

Boring, Boisterous Birmingham Boys

In every town, in any year, there seem to be one or two stores that for some unknown and unexplainable reason, are headquarters for the young people of the town. These congregational centers today have their difficulties and always have had, as an item in the Birmingham Eccentric of 1880 discloses.

"Our storekeepers all agree that the greatest nuisance and the most troublesome loafers are the noon school boys. You will find them in the stores at noon, trying the coffee mills, monkeying with the scales, noisy, swaggering, boisterous and a great bore."

Boys haven't changed much in 73 years.

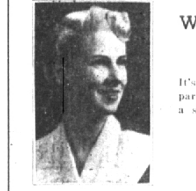
WE HEARD IT SAID BY:
S. K. RHOE, 316 Oakland: "I believe that Birmingham has a very good Police Chief in Ralph Moxley. He is alert to problems that lie within his jurisdiction and is surrounding himself with a group of able and courteous officers in his department."



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We have just come down off the bridge and beg to report that the cargo is shifting. The picnic stuff—coffee pots, aprons and table cloths (some of the latter have been used for auxiliary sails) have been moving smartly but, some things which involve—after their acquisition by someone—an indeterminate but nonetheless substantial amount of personal labor are throwing the ship out of kilter and these things are one REO POWERMOWER and some very good HAND LAWN-MOWERS from Karachi and a LAMBERT LAWN-SWEEPER picked up from some deck hands in Istanbul for a song (Beer Barrel Polka), a truly wonderful copper and brass 15 gallon tank sprayer from the India Bazaars, some Mexican Glass from (of all places) Mexico and hand blown (which intrigues no end) and ugly, ill shaped brown and black pottery that would appeal to no one except perhaps, a real lover of the intoxicating, exotic beauty of brown and black pottery, et cetera.

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THE COMMUTER'S WIFE

'Family Secretary' Can Ease Her Job By Planning Ahead

By HELEN BRUNSON
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What about Mom's letter-writing, now that the summer season is about over?
"I'm behind with it as usual," the girl next door says.
"I hate it," another housewife says, summing up the attitude of many women toward letter-writing.
Yet most of the letter-writing for the family falls on mother. It's a common thing for a husband to come home and ask his wife: "Have you written my mother this week?"
In addition to the obligatory family letters, there are thank-yous to friends for hospitality and for gifts, plus letters to old friends whom you'll lose if you don't "keep in touch."

BUT THE letter-writer wouldn't consider writing such hard work if she could be around when her letters are received. She'd see a grand-dad opening her letter with trembling fingers, smiling as he reads the details she's included about what small Johnny's up to, and hear him say "Just like our John used to do—remember, mother?"
Or she'd see her college roommate of five or ten years ago, reading and re-reading the letter received that day. And hear "Good old Nan. She hasn't changed at all!"
So how can mom make letter-writing easier?

FIRST, SHE can keep the tools for the job right at hand, the typewriter out with a sheet of paper in it, ready to go, or the notepaper at hand on the desk with pens and stamps right there, too. Then she can use snatches of time for the job, minutes that would otherwise be wasted.
Second, she can set a regular time for writing, say each Thursday morning, or maybe the first day of each month.
Having something ready to say, makes writing easier, too. So if mom will keep a paper pad around the kitchen and jot down interesting bits of her life as she thinks of them, she'll have the hardest part of the job done, and will avoid relating the banal and boring letter that results from writing just generalities.

For an old friend to whom you seldom write, the "My Day" letter is fun, and much appreciated. Tell her what you do—chronologically, on a typical day in your life.
TO A GRANDMOTHER, address a letter presumably written by your pre-school child and signed "Johnny."
"My mother asked me to write today, as she's busy with her Woman's club. I have my water paints out and am making a picture. I just spilled the water. That's why my mother hates to have me use paints instead of crayons," and so on. It will make grandmother smile.
And mom should remember that her letters speak for her. They can be the obviously "duty" type, hurriedly written and not saying very much. Or, they can convey all the thoughts she really feels for the persons she's writing to.

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An old New Englander was reputed to be well informed, but so very lazy that the new pastor asked him how much he had contrived to learn so much.
He replied, "I just honed it in here and there and I was too lazy to forget it."
Bygones—What do you think about my kissing you?
Ruth: "I'd rather have you do it than think about it."
"What I want to see," said the unmentioned girl in the beauty contest, is a group photograph of the judges' wives."

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District Schools Named for Areas Streets, Persons

How do Birmingham district schools get their names?
Superintendent of Schools Dwight H. Ireland says that new schools are named after the street they are on or after the subdivision in which they are located.
"Let's look at the older schools. How did they get their names?" Baldwin elementary school, built in 1918.
Adams elementary school, built in 1927.
In 1927 Quarton school was built on the former farm of Fred Quarton.
Pierce school faces on Pierce street which was named after Benjamin Pierce. He acquired land from the government but never settled on it.
HILL SCHOOL was formerly known as the Birmingham Union school until 1915 when it was named for the Rev. S. N. Hill. Mr. Hill was a Presbyterian minister who worked for the erection of the schoolhouse in 1869.
Barnum junior high school was named after Horace Barnum, an early village blacksmith on whose farm the school was eventually built in 1915.
Birmingham High, Walnut Lake elementary, Franklin elementary and Bloomfield Village elementary schools were named after the areas in which they are located. The high school was built in 1952; Walnut Lake in 1947; Franklin in 1945 and Bloomfield Village in 1946.
Tertiary elementary school was

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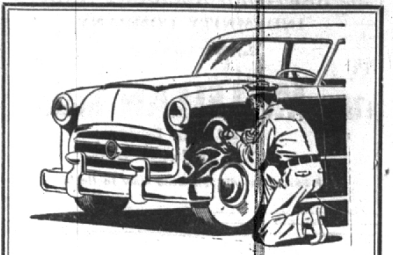
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