington, D. C.

Mayor Charles Renfrew has issued a proclamation citing the first 10 days in May as the dates for this community-wide activity.

BIRMINGHAM Garden Club members were first to outline plans for the city's clean-up program almost two months ago as the Birmingham Branch of the Woman's National Farm and Garden Association, Inc.

Birmingham Kiwanians were quick to do their part in publicizing the program and have set up their own operations to make this campaign a success.

Boy Scout troops will make an all-out effort to collect waste paper throughout the city during May 8. Scouts plan to make the collection on a door-to-door basis to help all householders clear storage areas of old newspapers and magazines.

According to city department of public works head Robert S. Howell, the city will be collecting material that is larger than rubbish pickup regulations permit. This material will be taken to areas within and outside of residential areas that are collectors of waste.

Scope of the clean-up program is limited at city streets and sidewalks, stores, lawns and gardens and both the interiors and exteriors of homes. Within a 10-day period, campaign backers hope to eliminate health and fire hazards and beautify the entire city.

In conjunction with local health officers and city officials will end the program and reports will be made to headquarters in Washington for cost judging.

BIRMINGHAM Garden Club campaign chairman Mrs. William S. Howell explains, "Many Birmingham residents believe that their city is the cleanest community in the metropolitan Detroit area and are satisfied with existing conditions. We all know that there are many eye-sores that need cleaning up and the beauty of our city could be greatly enhanced if everyone joined in this drive."

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City to Appeal Circuit Ruling

An Oakland county circuit injunction, which if allowed to stand, would prevent the city of Birmingham from enforcing single family zoning requirements on a triangle of land adjacent to the Grand Trunk railroad, is to be carried on a general appeal to the Michigan supreme court, city commissioners ordered Monday night.

On the recommendation of counsel, former supreme court justice Clark Adams, the commission instructed him to have the trial court record printed and forwarded to the higher court.

Appearing before the commission to report personally on the case, Adams said it was his opinion that the city has "better than a 50-50 chance" of getting the lower court's decision reversed.

It was expected that the decree would be entered yesterday, after which the city has 30 days in which to file an appeal.

CITY OFFICIALS and neighborhood residents for more than a year have resisted any attempts to have the residence zoning set aside, claiming it can be developed as a dwelling area.

Plaintiffs in their testimony, said the area would not be used to its best advantage as presently zoned.

Adams pointed out to commissioners two main reasons why he believes the higher court will uphold the city's zoning.

First, Adams' zoning Judge Doty did not give enough weight to testimony of the defendants that the present zoning was reasonable.

SECOND, Judge Doty's insertion into the record of the best use was for business, according to Adams, was a legislative act and not a judicial act.

"I don't believe the court can tell you what to do—just what you can't do," Adams explained.

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County Proposal For West Lincoln Is Protested

Oakland county road commission plans to extend W. Lincoln avenue from its present terminus at Cranbrook through the Mercer farm to Lake Park, but the Mercer family may be altered following a meeting held Thursday night.

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CONTRACTED following the meeting, Leon Belknap, engineer of the road commission, said the commission desires to cooperate in the Lincoln development in the best interest of surrounding communities.

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A Trashy Situation

Charged with violating Birmingham's rubbish ordinance, Edward H. Konarski, 847 Toledo, Detroit, is free on \$15,000 bond to appear Friday in justice court. Police say Konarski dumped rubbish on a Birmingham side street.

STRICTLY FRESH
There are some Washington officials who are more deserving of the Oscar than some of the actors in Hollywood.

Communism is almost as big an election issue here as it is in Russia.
What this country needs is a five-cent cup of coffee that sells for just the same.

Many of those who spend hours watching ballgames being torn down are those whose lives have gone in the same direction.
A divorce is usually easier to get than forget.
All makes of cars require passenger seat repair. ROYAL MARTINS COMPANY. Dial 7-6321 and ask for R12345678910.

