

As Others See Us

These are the reactions to American life of the American Field Service exchange students in Birmingham area schools.

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Six months has passed already. I can not help feeling that time flies. I am sure that I can criticize the Americans. Judging from what I have experienced, the American teenagers are given too much freedom. Especially in Birmingham, the kids are given too much freedom and the time to use it. Recently Russia has set up the first Sputnik into space. A little later, U.S. has also set up the Sputnik.

THE U. S. and Russia compete in every field. Sometimes this comes stupid for us. We can say that none have peaceful time and can enjoy the life. But actually, we are in the so-called cold war between U.S. and Russia, that is the war between democracy and communism.

As far as Japan is concerned to this cold war, she has had the great effect. For example, the test of Atomic Bombs of U.S. and Russia brought us the rain which included the radioactivity. But, this cold war has led our time into atomic age. Thanks to the war, the atomic science has developed. Atomic energy are now used not only in military purpose but also in peaceful use for human being.

IT IS USED in medical field. It will be used in the industry. It will be used for our daily life, if our world still exists. The Japanese are the first ones who experienced the Atomic Bombs in the world and I sincerely hope that we shall be the last one, too.

We must win over communism and make the true peaceful world under the God. This is the God that made the world and this is also He that can destroy the world, not humans. You must be thankful that you are American. Most of you do not know how lucky you are as an American.

WHEN YOU GO to foreign country, I am sure you will find this. Especially the kids should open their eyes to the other countries. The trouble is that you do not have to go to the other country to study something. You have everything you need in your country. Notice that you are living in the leading country of the world. That means you are the best of the world. The world is in your hands. Do not misunderstand me. I do not mean that the world is yours. It is yours as well as ours and theirs.

The young generation who is going to lead the world, let us catch the ever-lasting peace for the sake of our children and descendants.

FOR AND ABOUT TODAY'S YOUTH

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Calendar

For Today's Youth
Compiled by LYNN LOPATA

Thursday	February 20	Southfield at Berkley, Wrestling in the Conference Meet 7:30 p.m.	Friday	February 21	Van Dyke at Southfield, Basketball, 7:00 p.m.
Friday	February 21	Crabrook at Flint Central, Wrestling, 1:00 p.m.	Saturday	February 22	Nichols School at Crabrook, Basketball, 8:00 p.m.
Saturday	February 22	Crabrook at Birmingham, Basketball, 8:00 p.m.	Sunday	February 23	Crabrook skating party, 8:00-9:30
Sunday	February 23	Crabrook at Birmingham, Basketball, 8:00 p.m.	Monday	February 24	Crabrook at Birmingham, Basketball, 8:00 p.m.
Tuesday	February 25	Crabrook at Birmingham, Basketball, 8:00 p.m.	Wednesday	February 26	Crabrook at Birmingham, Basketball, 8:00 p.m.
Wednesday	February 26	Crabrook at Birmingham, Basketball, 8:00 p.m.	Thursday	February 27	Crabrook at Birmingham, Basketball, 8:00 p.m.
Thursday	February 27	Crabrook at Birmingham, Basketball, 8:00 p.m.	Friday	February 28	Crabrook at Birmingham, Basketball, 8:00 p.m.
Friday	February 28	Crabrook at Birmingham, Basketball, 8:00 p.m.	Saturday	February 29	Crabrook at Birmingham, Basketball, 8:00 p.m.

Chess Players Have Billions of Good Moves

By BILL O'TOOLE
Pham High School Senior

As one of the most ancient and honorable games in the long history of mankind, chess continues to live on as a sporting encounter between men who take pride in their ability to think.

Old as the Egyptian pyramids, the royal game is now played faithfully by millions all over the face of the earth. For those not acquainted with it, chess is played on a regular checker board with 16 pieces lined up on the first two ranks on each side of the board. Each opposing side has eight pawns, two rooks, two bishops, two knights, one queen, and a king.

UNLIKE CHECKERS, chess is played on all 64 squares. Each piece has a different way of moving, consequently not all the pieces have the same amount of power. For instance, the queen moves rank, file, and diagonally for as many squares as possible or desired. The rook can move rank and file only, and the bishop only on the diagonals. But the real beauty of chess lies in its object. It is not just a complicated form of checkers in which the object is to capture the opposing pieces. Instead chess' object is to force the enemy king into a position from which it can not escape without being captured, then attack it and bring about the victory or "check-mate."

THUS THE GAME is not limited in scope. It becomes intriguing as each side maneuvers to gain a slight material or positional advantage which will swing the game its way. The result is games that are beautiful with sparkling sacrifices and combinations, enchanting with the strategy of encirclement and domination by one side over the other, or devastating with tactical fireworks.

