

This Foursome Is on Its Way To Keep an Important Date



Most parents rejoice in an exultant ecstasy over the first child anniversary. Others, however, too, are met with rejoicing, though they may be less noisy. If only such joy were maintained between the years, the offspring through early years, then their adult relations would be Utopian! The thought is worth daily remembrance, though.

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This and That

by George R. Averill

Eddie Knows Where Everything's Kept

Over in Ludington, Mich., there lives Eddie Mulligan, formerly advertising manager of Harold P. Fortenau's Daily News. Eddie now owns the town's leading news, magazine and souvenir store, yet each Saturday writes a column of humor for the News, titled "Mulligan's Stew."

Here follows a bit from a recent "Stew," which I thought aptly fits average males the world over: You frequently hear husbands grumbling that they never can find anything around the house when they need it. Well, I'd like to go on record as saying that I know where everything is at all times.

For instance, should I need my hammer, I simply march up to the attic and there it is—propping open a window. In the summer, that is. In winter it's on the floor, where it fell when someone closed the window.

When I want my favorite ash-tray, that big, heavy bronze one in the shape of an elephant, do I waste a lot of time looking for it in my den? Pah! I know better. It's in the vestibule, serving as a doorknob.

In the same way, I don't fool around searching for our telephone book (it's under a potted plant in the guest room), the tray from my fishing tackle outfit (a jewelry box in my daughter's room), or the car jack (holding up one end of a preserve shelf in the basement).

The only time in history that I haven't been able to find something immediately was the other day when George Chapman came by to take me fishing. I dashed out to the backyard where I knew my fishing pole would be supporting the clothes line. When I found that it wasn't there, I panicked.

I snatched my wife by the lapel of her tea apron. "Where's my fishing pole?" I demanded. "It's out in the garden," she said gently, "acting as stakes to hold up our four tomato plants." I don't do much fishing with it anymore, but, by gosh, I know where it is.

If there were a referee present to stop him from unsportsmanlike tactics, the average person wouldn't win so many battles when he wrestles with his conscience.—(Grit)

Recently French designers of male attire held a style show in Paris. Males paraded about, wearing alleged masculine habiliments of every color, pattern, purpose, etc. A pretty girl is reported to have dashed about, squeezing an atomizer of perfume, while an orchestra played soft music. Imagine! While France falls apart at the seams, economically, politically, internationally, and just about everything else, some of her males pay more attention to their clothes than they do their vanishing security. Basically, that's what is mostly wrong with L'Abelle France.

Two more familiar automobile names are about to go into the limbo of discarded and obsolescent conveyances. American Motors Corp. has announced that henceforth it will drop the names of NASH and HUDSON, and concentrate only on its more successful Rambler series. "So fleet the works of men, back to the earth again—ancient and holy things fade like a dream."

Wayne State University currently has tightened enrollment standards. More university governing boards ought to do likewise... higher education ought to be something to strive and struggle to achieve... not easy access to a sort of Educational Vacationland.

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Halloween Party Break-Up Predicted

Beverly, Pembroke Schools Withdraw

It looks like Birmingham's tradition of Halloween party is narrowing down to include only schools near the city's downtown area.

Six schools have announced their intention to withdraw from the 22-year-old parade and party sponsored by Birmingham merchants.

At a meeting of the Halloween party committee Tuesday afternoon, Harlan school Principal Edwin Crandell predicted that the Birmingham school district's four new elementary schools would withdraw by next year.

ALL OF THE "segregating" schools appealed for funds to Halloween party committee chairman Rollie Reese and were refused.

Reese explained that Birmingham merchants have donated funds every year for a specific event in downtown Birmingham.

"I have no authority to allocate funds otherwise," he said.

Mrs. Joseph H. Shaffer, 2401 Radnor, Birmingham, representing the PTA council, appealed for funds on behalf of five of the segregating schools. They include Franklin, Bloomfield Village and Walnut Lake, all of which have always held their own parties; Torrey school, which withdrew from the "main event" for the first time last year; and Pembroke, holding an individual party for the first time this year.

BEVERLY SCHOOL Principal Malcom Ferguson asked for party funds on behalf of his school's PTA group, which decided recently to withdraw after determining that only 20 per cent of the school pupils attended last year's downtown event.

Crandell emphasized that the decision for a school to hold a separate celebration is made solely by the parents. He said he thought the new Greenfield, Harlan, Midway and Westview schools would do so.

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Shepherd Trial Opens in Pontiac

The trial of James D. Shepherd, 36, on charges of first degree murder, opened yesterday morning in Oakland county circuit court before Judge Clark J. Adams.

Shepherd is accused of stabbing his wife, Elizabeth, 42, on May 27, at their home at 1509 Pierce, Birmingham.

David Pence, of Pontiac, Shepherd's attorney, was expected to present a plea of insanity, and to waive a jury.

AMONG THE 25 witnesses to be called by the prosecution are Birmingham Police Chief Ralph W. Moxley, Sgt. James Feltz, and auxiliary police officers Howard Collins and Rocky Craig.

The trial is expected to last at least three days.

Pence earlier secured a postponement of the trial for what he termed investigation of the effect of taking intoxicants together with tranquilizing pills. Shepherd, who had taken both prior to the stabbing, contends he knows nothing of the crime.

