

Every basic culture that mankind possesses during mature years is the result of the power of precept and example by each generation's elders. Place a generation of children in barbaric settings and you get civilized adults. So, if you're sane to be delinquent, what of adult example?

Torry School Patrol Gets Feminine Members

After they proved that they can do as well, and sometimes a little better than the boys, Torry school Principal Don Burba and safety patrol director Wilfred A. Hinzle last month named nine girls to regular safety posts.

The move, which may be indicative of future trends, had the approval of Lt. Henry Timm, Birmingham police officer who counsels the local schools' patrol personnel.

"I've watched the girls quite a bit," says Lt. Timm, "and they take their responsibility seriously. I've never seen their fool around on their corners or fail to keep constant watch."

THE MOVE HAS affected the attitude of the school's 23 boy patrols, says Hinzle, sixth grade teacher who is in charge of the Torry program.

"The boys have been even more alert at their posts since we put

the girls on duty," said Hinzle. Before taking over their new jobs, the nine visited Lt. Timm at the police department, where they were outfitted with yellow raincoats and hoods donated by the Birmingham Lions' club.

RESPONSIBILITY FOR local patrols' rainwear and belts is shared by the Lions and the Michigan Auto club.

At the time the girls received their equipment, Lt. Timm briefed them on ideas and pointers to make their patrols effective.

Once a week at the school, all safety patrol members meet with

Hinzle to go over any problems.

ONE PROBLEM faced by some of the girls was parental objection. But Principal Burba reassured parents rigors of snow, sleet and rain had never been harmful to the boys.

In fact, he said, becoming accustomed to all kinds of weather seemed to make them healthier. Asked if she objected to standing for long spells in bad weather, Sandra Strom said, "No, I like it."

"I ALWAYS wanted to be a patrol, and when the chance came, I volunteered right away," said Sandra.

Other patrol girls on the Torry staff, all fifth and sixth graders, are Sharon Noetzel, Sherry Stephens, Helen Cox, Connie Talsay, Nancy Bacon, Karen Kastely, Patty Loveland, and Kay Tibbets.



REGULAR PATROL girl Sandra Strom (right) watches her corner after classes at Birmingham's Torry school. Waiting for her "all clear" signal are (left to right) Johnny Green, Alan Talbot and Vernon DuBois. Sandra volunteered to join the safety patrol when the school first offered to try girls as assistants last month.

Parties Original

By VIRGINIA COLE

If you are a Girl Scout or Brownie troop leader, you may be searching for something to do at your next meeting that will be in the Easter vein.

Why not have an Easter bonnet party?

For this you would need only to get together a good supply of simple materials. On a table, have the following supplies and any other items you can think of that would be fun to use:

Several paper plates and empty cottage cheese cartons for the hats; for trimmings, empty spoons, yarn, scraps of ribbon, and cotton bunnies and chickens, colorful buttons and buckles, crepe paper, pins, needles and thread, paste and some various colors of scraps of cloth.

SEAT THE GIRLS around the table and let each go to town, fashioning an "Easter Bonnet" either for themselves or for one another. Have a prize for the prettiest, the funniest and the most original.

For leaders of Cub Scout troops, why not have a "Hant-potting" party? Have all the supplies on a large table and let them put a plant for mother for her Easter gift.

These plants would not be in bloom for Easter but would bloom in a matter of a few weeks and would be one plant that mother would be proud and happy to have.

You could have a small variety of plants to use such as tulip bulbs, hyacinth bulbs, narcissus bulbs or some seedling plants of begonias or geranium cuttings. Any of these could be transplanted out-of-doors later on.

ON YOUR TABLE put the following supplies: black dirt, sand, four-inch clay flower pots, some small stones to put in the bottom of the pot, colored aluminum foil and wide gift-wrap ribbon.

You can consult any florist for specific directions if you are in doubt as to procedure.

The colored foil would be to wrap around the outside of the pot and the ribbon to pretty it up with a bow.

IN EITHER GROUP, after the children have worked on their projects to completion, they will enjoy an active game such as a good penny relay or musical chairs.

To end the meeting, give each child a colored easter egg, cut from construction paper. Provide pencils and ask them to write one good thought on their egg—something that will make someone happy, which they promise to do before the next meeting. Have the youngsters sign their basket which you have prepared ahead of time.

At the next meeting, read them the contents of their baskets and usually remember to do their deed.



Beaver Not So Eager Says Prof

Does the eager beaver ever goof off?

"Yes," answers George Hunt, instructor in wildlife management at the University of Michigan. "He ignores the time-clock during three seasons of the year. But all through the fall, he puts in his night's work gathering food for his skillfully constructed dam."

"The beaver—other than man the cleverest engineer among Michigan mammals—constructs his dam chiefly of small sticks and mud mixed with a few rocks," Hunt says.

UPSTREAM the surface is smoothly plastered with mud. Downstream it is chiefly the projecting ends of sticks that are used to form the framework of the structure.

Dams are usually three to four feet in height and fifty to two hundred feet in length," Hunt continues. "In general, beavers dam small streams where the current is not too strong. There are often as many as 20 or 30 dams on a stream of ten miles or so in length."