Chess is unlimited. In the first four moves, there are over 300 million combinations. In the 10 moves, the number runs far beyond the sextillions. THIS VASTNESS has attracted thousands to explore deep into the theory of chess and write volumes of books on opening play, strategy, tactics, and end game, etc. Chess, like anything else, has its own devoted world of heroes, tricksters, geniuses, and the like. In places where chess is practically worshipped, men have been driven mad by its excitement. People have fainted at the sight of a daring move. Tournament players have had nervous breakdowns in the course of a tense game.

The origin of chess goes back 5,000 years to Arabia. It came to Europe during the Dark Ages, but did not become prominent until about a century ago. SOME OF THE great players since then are Harry Pillsbury, who liked to show his phenomenal memory by playing 10 games of chess and 10 of checkers blindfolded while taking a hand in a game of cards. Another was Emanuel Lasker, who, besides keeping up with his regular job of engineer, held the world title for 27 years. Frank Marshall, one-time U.S. champion, made such a brilliant move in Europe that the spectators showered the board with money. Sam Loyd, at the age of eight could beat experts at the game.

THE NORWEGIAN master, Naim, in 1947 played 100 blindfold games, the standing world's record. Out of these he won 39, lost two, and drew four. TODAY THE WORLD chess champion is Botvinnik of the Soviet Union. One reason is because the government subsidizes top players, taking turns with the national heroes, which is not done in the United States. The reason for this is because chess is to the Russian people as baseball is to Americans. The average Russian knows good chess. (See CHESS, Page 6-B)

Birmingham's Buying These Top Ten

Compiled Each Week from Sales of Birmingham's Three Leading Record Shops
Reported by Carl Reynolds
Pham High School Senior

1. Sweet Little Sixteen	Chuck Berry
2. 26 Miles	The Four Preps
3. The Walk	Dickie Doo & Don'ts
4. Click Clack	Perry Como
5. Catch a Falling Star	Paul Anka
6. You Are My Destiny	Andy Williams
7. Are You Sincere	Silhouettes
8. Get a Job	Jimmy Rodgers
9. Oh, Oh I'm Falling in Love	Royal Teens
10. Short Shorts	

Up and Coming Discs:

1. Tequila	The Champs
2. Who's Sorry Now	Connie Francis
3. It's Too Soon to Know	
4. Tequila	Chuck Berry
5. 26 Miles	Andy Williams
6. Who's Sorry Now	Pat Boone
7. You Are My Destiny	The Champs
8. Bad Motorcycle	The Four Preps
9. I Beg of You	Connie Francis
10. Short Shorts	Paul Anka

Detroit Area's Top Ten

1. Sweet Sixteen	Chuck Berry
2. Are You Sincere	Andy Williams
3. It's Too Soon to Know	Pat Boone
4. Tequila	The Champs
5. 26 Miles	The Four Preps
6. Who's Sorry Now	Connie Francis
7. You Are My Destiny	Paul Anka
8. Bad Motorcycle	Storey Stripes
9. I Beg of You	Elvis Presley
10. Short Shorts	Royal Teens

Another Fun Thing to do on your own time, would be to ask a wallpaper company to give you one of their old sample books. Then go through a lot of old magazines and pick out a "house full" of furniture and even a kitchen, "wreck" room and nursery for the children. It would be wonderful if you could pick your "dream house" and paste that on a large board, follow it with the front and back so on through the first floor and on upstairs if you have a second floor. Of course you may have a modern ranch house.

In that case, you want to be sure you look for modern furniture and ornaments. Isn't it fun being an interior decorator? When you are all through with your Wall-Paper House, you might want to bring your book to the hospital for the sick children to enjoy, too. Since it will be George Washington's Birthday in a few days, here is a simple recipe you can make for the family's dessert.

She Makes the Cake

To make her George Washington birthday cake, Gerilee Ellenwood, 11, of 324 Park, Birmingham, uses lots of cherries for decoration.

George Washington BIRTHDAY CAKE

Ice a store-bought angel cake with the simple frosting colored with a tiny bit of red coloring. Make it light pink. Put Marshmallows around the outer side and pink candles in front of each cherry. After all, it is his birthday, so why not celebrate it?

PINK FROSTING

1 stick butter or margarine
1/4 teaspoon salt
1 box confectioner's sugar
2 teaspoons almond or vanilla extract
5 tablespoons milk

Directions
Mix salt and 1/4 cup sugar well. Stir in frosting. Add rest of sugar, taking turns with the milk. Mix into the butter mixture. Add a few drops of red coloring, stirring until it becomes light pink.

What can I do to stop being afraid of speaking in class? I get tongue-tied whenever I am asked to.

Fear of speaking in front of a large group is not abnormal. But there are many ways a person, if he has the desire, can curb this fear.

Thorough knowledge of subject matter is an important factor for anyone who speaks to an audience. Naturally a person feels more at ease if he is well versed on what he is saying. The way that you present your subject matter is another important factor.

