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COMMUTER'S WIFE
Parents' Vacation Without Children Has Own Problems

By HELEN BRUNSON
Special Writer for The Birmingham Eccentric

Some times parents think longingly of a vacation away from the children.

Mother pictures herself lounging in an air-conditioned hotel room, perhaps enjoying breakfast in bed, for the first time since she was in the hospital with her last baby.

She foresees long lazy days, get a haps at some resort with no cooking to do and where the heaviest work she'll do all day is lift a golf club. Where she can dress herself for dinner in a leisurely fashion without having to bathe and dress two or three other people first, then worry for fear they'll get dirty while she throws on her own clothes.

DAD LOOKS forward to his days of driving, when he can concentrate on the road without having two or three kids in the back seat either settling on his neck every few miles, whining for drinks and snacks or even "When are we going home?"

He sees himself going to a big league ball game without having to explain to the children why he can't take them.

"Being able to visit relatives without having his every sentence interrupted, or actually sleeping late some morning without shouting youngsters waking him up."

YES, BOTH mother and dad need to deserve a vacation away from the children once in a while, even if some piece of equipment for the house has to be sacrificed to provide the funds.

So they look all over for the proper baby tender, and settle a myriad of details around the house. They make reservations, acquire a few tickets for Broadway shows, or engage a guide to take them into the wilderness fishing.

And they take off with high expectations for a perfect rest and of getting reacquainted without the hubbub that has surrounded them so long.

THEY DO have the good driving they'd anticipated. Accommodations are good and the entertainment all they'd hoped for.

But there is obviously something missing. They find they haven't nearly so much to talk about as they'd thought. In fact, quite a bit of their conversation centers around the children.

Mother thinks about what's going on at home. Will the sitter see that Jerry Lou's hair is braided each morning? Will Susie get away with not practicing her piano lessons? Will Bill ride his bike into the street the way he has a time or two?

AND DAD remarks that the grass sure will be high when he gets home. He wonders to himself if he really did shut off the water in the basement the way he'd intended to so the kids can't turn the hose on. And he recalls the sage remarks Bill's made lately.

Yes, mother and dad can have their vacation away from the children. They deserve it and they'll enjoy it. But the best part of it will be getting home. They'll be happier to do that than they were to leave.

For they are now a family, not just two people going off for a holiday the way they did 10 or 15 years ago. And no distance in miles can separate good parents from their children, even in their thoughts.

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Former Residents Return for Visit

Former Birmingham residents now living in Brooklyn, N. Y., Mr. and Mrs. Albert Graves, Jr., have returned to this area with daughter Patricia Ann, seven months.

They are spending a week in Ferndale with Mr. and Mrs. Harold Northup, Patricia Ann's grandparents, before going on to Indiana and Kansas. This is the first time that the Northups have seen their granddaughter.

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Have You Met

Mr. and Mrs. V. E. Boyd, recent arrivals from Alliance, Nebraska, who are living at 969 S. Cleithrum drive? Included in the family are Sandy, who will enter the University of Michigan in the fall, and Dick, who will be a sophomore at Birmingham high school. Boyd is employed at American Metal as special assistant to the president. He is a Shriner. Both of the Boyds graduated from business college in Omaha, Nebraska.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Grant Jr. and family who are living at 1452 Buckingham? They moved to their present home early in June from Bedford. Before that they were living in Cincinnati, Ohio, but are originally from Denver. The Grants have three children.

July 13, Diane 10, and Jimmy Mrs. C. A. Grant, Sr. of Denver "almost" 22. Grant, a senior at, and their nephew Bobby who recently executive for the E. L. Polk recently spent a short visit with them, were with the Grants for the verity. Grant's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Grant.

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The prospective bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Charles Seager of Essex, England. Corsages of pink carnations given to the guests with the couple's name attached told of the engagement. Tea tables were decorated in pink and white.

Sally, now living in New York city, went to Sweet Briar college in Virginia and Katherine Gibbs in New York city. Her fiancé is a graduate of Oxford. He now makes his home in New York city. The wedding is planned for July 23 in New York city.

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