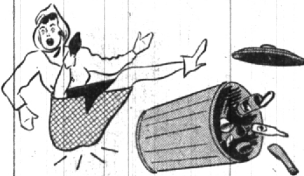


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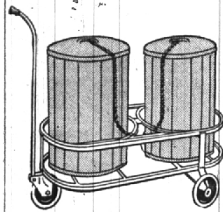
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Review 1st Year at College

Two former Birmingham high school students, now University of Michigan freshmen, participated in the recent U-M principal-freshman conference. Steve Hunter, 627 Pilgrim, talks with Birmingham high school principal Ross Wagner. Peggy

Joyner (left) discusses college life with teacher and counselor Miss Carol Chalmers. Interviews inform high school administrators of problems and experiences of former students.

Teen Panel Question:

How Much, How Often Should Teen-Ager Get Family Car?

Besides this particular question, the same point of view, as presented by the panel, can be applied to other questions. The answer which was decided upon applies to both boys and girls.

The use of the family car by teenagers should be decided by the family and should be settled by the actual needs and situations involved. Because it is the family car, it should be used as such and not monopolized by either parents or teenagers.

As Others See Us

By LUCIANA COGNASSO

From Milan, Italy; a senior at Kingswood; houseguest of Mr. and Mrs. Brooks Marshall of Birmingham.

Christmas usually is not a teen-ager's feast—it is mainly a family tradition but every age loves it. I have not yet had a Christmas in the U. S. but, from what I have heard of it, I do not think it is very different from ours. Anyway, I shall try to describe a Christmas in Milan.

As often happens the most wonderful days are those which immediately precede Christmas. Everybody has to do a lot of shopping and I do not think there is any other thing that gives you such a feeling of great expectation as that.

About a week before Christmas everybody begins to go around trying to find gifts and nice things to give to the people they love. Milano in December is cold, with fog and usually, without much snow. But the whole town has a merry aspect with its lights, Christmas trees with colored balls, bright ribbons, and shining objects, in every window.

IN MILANO everybody is always in a hurry but at Christmas time the people's speed reaches the top. It seems that the population has suddenly grown to two millions more! Everybody runs; they spend a few minutes to see a particular nice window and then away again toward the next shop, hoping to find what they are looking for.

You cannot get tired when you walk at Christmas time and watch all the other people going around with happy smiles on their faces while they try to hold in their arms all the packages—square, round, big and small, all wrapped in that particularly bright Christmas paper. You just feel as though you could not be happier!

But the time goes fast and the 24th has come, Christmas eve! If there are little children in the house they are like "a bottle of strong champagne" and the only thing that can send them to bed is the knowledge that, if they are up while Mummy and Daddy are preparing the Christmas tree, Gesu Bambino will not stop with his little donkey to give them their presents.

SO AFTER having put some candies for Gesu and some salt for the donkey under the tree your little brothers and sisters are tucked into bed. Immediately you start working around the tree with Mummy and Daddy hoping not to see "the rest of the family who cannot sleep."

In Italy, instead of the evergreen tree, it is more traditional to have the "Presepio" which is the reconstruction of the scene of Jesus' birth in the Bethlehem's manger with all the little statues of Madonna, St. Joseph, and the shepherds. It is very nice but personally I prefer the Christmas tree because I think it is merrier.

Now everything is set and the presents must be put on the floor under the tree. Your "old man" does not give you the right to present on this operation that (grumbling) you have to walk out of the room, leaving to your parents this exciting task.

WHEN EVERYTHING is ready many people go out into the cold night for the midnight Mass. The church is crowded but everybody is aware of the solemnity of this particular service, and these moments really give you a great

ager. Cooperation by both parties in deciding ahead of time who gets the car cannot be overemphasized. It finally was decided if both parents and teenagers unselfishly approach the problem they will find they no longer have a problem!

When, How Should A Teen-Ager Be Punished?

After a lively discussion by the panel members on offense and punishments received, we come up with two practices whose success was based on the parents' and their teenage son and daughter's relationships. These two practices were:

1) a good sympathetic but firm talk between parents and teenager or 2) "grounding."

An example of each was presented by two panelists from their own experience. The boy who had been told not to hitch hike was caught thumbing a ride when he was picked up by his own parents! Result he was grounded for two weeks.

An older panel member said his parents had dropped the grounding method in favor of a good talk.

HE WENT ON to say that by sincerely talking the thing over with his parents and agreeing that a similar instance could be avoided, the relationship between parent and teen was considerably strengthened.

We discussed the question further and decided that when one of the family's unwritten laws is broken and punishment necessary, it should be one which will achieve its purpose and at the same time strengthen family relations, not lessen them.

How Much of My Experiences Should I Tell My Parents?

This question started us thinking more about living as a family instead of a parent and teenager. The final conclusion was: you (See TEEN-PANEL, Page 5-B)

Autumn Days

I love the smell of autumn days (The sleepy time of year)
I love the lazy, lifeless ways,
That mean the winter's near.
I love to watch the bowing trees, (As they boast their autumn dress)
To look at what the Maker sees,
To watch the days grow less.
I love the smell of autumn smoke, (As dry leaves burn and die),
Or see them picked by common folk,
That float down from the sky.
I love the taste of harvest foods,
I love the still and quiet moods,
The scenes from God's own hand.

I love the fiery, blasting crown,
The maple leaves so well,
To see the winter "settling down"
And hear the stories goblins tell.

I love to hear the children shout,
(As they go "a trick or treatin'")
To see the winter's near.
And ghosts and goblins meetin'.

I love the taste of elder sweet
(As we drink it by the fire),
To count the "spools" of trick or treat.
And eat to our heart's desire.

I remember the "all" of autumn days,
My favorite time of year
I wish for lazy, lifeless ways,
But now the winter's here.