Strive to gain an inner poise. Be relaxed. Remember, your physical stance helps improve your mental outlook. Remember, too, that the audience is looking at what you're saying, not how you look.

DON'T APPROACH YOUR SPEECH with a too personal view. Whether in the classroom or banquet hall, don't forget that your schoolmate critics in the audience are generally your equals.

The only way to "conquer" them is to have a positive attitude even before you begin your speech. A good speaker is one who has not only gained the confidence of his audience, but more important, he has also gained his own confidence.

Do you have a question 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.

Lebanese Teenagers Have More Freedom

This is the last of three articles in which teenage dating customs of American and Middle East are compared. The author is V. O'Hanion, an instructor at Hazel Park high school. Before coming to America, he taught junior high school students in Baghdad.

By V. O'HANION
Even though such unexplainable notions about dating do exist in almost all of the Middle East, it is of importance to note that Beirut, the capital of Lebanon, has diverged from following traditions and has come to be very modern. The two major factors that affected such a change are:

First, Lebanon is a Christian country, even though the Moslem percentage is fairly high. It thus has dropped certain Islamic rules that specifies the place of a girl to be the home and "immoral" for a girl to be seen with a boy unless he is her husband. Secondly, the presence of the American University of Beirut and the French Academy also has attracted students from many parts of the world. This mixture of culture can only survive in an atmosphere free from one particular traditional set up.

EVEN THOUGH families in Beirut still disapprove the idea of dating, they have little control over its spread. It is possible to control both the mind and the body of an ignorant person, but not the mind of an educated one. While University students are gaining ground to free dating, the high school students are following their footsteps. As the meaning of dating differs from place to place in America, so also it is different in Beirut. Students accompanying girls to their classes or taking them for a pop are not dating in Beirut. Dating is usually understood as taking the girl to the concert, school activity or a movie.

THE YOUNGSTERS in the Middle East are entirely dependent to their parents on all matters, while in this country they have gained enough freedom to do most of the things they want. Such independence prepares a youngster for the responsibilities of life much better than the warped other way. Because of this dependence on their parents, a youngster in the Middle East enters to the world of responsibilities without experience.

THEIR OWN home, a few friends and relatives are all they know and they often base their values of life from such narrow and limited experience. SPEAKING ABOUT the girls back home, they are sophisticated to the extent that they look down upon the boys and think highly of themselves. This is also true of the boys.

Such unfriendly atmosphere exists because of the difficulties in being unable to see each other and begin to understand each other and thus solve some of the natural difficulties between boys and girls. In this respect, an American youngster is more considerate, cordial, helpful and friendly toward the opposite sex.

IT IS INTERESTING to point out that while Americans do seem to think mostly about popular jazz or Rock 'n' Roll music and respond to it emotionally, the teenagers in the Middle East, even though fans of popular music, respond to it more rationally. (See TEENAGER, Page 6-B)

Let George Show You How It's Done

By MARTHA V. HURD
Youth Page Editor

There is a very famous man's birthday in a few days—George Washington by name. Whenever I think of him, I think automatically of cherry trees and a courageous young boy, and I mean courageous, answering his angry father. Owning up to a mistake or an indiscretion or a lie, deliberate or white, takes guts. Besides the fear of the punishment likely to be inflicted by a parent, or a teacher or a community, a boy or girl has to own up to the most tyrannical judge of all... himself.

According to the dictionary, truth means "fact, realism, unvarnished, unalloyed principle." This is a valuable asset to add to one's personal attributes as well as to one's vocabulary. I LIKE to think of truth-telling as a necessary equipment to making, not as a Boy Scout or Girl Scout oath. Not as a legal agreement. To tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, but as a pact with myself to face life realistically. You boys and girls are coming into a whole new connotation of life, physically and mentally. The horse and buggy days of our grandparents' generation have given way to wing-swept cars with heat and air conditioned comfort. Already, these cars are giving way to newer, faster designs and we soon may be ascending from the earth in rocket ships to the moon. If you stay anchored with truth, reality, or integrity, you can ascend not only to the moon but to the heavens within you. As long as you live, you always will be facing crises, physical or social. You will face problems, business, job-getting and holding, marriage and child-rearing, illness, and even old age. Hold on to the "veritable truth"



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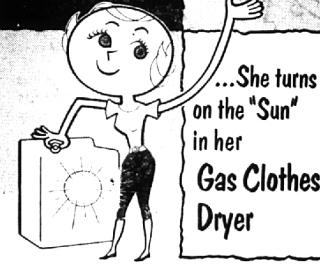
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Hi Life

by TOM MANHARD

In sincere courage and keep the cherry tree incident in your mind. George Washington got his reward as president of his country. See where truth can carry you—and that's "no lie!"

"... caught it in one of those darned 'flip-top' boxes..."