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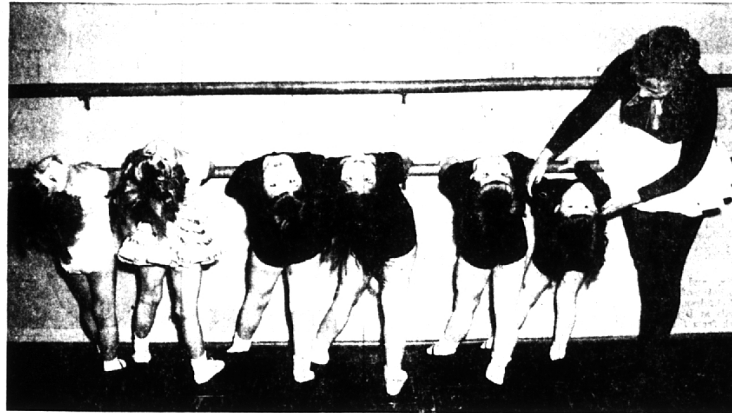
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Spring Coats

Including tweeds, smart plaids,
dress coats and casuals.

\$32 to \$58

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Young Ballerinas View a Topsy-Turvy World

No matter how you look at it, ballet dancing is fun. Taking a backward peek at the camera are six five-year-old ballerinas, snapped by The Birmingham Eccentric photographer as they were coached in a routine far ex-

cise by their instructor, Mrs. Madeleine Samuels, at the Birmingham YMCA. From left are Janice Lee Pfahler, Laura Jane Maxwell, Laurie Ann McPherson, Barbara Ann Snyder, Melissa Lane Hodde and Marichar Nelson.

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FOR AND ABOUT TODAY'S YOUTH

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Continues Alaska Trip Tradition

By EDWARD J. KUHN

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I shall never forget when 11 years of age, a man named George E. Buchanan took me and 20 other boys to Alaska. Still can remember the first day I left and when I returned. It was all like a dream. I will never forget the thrill of the trip as long as I shall live.

Buchanan, Detroit lumber and coal dealer, started his trips in 1921 in behalf of the boys of the nation. Before his death 16 years later he had taken more than 300 boys on the trip, including my eight brothers, two sisters, as well as my mother.

In 1946, I returned and spent two years at the University of Alaska. During the summer, I worked at Ladd Air Force Base and traveled through Alaska, and even took a plane trip to the Arctic Circle.

It was while attending the University that I thought of what Buchanan did for me as a child, and that my whole life was strengthened and given more purpose. That is why I want to make it possible for boys to enjoy the same experiences I had, and bring to them the thrill that would be remembered a lifetime.

TO ME travel is the finest education a person can receive. It broadens the mind and outlook on life and gives a richer and fuller meaning.

The trip starts from Detroit in July for a three-week journey through Chicago, St. Paul, Rariff, Lake Louise and Vancouver. A boat trip up the Inside Passage will take the group to Skagway, where a special narrow gauge train will follow the White Pass and Yukon Trail to Carcross.

In Alaska the boys will visit Ketchikan, Juneau and Wrangell. On their return they'll stop at Rainier National Park where they will tour the Cascade Mountains and see the Chinook Pass and the largest glacial system in the United States.

THE BOAT TRIP to Alaska is something the boys never will forget. They will see living glaciers and see fall from the glacier when the steamer's waste blow, and the beautiful moving sunsets. Foods rivaling those of Norway, out deep into the rugged mainland, will thrill and delight.

The entire trip will cover about 6,000 miles and stopovers are arranged at such famous hotels as the Paradise Inn, Reef Springs Hotel and Chateau Lake Louise.

THE TRIP will cost \$12 for boys 11 years and under, \$20 for older boys. Any boy who has or willing to earn and save at least one third of the cost by his own efforts is eligible to go. The parents may supply the balance.

Further information and an application blank may be had by writing me at 2225 Lake Avenue Road, Detroit.

I NEVER WANT to make one cent for conducting these Alaska trips. I am only interested in building good citizenship and character in the lives of our youth and will always give my time and energy for this cause.

This is why I am taking boys to Alaska, because of the kindness of one man, Buchanan, who brought the greatest joy to my life. I would like to see other boys share this great thrill to the land of glaciers and green valleys.

Next week: A Bloomfield township boy, who made the trip last year with Kuhn, will write of the experience.

Young adolescents need help from their parents and friends in learning to control their tempers, and in overcoming shyness and bashfulness. They want to be considerate and appreciative of others and they are beginning to realize the importance of being helpful, cooperative and always pleasant.

Problems in learning how to make and keep friends, and in getting along with their families—especially their brothers and sisters. Dating becomes a new experience, complete with problems.

AS YOUNG people between the ages of 11 and 14 begin to "cut the apron strings," they also begin to have worries about the inevitable conflicts which arise with parents.

They still do enjoy doing things with their families, especially picnics and family celebrations such as birthdays and holidays.

The young adolescents need help and understanding. They need to have the opportunity to talk over "why" if parents say "no." They have questions that should be answered.

HOW TO ASK for and accept dates, what to do for fun without spending much money, and how to carry on a conversation—these are some of the questions that need answers.

"Between" need someone older to help with their problems and gaining an understanding of why people behave as they do. Most of all they need patience and understanding as they begin the troublesome times of adolescent years.

