

We are told that the earth exists for man... and it is always manifest that, as we move from earth to heaven or in return...

THS and THAT

By George R. Averill

Do Boys Give Up Marbles To Their School Teachers?

Contrasted with today, I think the discipline exacted by teachers and principals of public schools a generation ago were much stronger, perhaps relatively better. Too often these days we read about rampaging students who are veritable "anarchists," rebelling against the law and order necessary to operate, in this case, our schools. This contention is due to a number of conditions, of course. Perhaps, though, the best cure for it will be a stricter control of youth within the home itself. It is difficult for teachers to get obedience from students when the parents too themselves fail to require equal deportment at home.

ALL OF which sends me back a good many years to remembrance of the manner in which a Miss Peterson, principal, and her teaching staff handled pupils in Old Denham grade school in Cleveland, Ohio.

I never recall any teacher having administered a corporal punishment on any boy or girl. But I do know that every classroom operated on the basis that the teacher was boss and that she and/or he was entitled to, and generally received, the respect of the student body. As an example of such discipline, there comes to mind a requirement Miss Peterson imposed upon every boy; he was not allowed to have in his possession, during school hours, any marbles.

IF HE WERE caught with some, they were taken away—indeed, believe that Miss Peterson probably had the largest collection of marbles in the whole State of Ohio!

At the close of every morning and afternoon session, all the pupils had to march, orderly, down a long hall and then out the big front door. Marbles were placed on a provided from a huge grand piano, located on the main first floor. Marbles were placed on the piano always stood before that piano and observed this flow of traffic.

Her X-ray vision always watched for bulges in boys' pockets, and boys who were caught with marbles had to hand over what marbles he then had.

IN THIS performance, would you say that Miss Peterson was a sort of "thief-taker," a "lawful thief"?... for she never gave marbles back to the boys.

Her tabu against possessing (See THIS & THAT, Pg. 2, Sec. 1)

Groceries Cause More Concern Than Broken Ankle

A patch of ice caused Carol Moore, 22, of 444 Henrietta, to suffer a broken ankle in a Woodward avenue sidewalk fall Saturday. But Miss Moore thought of at the time was the two bags of groceries she was carrying when she fell.

Police officers delivered the groceries for her. Moore, a nurse, is employed by a local physician.

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Richard J. Wilson Honored With JCC '55 Service Award

Richard J. Wilson, 1492 E. Maple, last Thursday was honored by the Birmingham Junior Chamber of Commerce, when he was presented with its annual Distinguished Service award, at a banquet at Devon Gables.

Wilson is president and general manager of the Wilson Drug company. He also is president of the Birmingham Exchange club and last spring was sales and publicity manager for that group's drive which raised over \$1600 for other lands.

OTHER ACTIVITIES include membership on the Chamber of Commerce board, and serving as membership chairman for that organization. He also is member of the Foundation and Junior Achievement drives.

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Want to Pay Part Of Assessment For Parking Lot

Although surrounded by parking lots, William and Robert Barry this week hired an attorney to try and get them a chunk of municipal parking in the lot proposed north of Hamilton street.

Their attorney, Carl F. Ingraham, told the city commission Monday night that the Barrys would sign waivers of notice if the city would include them in the 3-A special assessment district.

He explained the city parking ordinance requires parking within 300 feet of their flower shop on Willis street, which must be remedied because the widening of Willis requires the front of the shop. The remodeling can't be done until parking is provided.

League Meeting Set

A county-wide meeting for Oakland citizens has been called for Tuesday, Feb. 28, 8 o'clock. The meeting, sponsored by the Citizens League, will be held at Berkley elementary school, 2500 Cassia.

Wow!

TALK ABOUT RESULTS... IS A 21 MILL WOOD RUG (YES, IT'S A rug) that will be used in the new \$100,000 national headquarters of the Gleaner Life Insurance Society at Woodward and Big Beaver Rd. (1.5 Mile Rd.), Bloomfield Township, Michigan.

THE GLEANER Life Insurance Society was organized in 1894 at Caro, Michigan, as a national fraternal benefit society, issuing life, accident and health insurance. It has occupied its present location at Woodward and Palmer since 1909.

From Salzburg, Austria

Scholarship Brings Tim Year in Bham

Two students from across the world have been getting acquainted with Birmingham, and Birmingham high school students have been getting acquainted with the pair. Margaret Davis, 17, of New Zealand, and Ekhard Dorfmann, 17, of Salzburg, Austria, Birmingham high school juniors, are the first American Field Service scholars to study here under the foreign exchange program.

The Eccentric this week introduces a series of four articles written by the students themselves, which they give their reactions to life in Birmingham, comparing it with life in their own lands.