Ball to Head C of C for Second Year

Election of three new directors, a new flow of the past year's activities, and a talk by Lee A. White, 652 Brookside, comprised the program at the annual dinner meeting of the Birmingham Chamber of Commerce, held Wednesday night of last week at the Community House.

The three new directors are Mark H. Beas, Herman E. Erke, and Arthur F. Blakalek.

A special board meeting Tuesday morning, J. M. Ball, 381 Shirlee, was re-elected president of the organization.

Henry L. Sellers, 625 Ridgedale, was named vice president; Herman E. Erke, Brady Lane, Bloomfield Hills, treasurer; and Charles H. Mortensen, re-elected board secretary.

J. M. Ball, president, gave his personal report of the Chamber's local activities. Among them he listed as most important the work done by a special committee on parking problems, staging of the annual pre-Christmas shopping night, Christmas street and store decorations, and the children's Christmas program when 2,000 youngsters attended local free movies.

Ball also included the efforts of local merchants to help the city handle trash collections in the business districts, the chamber's study and comment to city officials relative to the budget, aid in winning approval for the two new city fire stations, and assisting in the annual city Hallown' party.

MANAGER of the Chamber of Commerce, Charles Mortensen, revealed his office handled a monthly average of 500 telephone calls and 200 office calls from the public together with numerous other similar activities affecting the community.

Not only that, but Oakland's mail also has going astray to various religiously named institutions in the county, as well as to Dearborn, and the trustees begin to worry about what might happen to patients when the new hospital opens.

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Above, Dr. Ed Christian consoles a young Troy township pupil as the nurse prepares the next syringe in Big Beaver school. Under the Troy program, 259 children were expected to participate in the program with 126 receiving the vaccine at the Big Beaver school. Other Troy centers were set up at Poppleton and Log Cabin schools. Dr. Robert Manson, head of the Oakland County Medical Society, estimated that about 50 percent of the children eligible were taking advantage of the program, a percentage that he felt was heartening. (Eccentric Photo)

Mayor Exchange Plans Set

Birmingham City Commissioner James C. Allen is going to be mayor-for-a-day of the Village of Emmett, Michigan, on May 5 when a state wide exchange of mayors will take place.

James A. Beresford, mayor of Bloomfield Hills, and William S. Connelley, mayor of Grosse Pointe Farms, who are slated to swap places, have both announced that they will participate in the exchange.

Both Renfrew and Mayor Pro Tem V. B. Watkins had declined to participate in the exchange because of pressing business affairs.

Connelly will join Beresford in Bloomfield Hills during the morning of May 6 for a tour of the city.

In the afternoon both men will go to Grosse Pointe Farms. After a tour there, they will attend a dinner at which all the visiting mayors of the six community Grosse Pointe area are expected to be in attendance.

"I am looking forward to this event as an opportunity to exchange ideas on the problems confronting small cities such as ours and Grosse Pointe Farms," said Beresford.

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Nine Auto Thefts Cleared by Arrest Of Four Juveniles

Nine auto thefts in Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills have been cleared by the arrest of four Birmingham youths, aged 13 to 15, according to Lt. Henry Timm, chief of the Birmingham police department.

Timm said two of the youths were arrested Monday night when patrolmen spotted a car, answering the description of one stolen auto in the driveway of an unlighted home on Fairfax.

Two youths ran from the car and officers caught them covering in a neighboring garage.

THE BOYS' admitted having stolen the car and implicated two others in their thefts.

"This sort of thing is deadly serious. If the youngsters are not tried to elude police in the city, they might have been shot. If this sort of thing continues, some kids are bound to be killed," Timm warned.

Because of their ages, The Eccentric withheld the youths' names.

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County School Supt. Explains 1/2-Mill Tax to Aid Handicapped

On June 14, at the annual school board elections in the Birmingham area and throughout Oakland county, voters will be given a ballot on which they will be asked to voice their opinion whether or not handicapped children in the county will be given a chance to be educated, according to William J. Emerson, Oakland county superintendent of schools.