—CAROLYN ROSENBERGER
Barnum Junior High

Hi Next

by TOM MANHARD



"I need help, Spike . . . Every once in a while I get that unwanted feeling . . ."

FOR AND ABOUT DAYS OF YOUTH

MARTHA V. HURD, TODAY'S YOUTH EDITOR

of 'Drag Strips' Aren't the Answer, Then What Is?

Mechanically-Minded Youths Are Stymied

By ARTHUR C. SCHEIFFELE

Of the Public Relations Dept. MacManus, John & Adams, Inc., advertising agency, Mr. Scheiffele is very interested in the mechanically-minded youth of today, and particularly in some solution of the drag strip question.

Talk about a "drag strip" to the uninitiated adults and they probably think you're talking about a new kind of dance.

But mention "Fronty" or "Miller" high compression heads, down-draft carburetors or high speed cams and watch Dad's eyes light up. Yes, these are some of the things he used to soup-up his Model T and model A Fords. An interest in automobiles is as normal for the average youth today as it was in Dad's time, and this probably will be true as long as there are automobiles.

BUT AFTER a fellow has worked on his car, equipped it with twin pipes, dual carburetors or some of the many things you can do to a car, where does he try it out?

The answer is "nowhere" unless he happens to live in a community where they still haven't given up the idea of supervised drag strips. There are a number of broad-minded adults who remember the fun they had with their Fronties and Millers. These civic minded citizens saw the problem and began helping the young people organize drags, California and other west-

ern states pioneered the program. The drags were under the supervision of volunteers and, in many cases, the local police. They felt that providing a place for such tests would put a stop to trying out the cars on the streets and highways.

THE EXPERIMENT has been a failure in most cases. These failures were due to a number of

Supervised drag strips are fast going out of business. Recently, (See "DRAG STRIP," Page 5-B)

Birmingham's Buying These Top Ten

Compiled Each Week from Sales of Birmingham's Three Leading Record Shops

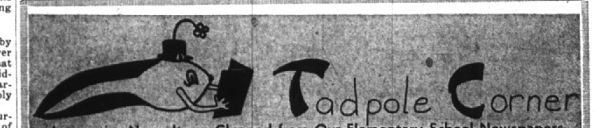
Reported by Carl Reynolds

B'ham High School Senior

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| 1. At the Hop | Juniors |
| 2. Raunchy | Bill Justis |
| 3. Oh Boy | Crickets |
| 4. Great Balls of Fire | Jerry Lee Lewis |
| 5. Peggy Sue | Buddy Holly |
| 6. Kisses Sweeter Than Wine | Jimmy Rodgers |
| 7. Be Bop Baby | Ricky Nelson |
| 8. All the Way | Frank Sinatra |
| 9. April Love | Pat Boone |
| 10. Put a Light in the Window | Four Lads |

Detroit Area's Top Ten

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| 1. Raunchy | Justis—Freeman—Vaughn |
| 2. Kisses Sweeter Than Wine | Jimmy Rodgers |
| 3. You Send Me | Cooke—Brewer |
| 4. At the Hop | Juniors |
| 5. Great Balls of Fire | Jerry Lee Lewis |
| 6. Rock & Roll Music | Chuck Berry |
| 7. April Love | Pat Boone |
| 8. All the Way | Frank Sinatra |
| 9. Put a Light in the Window | Four Lads |
| 10. Oh Boy | Crickets |



Interesting News Items Gleaned from Our Elementary School Newspapers

CHRISTMAS SPUTNIK
Santa this year is very bold. Of course he is bold of the snow and the cold. But more bold is he, for Sputnik, yes, he is floating around up in space. . . . But don't you worry about that old chap! He's had many experiences like that. Well, gee, Well go, Oh, dear! I do hope he gets my presents to me!

Up on the roof so steep and so high. I wished I could ride in the sky. 'I'd be up in the sky with the wind in my face. Counting the stars as we hurried through space. And bringing everyone lots of joys Along with some wonderful Christmas toys.

By ELLEN MILLER
Grade 6, Adams School

THE SQUIRREL THAT LIVES IN OUR YARD
I love a little squirrel that lives in our yard. With his teeth he cracks the nuts that are hard. The nuts from the walnut tree he likes to eat. After eating the nuts he adds.

THE GIRLS ARE DANCING. The boys are prancing. All around the Christmas tree, The dogs are growling. The cats are prowling. Around the tree that belongs to me.

By JOHN WHITEHOUSE
Grade 6, Adams School

Orange Fudge
Melt, in a saucepan, 2 tablespoons of butter Add 2 cups sugar 3/4 cup milk 4 teaspoons orange juice Grated rind one lemon Boil without stirring, 'til a drop in a cup of cold water forms a soft ball. Remove from fire. Cool. Beat and pour into waxed paper. When cool into squares. Wrap in clear paper and pack into a Christmas box. Decorate with sprig of holly.

Pecan Pralines
Pour into a saucepan, 4 tablespoons of water 2 tablespoons evaporated milk 1 tablespoon butter 1/4 teaspoon salt 4 cups sugar Melt over slow fire and boil stirring all the while. Add two cups of broken pecans. When candy begins to thicken remove from fire. Stir drop with large spoon onto waxed paper. Add vanilla if you wish. Pack your pralines carefully. A pretty tin box painted with DADDY'S CANDY on it will delight him, too.

Christmas Lollipops
I teaspoon peppermint oil. Grate a cookie sheet. Pour the syrup onto it with the tablespoon. (Triple if you want huge lollipops!) Press a piece of string, looped into the disc. You can use wooden skewers, from the butcher supplies, too. Remove the lollipops when cold. Tie with enormous bows of tinsel or ribbon.