MARGARET, whose father owns a large sheep farm back home, makes her Birmingham home with Mr. and Mrs. Lawton C. Tabor, 18280 Devonshire. Mrs. Tabor is American Field Service Birmingham committee chairman.

Ek, as his friends call him, lives with Dr. and Mrs. Edwin W. Deer, 1082 Midland, and begins the series this week with the following account of his first impressions of the United States.

By EKHARD DORFMAN
IT STARTED IN FALL, 1954, when I had to go through various examinations in order to get a scholarship in U.S.

I almost had forgotten all about it, never thought too much about not believing it will become true—when in May came my acceptance form.

AFTER FOUR HOURS of waiting, I finally thought the duties and on the boat. Here we sat dinner—at least we were not seasick and we could enjoy our meal.

Nine days with icebergs, north-lights, whales, much seasickness and much water were gone when we landed in Quebec on Aug. 5.

It never was so hot in all my life. I had to wait for my passport examinations inside the ship while my suitcase became heavy, heavier, heavier and it was a wonderful release when I finally got into the train.

Fourth Candidate For Commission; Deadline Saturday

A fourth candidate this week enters the Birmingham city commission race. He is Carl F. Ingraham, 43, of 140 Harmon, member of the city planning commission, who ran second in a field of six when Commissioner Florence Willitt won election last week.

Deadline for filing nomination petitions with the city clerk is 4 o'clock today. He has secured signatures of 25 to 50 qualified voters.

OTHERS who have announced their candidacy for this year's April 2 contest are Mayor Charles Renfrew, and Omar Hansen, 523 W. Southlawn, and Donald K. Fill, 4095 Banbury. Both Hansen and Fill were in last year's race.

On April 2, voters will elect two persons to three-year terms.

Break Ground on Million Dollar Office Building

Ground was broken today for the new \$10,000,000 national headquarters of the Gleaner Life Insurance Society at Woodward and Big Beaver Rd. (1.5 Mile Rd.), Bloomfield Township, Michigan.

Gleaner dignitaries who presided at the ceremony were, R. G. Hansford, president; William Hayward, secretary; and J. W. Smith, vice president. Also present were J. W. Smith, vice president; J. W. Smith, vice president; J. W. Smith, vice president.

scrapers, iron bridges, traffic lights and traffic overpasses. It was Saturday and I was very disappointed not to see my heavier traffic. As a matter of fact, I saw almost only cab-cars.

After visiting within the UN and Emme State buildings, I had lunch. It was in a little restaurant but nevertheless I was rather content. Expecting a big dinner, I got only a sandwich, milk, salad and of course ketchup and relish. In silence my friends and I were sitting around the table, nobody daring to begin.

FIRST WE DID not know what to do with ketchup and relish and second we had heard so much about American manners, e.g. you should keep your left hand off the table. But after much peering to other tables our hunger succeeded and we started.

Next day I had to leave for Detroit. It was a very monotonous ride; three girls, from Finland, Sweden and Norway were with me on the bus. Our conversation was rather poor, anyway what should be said had not been when nobody knew English.

Hardly out of New York I found that I had had about when nobody knew English. I had not found out which, of course, did not make the trip any better.

IN DETROIT'S Greyhound-station I was lost. In my confusion I just sat down hoping I would be picked up by a 12-merician friend. I was supposed to live with, Sudden a boy stood in front of me. It was Bill, the son of Dr. and Mrs. Deer, a very nice family, with whom I am living now.

The first days in Birmingham were fulfilled with introductions. Mostly, I shook hands while I was hoping Dr. Deer or whoever he introduced would carry on the conversation so that I wouldn't have to say anything.

During chats in the evening I always was very busy trying to understand the English. I was hoping Dr. Deer or whoever he introduced would carry on the conversation so that I wouldn't have to say anything.

EDWARD KURTH, head of business solicitation, reports everyday going as well as expected. Contributions from businesses are included in the \$16,000 total.

Speaking to a group of newcomers in the North Adams area yesterday, Mrs. Harry N. Gruber told them they could use the community house.

"Newcomers in this district," she said, "are confused by the fact that they are in the Birmingham school district, yet pay Troy township taxes, cannot call on the Birmingham fire department or use the Birmingham library free. But they can use the Community House."

"THE PEOPLE of the Birmingham area ought to know how their Birmingham city commission race is going as well as expected. Contributions from businesses are included in the \$16,000 total.

STUDENT CONGRESS hopes donations from homerooms and school organizations, combined with paper drive funds, will provide the necessary \$1300 to bring two exchange students to the school again next year.

