

IN HOMETOWN AMERICA



LEGAL NOTICE

CITY OF BIRMINGHAM, MICHIGAN
 NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNERS
 Vacation of Street
 Notice is hereby given that a meeting will be held in the Municipal Building on Monday, January 28, 1957, at 8:00 o'clock p.m. for the purpose of receiving suggestions and objections to the proposed vacation of Island View Drive from Park Avenue north to the intersection of the channel right-of-way.
 This notice is published in accordance with Chapter 12, Section 2 of the Charter of the City of Birmingham, and Resolution No. 1944 (1954).
 RESOLUTION NO. 1944
 WHEREAS, this Commission was on September 17, 1956, requested to vacate the street at the rear of Lots 7 to 19 inclusive of Assessor's Plat 127, known as Island View Drive, to permit development by the abutting property owners of an off-street parking facility, and
 WHEREAS, it appears advisable to give consideration to vacating the street from Park Avenue north to the intersection of the channel right-of-way, provided the channel can be relocated, and necessary easements provided for conveyance of the proposed parking facility, and
 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that a public hearing be held on Monday, January 28, 1957, at 8 p.m. in the Municipal Building for the purpose of consideration of vacation of the Island

View Drive from Park Avenue north to the intersection of the channel right-of-way, and
 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that notice of such meeting together with a copy of this resolution shall be published in the Birmingham Eccentric two successive weeks prior to the 24th day of January, 1957.
 DATED: 1957
 IRENE E. HANLEY,
 City Clerk, (483) 463

McDonald Stationed at Oklahoma AFB

Second Lt. John S. McDonald, son of Clifford J. McDonald, 1472 Cranbrook road, Birmingham, is now in basic multi-engine pilot training at Vance Air Force base, Enid, Okla.
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Quarton Mother Defends Driving Kids to School

In answer to the Quarton Mother who wrote (in the Quarton PTA's recent newsletter, "Quarton Quill") about the "laywalking, finger-wagging, double parked" mothers on the pick-up routine—(I'm one of them!) I do not jaywalk, double park or finger-waggle my children into the street between parked cars against rules—Nor do any I know. There may be some who do but not many—I know, I go every "bad day," as you say and most of the time, too.
 I live a good distance (nine blocks) from the School—not bus distance, true, but a long walk for 5 and 6 year olds, especially in rain, snow, sleet and ice.
 These little ones have a lunch schedule to keep and still get back on time. "Boots" of which this mother writes to recommend, take extra time to put on and take off.
 SNOW PANTS and an occasional lost mitten take extra time, too. My 6-year-old would barely have time to walk home and back if he didn't stop to wash and eat lunch.
 Also, Dear Quarton Mother, fresh air and exercise are not the only things our kiddies get by walking home with their "pair of

boots, raincoat and ounce of encouragement."
 The first week my child walked to Kindergarten he got poked, punched, threatened and run of the walk by an older boy on a bicycle.
 THIS OLDER boy, of all people, happened to be a "Duty boy" who supposedly had the duty of helping and protecting the younger children, who are not permitted to ride their own bicycles to and from school.
 Yes, I drive my child—and may be yours, too, I wonder could any of the 8 or 9 assorted boys and girls who jam themselves into my car four times a day, be yours?
 Could any of them be a child from a "progressive" home where the old-fashioned idea of protecting little ones has been cast aside for the more convenient idea of putting them out on their own and "emancipating" the parents?
 I wonder if their "true adventure" on a foggy day is merely seeing how fast their little legs can carry them to my house where they jam themselves, two layers deep, into my car for a ride to school.
 It may be that the real reason you are no longer a driving mother and have been "emancipated" is that your little fresh air levers have found some real soft touch like me and are hoofing it only to the nearest available nice warm car.
 I don't object to my riders. I'm glad to have them as long as I have space for them to squeeze in. And I appreciate the fine neighbors who are able to drive my child when I can't.
 NONE OF my passengers are ever beset by worries such as "where is Mom?"—I'm there when I'm supposed to be. I'm on time and have never yet double parked. And I'll continue to be there as long as I have small children who live nine blocks from school rather than have them walk when the weather is cold and the snow is deep.
 I wonder if Quarton's modern mother would take her own medicine and have "a true adventure" the next day the thermometer approaches zero. I'd like to see her walk nine blocks, four times a day . . . and hurry, you'll be late!
 —ANOTHER QUARTON MOTHER

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