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# Get Out of Your Rut and into the Outdoors!

By NAN SAVAGE  
Birmingham High Senior

With the fresh Spring air, lowered convertible tops and trench coats, comes a feeling of restlessness and boredom toward the routine of school all week, and movies and parties on the weekends.

A typical comment between couples seems to be, "What can we do this weekend? I don't feel like bowling or the show and besides I'm broke."

At the moment this problem of "restlessness" seems like a tough one to answer. But with a little thought and imagination it can be answered!

Surrounding us on all sides are state and city parks with facilities of various sorts. Sadly enough they might as well be a hundred miles away, the amount we use them.

MANY OF the high school's annual outings are to these parks, but unfortunately this seems to be the only time we are even aware of their potentials. Every one comes back from an outing happy and exuberant only to plunge back into the same old rut of boredom and nothing to do on these sunny weekend afternoons.

This calls for a little happy decision on your part. Why not call up the game and head for Kensington, Cass, or other state parks for a day out-of-doors?

Try a baseball game on a grassy Saturday afternoon with boys playing against the girls. Of course, there have to be a few fair rules, such as girls get five outs and boys get lefthanded.

THIS MAY SEEM a little spastic at first and will probably seem more spastic by the time the game is called on account of lack of time, but it can be fun and you

There seems to be a wave of malicious offense

GOING ON IN THE BIRMINGHAM AREA WHICH THREATENS TO ENGULF BOTH INNOCENT AND GUILTY TEEN-AGERS. WHAT IS THE MATTER? CAN'T YOUR REPRESENTATIVE GROUP THROW SOME LIGHT ON THIS PERPLEXING PROBLEM?

PERPLEXED PARENTS

This is a very difficult question for us to answer. We do not feel we are qualified, but we can make some suggestions.

Perhaps some of the parents have put too much responsibility on the teen-agers and they are unable to handle it. Some parents seem to take a "misbehavior" for granted.

The offenses you speak of are not Halloween pranks but serious ones. Perhaps a better parent-child relationship needs to be established.

The parents act as an example for the teen-agers, too. Some of them are not the best examples of adult behavior.

An adult's idea of a mature point of view is not necessarily a teen-ager's idea of maturity. That might be a good springboard for teen-agers and their parents to start from, so that there is mutual respect on both sides.

Lack of respect for parents, for the law, for the community shows lack of respect and discipline for oneself.

Do you have a question your Teen Panel can work on?

Write it down, sign your name and address, the answer will appear and send to: TODAY'S YOUTH EDITOR, c/o

the Birmingham Eccentric, Mich.

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

By Dr. MARY LEE HURT

Young adolescents like to take care of small children but they feel they need guidance from parents and teachers in doing a good job.

These young "betweeners" feel that baby sitting offers a real opportunity to learn how to understand and get along with children. They also appreciate the money they earn.

their interest grew—and so did the McMillan's outdoor activities.

THEIR CLIMBY, time-consuming sport was traded in for the latest in camping equipment: a six-foot trailer which converted into a tent, complete with double bed, storage space and room for the three teenage McMillan's sleeping bags.

With all this new equipment, the McMillan family graduated from Michigan family graduated from in Maine and Montana.

You never can tell where a simple hike will lead you, according to the McMillan philosophy. What began with digging in the backyard, ended a long distance away in state parks scattered throughout the country.

THE NEXT TIME old Bonnie festives gets you by the throat, remind yourself that a good way to get rid of him is with a family get-together. It isn't the big secret you thought it would be, it's fun!

Oh, I know the idea of a whole afternoon outdoors with little brother and sister this Mon and Dad sounds worse, perhaps than a bored, restless afternoon. But try it for size just once and see that it's fun and the folks.

MANY FAMILIES have found this to be true. One such family is Mrs. Doris McMillan's. Through her position at the Cranbrook Institute of Science, Mrs. McMillan learned of the various hikes arranged through the Institute and quickly enrolled her family in them.

From the lively interest shown by her husband and three children toward these simple hikes, Mrs. McMillan and her family went on to more adventurous experiences.

The couple took a week and extended trip back to the states, where they will be enjoying for Camp Kinnawatha at Wilton, Maine, where 150 campers plan to give these counselors a busy summer.

Having reached it through the lakes of Wisconsin and Canada and west to the Rockies, they are looking forward to the screened and glassed cabins at Kinnawatha with modern plumbing and electricity.

These girls are headed for the waterfront, crafts, and games.

CAROL BAIN and Betty Nichols will be assisting in midday camp, encouraging the younger girls to enter the many activities offered and helping them with their tennis, archery, crafts and games.

Los Bennett is hoping for some canoe trips and hikes to nearby ranges, but may be kept busy with canoeing, water-skiing, and water ballet. An evening will find her with the camp choir or introducing Indian lore at the council ring.

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## Get Proper Gun Know-How

Safety patrol boys at Adams school are being taught the proper handling of firearms through an air rifle program just launched at the school. Charles Welch (center), sixth grade teacher in charge of the weekly sessions in the school's gym, examines a

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# FOR AND ABOUT TODAY'S YOUTH

MARTHA V. HURD, TODAY'S YOUTH EDITOR

## As Others See Us

These are the reactions to American life of the American. First Series on campus students in Birmingham area schools.

By "YIKKY" NOMURA  
From Osaka, Japan, now attending Birmingham high school. "Yikky" is the guest of the W. W. Kirschner family, Birmingham.

This time, I'd like to tell you about the government of Japan. As you know, Japan has adopted the form of government of the United States. We have a strong democratic party and a conservative party.

In the National Diet, we have two houses. One is the House of Representatives, which is elected by the people. The other is the House of Councillors, which is elected by the people and the members of the Diet.

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