The ballot proposal will be to increase the county operating millage by not more than 1/2 mill to provide funds for necessary facilities and instructors to enable the county to carry on an educational program for the handicapped children.

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THE HOSPITAL will be named the "William Beaumont Hospital." It was announced today in honor of Dr. William C. Beaumont, army surgeon at Fort Mackinac in 1822 who made a major contribution to medicine more than 100 years ago.

The Beaumont story is internationally known in professional circles and is a part of medical textbooks the world over. It is better known in current literature as the story of Beaumont's patient, Alexis St. Martin, a French Canadian, a seaman who lived to be eighty with the aid of a stomach permitting a successful physiological experiment.

Commemorative with Augustus Woodward, who laid out the city of Detroit and for whom Woodward Hospital was named.

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Thieves Hit Car Lot

Tires, wheels and hub caps worth \$175 were reported stolen from the Harold Turner, Inc. used car lot at 464 S. Woodward Monday night, Birmingham police said.

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VFW Jurisdictional Battle On in Troy

The question of which VFW post governs Troy township continues to puzzle Troy board members.

Hampden Post, 1782 Hartshorn, member of the Clawson VFW post, challenging the right of Royal Oak township post 9507 to operate a carnival within Troy's boundaries.

THIS and THAT

By G.R.A.

MARGARET BURKE-WHITE IS A GREAT REPORTER —PHOTOGRAPHER

One evening last week a rather famous American woman talked to members of the Friends of the Baldwin Public Library. Her name is Margaret Burke-White, and she is a leading photographer on the staff of the magazine Life.

Not only is she famous for her ability to photograph a variety of people and scenes from this earth, but she is equally well known for her talent in the field of authorship, with several best-seller books to her credit.

She described several of her photographic assignments for Life, including one in an African jungle where she photographed the home-life of a white English girl who married an educated African tribal chief.

SHE SPOKE about the work involved in taking pictures of Mahatma Gandhi, the famous spiritual leader in India, and about her experiences in photographing American and South Korean soldiers in Korea.

One fact of Miss Burke-White's personality that is not known to all who heard her was the tenacity of purpose with which she tackles photographic assignments for Life magazine.

In numerous instances, she may have to stay close to a situation or persons for weeks, in order to set the stage for the exact photographic reporting she seeks to accomplish.

Although a top photographer, she does possess the same old-fashioned reporter's drive known as a "nose for news." She wants that type of action background in her pictures that "tell a story." She may take a score of pictures of a face just to get the right expression.

WHILE THE popular conception of a magazine or newspaper reporter-photographer may be the "hard-boiled" type, Miss Burke-White exemplified the mannerism of a modern reporter.

She has one of the most ingratiating smiles I have ever seen in a reporter. Her speaking voice is gentle, and her words are selected in such a style that even the most exacting English teacher would give her praise.

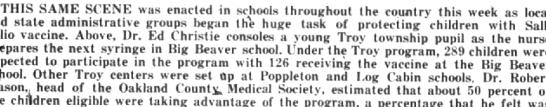
She had just returned from a hurried trip to the dust bowl area in Colorado... pictures of which you'll probably see in the current feature issue of the magazine she works for.

Her appearance here was a very pleasing one to all who saw and heard her... and, may I add as an editor, a mighty good piece of public relations for life... upper or lower case "L".

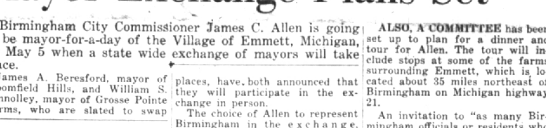
Our national debt now stands at \$275,000,000,000. The annual interest rate on this debt is about \$7,000,000,000. The figure slightly more than the total federal budget was in 1947. The total government has an obligation of \$4,250 on every present job-holder in the United States.



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