Next Week: Problems of Health and Appearance

Maintenance men in eastern coal mines are hard calling these days for the "strawberry grease." A new lubricant for Booley, recently introduced into the mines was quickly named for its distinctive red coloration.

True or Not, We B'ham Kids Have Snobby Reputation

By NANCY MADISON
Derby Junior High Student

All the kids in Birmingham have heard of, at some time, the reputation we have.

Different people take it different ways. Some people are proud to belong to rich and snobby surroundings. Some are worried by it, and wonder how to improve our relationships with outsiders.

Some just don't give it any thought at all. If any of you kids have ever come out of town into a nearby community and noticed when you say you're from Birmingham how they claim up and give you the necessary, then you know what it takes about.

IT GIVES us a queer feeling inside, and you immediately start trying to defend yourself. As soon as you're home, this experience is readily forgotten. But has anyone ever stopped to think a reason for the dislike for us?

Sure, our kids have good jobs and we have more than most of the average teenager. This may cause a little jealousy, but not actual dislike. No, it's something deeper than this.

Take, for instance, a new girl or boy entering the school. What are our first reactions? Is she or he cute? Does he have the clothes that meet the latest fashions?

DO THE OTHERS accept him? If he meets these requirements we may venture to speak to him. Perhaps, if we think he has a pretty good chance of getting "in," we may invite him over or all him.

Yes, perhaps it is this way at a lot of schools too, but does this give us any excuse for being prejudiced? Maybe this way we won't be so easily accepted simply because he or she may have moved from another city where where things aren't "square," "odd," or "simple"—just plain different.

KIDS who usually are cheerful and fun to be with are labeled "snobs" and "snobby."

What does your panel suggest should be in a behavior code for teenagers?

On this question, there are many "pros" and "cons" from both parents and teenagers.

Recently Eugene Gilbert, president of the Gilbert Youth Research Company, asked about 500 youth people all over the country their opinions. The interviews showed 65 per cent felt a code they helped write would be a wonderful idea.

The theory behind these codes is simple. Most teenagers wish to conform—in fact, fear embarrassment if they do not conform.

THE CODE GIVES THE YOUTHS, as well as their parents, bargaining power in relation to hours and so forth to ease the family bickering.

On the other hand, many parents as well as teens think the code leads the youth around with "the crowd," discouraging his thinking and own actions.

In Gilbert's poll were questions such as: "Should parents chaperone at parties?" No, say 94 per cent of the teen-agers, including 91 per cent of the girls.

"At what age should a boy be allowed to begin dating?" Fifty-three per cent said 15, 29 per cent said 14, 15 per cent said 13, and only 2 per cent said 12.

THE PANEL FELT a behavior code would be acceptable. However, it was agreed upon that the code should be a set of suggestions made jointly by parents and teen-agers. These suggestions might cover dating, hours, smoking, drinking, etc., according to the age of teens concerned.

Do you have a question on your Teen Panel can work on? Write it down, sign your name and address, the school you attend, and send to: TODAY'S YOUTH EDITOR, c/o

The Birmingham Eccentric, Birmingham, Mich. The Teen Panel will deliberate the question, and the answer will appear shortly thereafter in these columns.

Birmingham's Buying These Top Ten

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

Reported by Carl Reynolds

Bham High School Senior

1. Witch Doctor David Seville
2. Dream Every Brothers
3. Twilight Time Platters
4. Billy Kathy Linden
5. Chanson D'Amour Art & Dotty Todd
6. Wear My Ring Around My Neck Elvis Presley
7. I Believe What You Say Ricky Nelson
8. Return to Me Dean Martin
9. Book of Love Monotones
10. Don't You Just Know It Huey Smith

Up and Coming Discs:

1. Walkin' the Low Road Randy Sparks
2. Crazy Love Paul Anka

Detroit Area's Top Ten

1. Whole World in His Hands Laurie London
2. Don't You Just Know It Huey Smith
3. Witch Doctor David Seville
4. Believe What You Say Ricky Nelson
5. Billy Kathy Linden
6. Twilight Time Platters
7. Chanson D'Amour Art & Dotty Todd
8. Lollipop Corvettes
9. Wonderful Time Up There Pat Boone
10. Book of Love Monotones



Interesting News Items Gleaned from Our Elementary School Newspapers

How would you like to make a little village of your own? With Spring here, you can find some little twigs to use as trees in your tiny town. Place toy automobiles and animals around to give it a realistic look.

Ask your grocer for a wooden box and fill it with sand or earth. Be sure to pile some of the twigs to the like hills. Trace some roads. Plant the twigs-trees along the roadways.

Put some people and houses on cardboard. Place them around. You can be the Mayor of your town!

BEANY-BAGS

To make beany-bags, cut out four round circles of pink felt, about five inches wide. Sew

them inside out. Leave a small opening where you can fill the bean-bags with navy beans. Turn the finished bag right side out and you'll see what

a nice seam you have around the bag. After you've filled the bags with beans sew up the opening.

Back buttons will do fine for eyes, red felt for the snout, piece of jagged brown felt for the hair. Sew on in strips.

QUICK EASTER HASH

With all those hard boiled eggs you got from the Easter Bunny, you may have some still left over. This is a good way to use them.

Cut cooked frankfurters into small cubes. Add two hard boiled eggs, chopped in small pieces.

Add one can of mushroom soup. Stir in a cup of milk slowly, add frankfurters and eggs. Salt to taste.