Janet Palmer and Paul A. Struck head the money-making committee. Among those working with them are listed Ek Dorfmann, of Salzburg, Austria, and Marg Davis, of New Zealand.

ARCHITECT'S DRAWING of the new \$10,000,000 national headquarters of the Gleaner Life Insurance Society, Woodward avenue and Big Beaver road, Bloomfield township. Construction started this week on the fireproof office



Ekhard Dorfmann (left) checks stage lighting during a Prosenium club rehearsal last week's presentation of "Stage Door," in which Margaret Davis (right) played the role of the maid.

Both are studying at Birmingham high school this year on American Field Service international scholarships.

Key to \$287 Robbery In Customer's Memory

ALERTNESS of a neighborhood grocery customer bridged the gap between the known and the unknown this week, causing the arrest of two, 24-year-old Royal Oak men on charges of armed robbery.

The customer, who wishes to remain anonymous, recalled that one of the two young men he saw in a neighborhood Troy grocery was the one who several months before had been ticketed by Troy police.

TROY POLICE, checking around for more information on a \$287 holdup by two youths of Nevada's grocery, 35 E. 10 Mile, last week, quizzed the grocer (not the one robbed by the two youths) on suspicious characters.

The grocer recalled his customer's comments on the two youths who answered police descriptions of the pair that held up Nevada's, Tracking down the customer, police learned the date and circumstances of the ticket issued to the youth.

After that it was a simple process of searching back through records for the boy's name, checking the state for his present address, and then asking sheriff's deputies to wait for the boy. Deputies waited two days before the youth returned to his place of employment for his paycheck.

POLICE CHIEF David E. Grappold said the pair, Ernest J. Johnson and Richard C. Carr, have admitted holding up Mr. and Mrs. Reford C. Smith at their grocery.

Police said a shotgun used in the holdup had been borrowed by the youths from a Berkley man who thought they wanted the gun to shoot skeet.

The youths waived examination and were bound over to Oakland county circuit court for arraignment Feb. 27. Both are being held in Oakland county jail after failure to produce \$10,000 bond each. They appeared before Troy Justice Charles Looney.

On Election Board

TROY — William R. Jenkins, 827 E. 10th, and back to back Clark, 1543 Withersbee, will join Norman F. Barnard, acting city clerk, as members of the city's election commission. Appointments were made Monday by city commission.

Tighter Control Measure Delayed

By GEORGE WM. AVERILL

Recreation board members will have the next two weeks to enable several recreation board members, absent from the city, to consider the amendment and give their opinions of it to the commission.

Commissioners had the resolution ready for adoption Monday night, but deferred action for 14 days to enable several recreation board members, absent from the city, to consider the amendment and give their opinions of it to the commission.

IT IS NOT expected that it will meet with favor, particularly from the three public members of the board. Chairman Mrs. William Jackson, W. Cole Allee and Rollie Reese.

These three met with commissioners last in November in an attempt to resolve board responsibilities. They emphatically declared their belief that the board, to accomplish its best, should actively and strongly develop and supervise any recreation program.

THE PROPOSED amendment would require the board to "submit to the city commission for its approval, programs for the scheduled use of all of the recreational facilities owned by the city of Birmingham."

Other wise, programming and supervision has been left up to the board without need clear it with the commission.

That the commission was about to take steps strengthening its hold on the city's recreational opportunities, was made known last week when resignations of Recreation Director Norman F. Barnard, and Recreation Supervisor Eton Lee Rink Sp. Robert Fauteck were made public.

LANDRY, after only two weeks on the new job, returned to New Hampshire primarily to be near his father who had just suffered a heart attack.

He has promised to write a report of his two weeks here, during which he saw enough to be convinced to recommend that the recreation board be given a much more responsibility to develop, pro- (See CONTROL, Page 2, Sec. 1)

STRICTLY FRESH

Thought for an rainy day: Who can the poor weatherman denounce when "fair and warmer" turns out to be damp and soggy?

Fellow across the desk from us was all enmeshed this morning. Found a penny. Meant luck all day, he said. Changed his mind at quitting time, when he found that it was a "LUCKY" penny.

LUCKY PENNY
In bending over to pick up the penny his return-trip bus ticket had dropped out of his basket.

If the family cat has appropriated your favorite chair as her own, be sensible. Don't be soft-hearted. Be practical. Select another chair.

We've solved the mystery of why birds fly north in spring. They want to get out of the way of pop flies that ball clubs in spring training send skyward.

Mother nature's greatest invention for directing clouds as her own, be sensible. Don't be soft-hearted. Be practical. Select another chair.