He explains that all members of the colony, except the small kits (baby beavers), help keep the dam in repair so a uniform water level is maintained in the pond. This insures the plunge-hole will be kept under water and so protected from wolves and foxes.

"BACK OF the dam in the relatively deep water of the impoundment is the lodge—an ancestral home which may be used for many years," Hunt says. "Woody materials along with mud and stones are used to build the mound-shaped lodge, which may be as much as five or six feet in height and ten feet in diameter."

He explains that during the crisp autumn nights the beaver is also mightily busy laying in the winter's food supply of felled trees the bark of which he requires for sustenance.

Each beaver cuts an average of one tree in two days. He cuts the tree into manageable lengths (two, three or four feet), removes the limbs and drags them into the water to be floated to the lodge, Florida.

HE STATES that beaver impoundments are valuable for water fowl use—principally for raising of broods. They are also of value to man insofar as they create water reservoirs which can be drawn upon in case of forest fires.

Reverse side of the picture is that beavers have sometimes had to be live-trapped out of an area in order to stop damage due to flooding of highways or farm lands.

"Studies, however, indicate that there has been no great damage in Michigan because of beaver activities," Hunt concludes.

To Appraise All City Buildings

First complete outside appraisal of all Birmingham city buildings is to be undertaken soon by an insurance company, City Manager D. C. Egbert said.

Previously, the city conducted its own appraisals to determine the amount of insurance coverage to obtain, he said.

the remainder of the purchase price.

NEVERTHELESS, the law protects you, too, by guaranteeing that you'll get what you order. If the store has misrepresented the goods, or if the merchandise you receive is defective, you are entitled to a proper adjustment.

It works both ways.

Chinese Couple Married Here

A blending of Eastern and Western cultures occurred here last week as Lin Ken Lee, 23, formerly of Hong Kong, and Custer Suey Lin Hong, 29, of Pontiac, were married in the church whose membership sponsored Lin's entry to the United States five weeks earlier.

The couple first met in 1945 on a Hong Kong street when Hong befriended Lin, who had become lost. Their correspondence, which blossomed into love and marriage, began in 1949.

THEIR FACES BEAMED with joy (at left) as the bride and groom came down the aisle after the ceremony at First Baptist church, Birmingham. Bowing to Chinese custom, the groom did not kiss the bride after their vows were spoken.

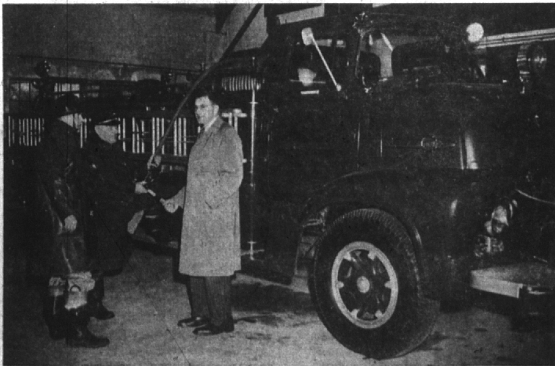
Calm and poised (at right) was she waited for the wedding march to begin. At her left is her godfather, Wing Moy, who walked down the aisle with her, and one of her bridesmaids, Rose Kodama.

Rev. and Mrs. Emil Kontz entertained the couple, their nine attendants and several relatives, at luncheon at their home immediately preceding the 2 p.m. ceremony.



Smile-Um Big, Big Chiefs!

LOTS OF LITTLE BRAVES get-up in picture, make-um heap big smile for camera. Heap big chiefs in background, (left to right) Jim Tobin, Bill Kelly and Ray Walker. Occasion was a "Pow Wow" at the YMCA teepee, when Y Indian Guide tribes gathered for movies, singing and refreshments. Over 60 big and little braves from the Chippewa, Kickapoo, Ottawa and Sioux tribes attended, and planned paleface games of softball when weather permits.



A \$12,000 Replacement

DEMONSTRATING THE ELECTRIC hose rewriter on Bloomfield Hills fire department's new \$12,000 truck, Chief Bert Bartholomew (center) discusses the new equipment with Fire Commissioner Dominic Vetraino (right). Looking on is Fireman Walter Carr. New truck's features include an 800-gallon water tank, aluminum ladders and two-way radio. A pump at the front is rated at 500 gallons of water per minute. The new truck replaces a 1937 model.

LET'S TAKE a more likely illustration. Suppose you buy a new hat for \$15, then find a store in the next block with the same hat on sale for \$12.50. Can you take the first store take back your hat, or refund the \$2.50 difference in price?

The law clearly says "No!" If you had purchased the \$12.50 hat, would you expect the seller to make you pay an extra \$2.50 when you found that his competitor down the street was getting \$15? Such competition in our American business system works to the good of the customer, but it's up to you to do your own shopping around for the "right" price.

MUCH the same policy applies to the refund of deposits "paid down" on merchandise. It's up to the store to decide whether deposits will be refunded, or applied toward the purchase of some other article.

Once you have agreed to purchase an item and made a down payment, you're legally obligated to go through with the terms of the sale, even though you'd like to change your mind.

Putting it in another light, once you've placed an order and made your deposit, the store has an obligation to deliver the merchandise in accordance with the terms of the sale, and is free to take legal action if you refuse to accept the merchandise or to pay