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For The Record

Shirley Eder listens intently to the earphones as she holds the microphone toward Mrs. Roosevelt during a tape recorded interview for NBC's Monitor. The attractive radio reporter of Detroit, talked to Mrs. Roosevelt at Birmingham country club following the celebrity luncheon Friday.

Women Could Help Ease Cold War, Mrs. FDR Says

By JULIE CANDLER

If you had listened only to the audience, you would have known the speaker on the Birmingham Town Hall platform last week was truly great.

You could have told by the eager silence in which the 1200 women sat listening to the tape, simply dressed woman's words. By their shocked stirs at revelations such as the fact that the Little Rock story was the only American news she saw in Russian papers.

Girls 'Swap' Parents and Home Life

A 22-year-old Birmingham girl will be sailing from New York harbor tomorrow aboard the SS America for Cologne.

She is Judy LeMessurier, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sherman LeMessurier, 1731 Dorchester, who will spend a year with a German family.

Judy's venture came about through an article which The Post published in July, stating that the daughter of a German businesswoman wants to live with a Birmingham family in exchange for an American girl who can stay with her family in Cologne.

JUDY made the proper inquiries and was chosen from eleven other girls who desired such an opportunity.

Judy flew to New York Monday where she is being entertained by friends of the family, the James Fogarty in Forest Hills, until the time of her departure at 4 o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

She will land in Bremerhaven and take a train to Cologne where she will be met by her "parents for a year"—the Johan Grotz Friedrichs. She will have a private room in their large villa located in Rodenkirchen bei Kohn, Germany.

Having graduated from the University of Michigan this summer, majoring in the school of design, Judy hopes to do some studying and traveling during her stay, besides learning the customs of a German family.

JUDY'S TWO SISTERS Kathy 11, and PUNCH, are excited about the arrival of their new "sister for a year." Barbara Johanna Friedrichs, known as "Barbiel," who is expected here around the 20th. She will be met in New York by friends of the LeMessuriers and come to Birmingham.

In a recent letter received by the LeMessuriers, "Barbiel" commented, "At first we will be very funny speaking with our hands and feet." She supposedly knows very little English.

Coming here on a visitor's visa, Barbiel will not be allowed to work—except for baby-sitting. She will be one of the family—learning American customs, through everyday living.

Police Hero Gets City's First Medal

Award for Valor Presented To Sgt. Richard E. Brown

Birmingham's first medal for valor was awarded this week to Police Sergeant Richard Brown, who though wounded himself, shot and killed an ex-convict who had just robbed a Birmingham couple.

Mayor William E. Roberts at special ceremonies before Monday's regular city commission meeting, cited the 37-year-old police sergeant for his valor in the incident which occurred on Wednesday of last week.

While his wife, Clara, watched, Mayor Roberts said a medal will be awarded to Sgt. Brown, who presented to the police officer as soon as possible.

AS BROWN took the certificate, he was given a standing ovation by the nearly one hundred persons in the commission room.

"This is worse than last Wednesday morning," Brown was heard to remark to the Mayor just before the presentation was made.

The incident occurred when Brown answered what he thought was a routine call at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John S. VanAlstyne, 515 Kensington.

Instead, the policeman intercepted a 37-year-old Frank R. Frahm, who had a police record dating back to 1919 and had served much of his life in prison.

FRAHM HAD JUST HELD UP Mr. and Mrs. Van Alstyne at gunpoint when he rushed down the stairs, fired at Brown, and met his death.

Brown's bravery brought a letter to Police Chief Moxley last Thursday from City Manager R. R. Carey, who told Moxley, "I am sure that every citizen of Birmingham feels much safer knowing that his police department has once again proved it is an efficient organization... I am personally very proud of your department and feel that Sergeant Brown should be highly commended for his fine work."

Posthumous Honor to Chris Bailey

One of the U.S. post office department's rare superior achievement awards will be made posthumously to Chris Bailey, whose 20 years of loyal and efficient service won him a host of friends here.

The award will be presented by Birmingham Postmaster Roland Reese to Mrs. Bailey, widow of the popular postal carrier who died November 15, 1956.

Just six weeks before, Reese had submitted an award nominating letter to the Chicago regional office. Confirmation was made early last month, and Reese notified just this week.

MR. BAILEY'S honor is the first ever won by a Birmingham postal employee, according to Reese.

The citation "For sustained outstanding performance of duty" reads:

"Mr. Christopher Bailey has consistently demonstrated outstanding performance of duty extending over a period of several years. He completes his route on schedule without auxiliary assistance during the peak Christmas mailing period and without overtime."

"HIS RELATIONS with patrons on his (business) route have been excellent." (See HONOR, Page 8-A)

Strictly Fresh

From the way it tasted, the only connection between some lemonade we've sampled and lemons was the trip past a lemon grove by the chemical tank car en route to the bottling works.

Imported, dried insects are the latest rage on the party circuit. We've had them for years, served up for free with our sandwiches at a certain banquet.

Smile as you are at a homing pigeon whose owner lives in a trailer.

That noise in the chimney isn't caused by an early visit from Santa; it's the cracking of dollar bills as your furnace begins its annual fuel-eating orgy.

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