

# FOR AND ABOUT DAYS

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## As Others See Us

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

### By CHRISTIAN PLATOU

From Bergen, Norway, now attending Cranbrook. "Chris" is the house guest of Mr. and Mrs. Marshall L. Hutzel, Birmingham.

As the subject of Christmas celebrations has been so thoroughly discussed by the other APS students before me, I will not deal with it, just tell that I have enjoyed the experience of an American Christmas and that I have learned a lot from it, as I have from all the other experiences I am having here.

I was fortunate enough to be able to go up to one of the skiing places in Northern Michigan for three days during the vacation. Naturally I am used to larger hills and more snow from the skiing places in Norway, but when I consider the material the bulkers of skiing places have to start with here, I mean the low hills and the little snow, I must say I was impressed by the result of the efforts. There were numerous and varied views, which provided good skiing for everybody.

IT GAVE ME another example of how I think you Americans make the most out of a project. I have noticed that you when starting something, it may be sports or in any kind of work, always puts into it all you have

and try to make the best result. This brings my thoughts over to the reactions of the American people to the problems arising after the Sputnik started circling the earth. At once people started wondering what was the matter and why others could do something they could not do. I have read about the efforts of the President and I have also heard discussions about this problem. AS FAR AS I can see, everyone is trying to find a way to help this situation and I also think the people are willing to try and do something to solve the problems. I think that this attitude, always to talk over the matters and try to solve problems by thinking them over and speaking frankly of them to each other is just great and is one of the best ways to show how you believe in democracy.

# Youth Code Gov't's Suggestion of Judge Arthur Moore

By JUDGE ARTHUR E. MOORE, Oakland County Juvenile Court Judge

American youth does a pretty fine job of running its affairs—let's call this "youth government." Intelligent self-discipline is a big part of it—with a minimum adult help here and there. Why not proceed further and have a "model youth code government?"

Such a "youth code government" for the youth of Birmingham junior and senior high schools would be the framing of rules, like laws, for youth behavior. Such "code" could be decided upon by teen-age youths themselves.

Once adopted, its enforcement could be public opinion (youth could be) could be enforced by a voluntary youth court, an educational court, supported by public opinion. A secret court, if you please, but presided over, like youth traffic court, by youth judges, jurors, and probation staff—much like adult court.

THE OFFENDING youngster, being willing, could have his hearing before the youth code court—a secret hearing, but with voluntarily accepted penalties designed solely for improvement of behavior. All records would likewise be kept secret.

The student body could elect and supervise this youth code court. Everyone could be kept advised by weekly reports without names, but describing the trials and problems involved.

Say it another way: Birmingham youth could prevent much undesirable conduct, sometimes the formation of bad tendencies. Would you like to try?

I SUGGEST that the senior class, through its student council, begin experimentally. You would work to improve the caliber of American youth—and thus help your country, your friends, and perhaps yourself. Indirectly you would be helping me and the county juvenile court in our planning to prevent delinquency.

The court would operate much like your present juvenile traffic court. First the youth would legislate and adopt a "youth code" of their own. Then you young people would have to take over the operation of your court.

Here is how the "Youth Code Court" could work: Conduct leading to delinquency is more than just law violation. Many young people do something wrong at some point in their lives and are not the least prejudiced. What we would be against and striving to prevent would be real delinquency.

ITS BEGINNINGS are always accompanied by characteristics of behaviors, over and beyond misbehavior. These include:

- 1) Not doing well in school.
- 2) Not getting along with other youth.
- 3) Not following school rules of behavior.
- 4) Skipping school.
- 5) Not studying toward "make-up" work at home.
- 6) Favoring, supporting, or participating in beer parties.
- 7) Running around in cars.
- 8) Staying out late without reason.
- 9) Crashing parties and causing trouble.
- 10) Lying to mislead parents.
- 11) Creating community disturbances.

A "youth code" against these "bad behavior" patterns could be the basis for trial in the "youth code court" aimed both toward better youth government and better character.

If you and your faculty are interested, I'll help you set up the program. But we'll all have to want a better America for Youth and for the future.

What do you say?

## Initiative Creates Top Secretaries

EAST LANSING—It takes more than basic stenographic skills to become a top secretary, says one of the nation's best secretaries told a Michigan State University speaker.

Gene McCann of the MSU department of business education became a top secretary after only the top girls in their field, the ones picked by presidents of corporations, headed the New York stock exchange, bank presidents and governors of several states.

Basic secretarial skills are important, according to McCann's findings, but won't usually make a secretary the boss's "Girl Friday."

ONLY 18 per cent of the secretaries surveyed felt such basic skills to be more important than general business knowledge. And their understanding of business operations, the majority reported in the survey, was obtained in extra study programs.

In an addition to the extra study, McCann found 22 per cent of the girls recommended seeking new responsibilities beyond job requirements.

"When you see your boss doing something you feel you could do just as well, suggest he let you do it to the task," advised McCann. He pointed out that 91 per cent of the girls reported their bosses welcomed the suggestions.

McCann summed up his findings by saying: "A stenographer with at least average intelligence and skills, but who is above average in initiative, courteousness and who has a friendly attitude toward people should make a very good secretary."

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By TOM MANHARD

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## 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

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|-----------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Get a Job                | The Silhouettes       |
| 2. Oh Julie                 | The Crescendos        |
| 3. Don't Let Go             | Roy Hamilton          |
| 4. Waitin' in School        | Ricky Nelson          |
| 5. Dede Dinah               | Frankie Avalon        |
| 6. Short Shorts             | Royal Teens           |
| 7. At the Hop               | Danny and The Juniors |
| 8. Jo Ann                   | The Playmates         |
| 9. The Stroll               | The Diamonds          |
| 10. Swinging Shepherd Blues | Johnny Pate           |

### Up and Coming Discs:

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| 1. Are You Sincere | Andy Williams |
| 2. Little Pigeon   | Sal Mimeo     |

### Detroit Area's Top Ten

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| 8. Short Shorts             | Royal Teens           |
| 9. Lah De Dah               | Billie and Lillie     |
| 10. Sail Along Silvery Moon | