

Encouraging young children to engage in an activity of some kind—even though they may be reluctant—is a highly laudable education for them. When they do make mistakes, instead of scolding them, a few minutes explaining that nothing ever achieved without a mistake or two being made in the process pays off.

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Grenada Is One Of The Prettiest Of Islands in the Caribbean

GRENADA, BRITISH WEST INDIES, March 19: Beyond any question of doubt, this beautiful Caribbean island is the loveliest we have yet seen on this travel adventure into the Caribbean Sea area.

Only 21 by 12 miles at its two broadest points, as I sit here in the Santa Maria hotel in Grenada's capital city St. George, I am informed that Venezuela, South America, is but 110 miles south of this fairland environment . . . and that's a considerable distance from good old Michigan.

Phil T. Rich, Midland publisher, and I landed here via British West Indian Airways four days ago. As I mentioned in the preceding article, we left Antigua, via Barbados, to get here. We flew over numerous other West Indies islands, and did stop at Martinique, a French owned island, and St. Lucia, controlled by the British, as is Grenada and Barbados.

THE PHYSICAL environment that makes Grenada outstanding is its mountainous terrain. The auto drive to St. George from the airport covered 27 miles of lovely lush tropical vegetation covered land. Up and down, with hardly a piece of straight road more than a mile long, our native driver steered his small right-hand driven Vauxhall car through a veritable tangle of little settlements.

The roads are very narrow, macadam surfaced and approached as cars when passing must use a foot or so of the adjacent road shoulder to do so. I declared to Rich that "if another coat of paint had been applied to these cars they surely would scrape when passing."

CONSTANT loading of the auto horn is necessary to clear the road of countless naive pedestrians of all ages, as well as astronomical numbers of dogs, burros, goats, sheep, and numerous tethered Jersey cows. Too, of course, the horn announces at every bend that a car is in the vicinity.

The Spice Island, Grenada has for 75 years grown and marketed 70 per cent of the world's nutmegs, 85 per cent of its cloves, cocoa and maca. Locally owned little and big sugar cane plantations control many acres, though a majority of the sugar output is consumed hereabouts.

Grenada, on the historic map, tell us, was sighted by Columbus on his 1498 voyage. He named this island Conception, though years later it acquired its present identity from famous Grenada, Spain.

THROUGHOUT this entire Caribbean area lived, prior to the white man's advent, a tribe of Indians known as Caribs. Subsequent arrivals of Spanish, French and English adventurers in the years that followed conquered the Caribs, finally exterminating them. At various times Spanish, French and finally British people.

Back in 1604 a band of Englishmen attempted to colonize the Caribs, but were so harassed by the Caribs that they abandoned the venture. I mentioned that Antigua is a "gem of an island." To be sure it possesses wonderful white sand beaches, but what makes it really special is also without the "hoopla" that you may find, for example, in Cuban centers of population.

GRENADA's scene far has discovered, also is without "hoopla" and boasts of its hills, mountains, valleys and this canyon-like declivities . . . and, wonderful as all things on a comparatively small ocean island, the presence of numerous fresh water rivers.

Grenada's largest such stream is called Great River, and its source is in Lake Etang, a body of fresh water that fills the crater of an extinct volcano, 2,000 feet above sea level.

Unhesitatingly and heartily, I can recommend Grenada as a place to stop a week or more on our Caribbean trip. Indeed, this wonderful island was selected by Twentieth Century-Fox last October as the locale for its forthcoming motion picture, "Island in the Sky."

OUR TAXI driver, Layne Chartram, modestly admits that he

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AS FIRST REPORTS of her lead in the race for University of Michigan Regent came in the radio, Mrs. Irene Murphy (right) listened intently to the radio beside her. Among those who joined her at her home at 411 Bonnie Brier on election night were her daughter, Mrs. Robert S. Keyes, (left) of 727 N. Eton road, and her campaign manager, Mrs. Donald J. McGehee, of 776 Southfield.

Mrs. Murphy New Regent; Delbridge On City Commission

Wonder how little one can live for on this island? The local tourist bureau gave me a folder which states that a single person can live on \$250 a month, if not fed, add ten dollars (BWI), a married couple for \$400. (A dollar is U. S. Money exchanges into \$1.70 BWI.)

HOW MUCH does domestic help cost? The same folder says you can hire a cook and, if you feed her, the cost is \$20 per month; if not fed, add ten dollars (BWI). If maid costs about \$15 per month, if not fed, add ten dollars.

Already a few Americans have arrived on Grenada and I presume other of these islands. Local bus lines are being organized to cater to this type of income, plus transient tourists like Rich and me, to control islands auto are drivers on the left side of the roads. The custom of driving on the right side of the road had some down in the lobby.

Incumbents Florence Willett and William Roberts, and newcomer Charles E. Miller, ran for the full three-year terms. They obtained 2552, 2512 and 2455 votes, respectively.

In Bloomfield Hills, a light vote saw two incumbent city commissioners with new two-year terms. They were John S. Bugas, 242 votes, and Vernaino, 222.

JUSTICE of the Peace Aha Richardson went to an unopposed fourth four-year term with 228 votes. Constable Homer J. Murphy went back with 229 ballots.

Bham City Commission

- 1-Year Vacancy (One elected) Delbridge 1693
- Land 1053
- 3-Year Terms (Three elected) Willett 2552
- Roberts 2512
- Hutchinson 2455

Bham Library Board

- 3-Year Terms (Two elected) Harry Allen 2200
- Dorothy Rodgers 2225

Bloomfield Hills Commission

- 2-Year Terms (Three elected) Bugas 242
- Vetraino 222
- Craig 208
- Hills Justice of the Peace 1-Year Term (one elected) Richardson 228
- Hills Constable (Elect One) Murphy 229

North Group Wins Control Of Southfield Charter Group

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CHARLES E. DELBRIDGE, JR.

Couzens to Plan Michigan Week Activities Here

City Leader James Couzens today was named Birmingham community chairman of the 1957 Michigan Week observance to be held May 10 through 25. The appointment was announced by Thomas E. Wiesters, manager of the Fisher Body Plant in Pontiac who is serving as Oakland county chairman for Michigan Week.

Michigan Week is a special time of week held in the spring each year to focus attention on the state, its resources, its heritage and its opportunity.

Wiesters revealed that six communities in the county have committed to participate this year. They are Royal Oak, Birmingham, Holly, Rochester, Pontiac and Ferndale.

George L. Miller Sends His Thanks

Additional contributions received last week by the George L. Miller, Jr. fund totaled \$827, bringing the amount raised by Birmingham area residents for the injured teacher to \$7421.

A check for \$6000 was presented to Miller at his Royal Oak home last week. In this letter Tuesday to the editor of The Birmingham Eccentric, Miller expressed his gratitude to the community.

"It is only through your newspaper's wide circulation that I can hope to reach the many hundreds of people who have contributed so generously of their time, abilities and of their funds for me and my family.

"I give our sincere thanks to all students, parents, teachers, organizations, and the many others who have done so much for us. The interest of such a large number of people has been a great source of encouragement and comfort to us.

"We accept the generous George Miller fund check humbly and with the deepest appreciation. I hope sincerely that I will be able to return the favor of your interest and before long in my profession.

Yours truly,
GEORGE L. MILLER, JR.

B'ham Teachers Get \$300 Raises

Single 6-County Water Authority Is Recommended

Inter-county supervisors' committee was urged last week to take immediate steps to bring into existence a new water supply for the Southeastern Michigan area.

Dr. Abel Wolman, one of three consultants to the National Sanitation Foundation, said that for security reasons, a new water source should be sought because the Detroit metropolitan area is dependent upon one source originating from Belle Isle.

National Sanitation Foundation group in January to study was for problems of six counties in the area and present recommendations.

WOLMAN, speaking for the three consultants at a meeting in the Detroit city office building of the Supervisors' committee and interested observers, said four possible new sources were available which additions to Detroit water supply would need funds until 1973.

Plan A: Full development of the Detroit system with additional supply from Lake St. Clair or other Detroit river (the "Detroit-Huron" plan), at a cost of \$142,000,000.

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Plan D: Immediate construction of lower Detroit river supply with later expansion of Detroit System ("Immediate Wayne County" plan) at a cost of \$100,000,000.

WOLMAN said the major roadblock to more water now for the metropolitan area was:

1. Transmission lines are not being laid fast enough to meet the demand.

2. Terminal storage facilities, especially in the suburban areas, are inadequate.

3. Outlets and most members of the inter-county supervisors' committee are convinced that water from Lake Huron would be the best solution to a growing need for water, especially in the northern areas, according to Donald C. Egbert, engineer-manager of the Southeastern Oakland County Water Authority.

"The ONLY thing that will interfere with the Huron line will be the Wayne county project and it will not stop the line's construction until after the delay," Egbert said.

Wayne county officials have urged that all areas work together on one project rather than two or three which would interfere.

"We certainly would be delayed (with the Huron water line) if we had three projects in Detroit, Wayne county, and Huron lines) and they would be difficult to finance."

EVEN THE Huron line by itself is going to be difficult to finance because of the number of communities involved, said Egbert, who added, "We would do well if (the Huron line) were here by 1960. After a decision is made on the project, we will have to arrange for financing."

Wolman noted the Huron line would be a better quality water, though more costly.

"As a major contribution (to water supply) well water, which is a factor there only for the next 15 to 20 years," said Wolman.

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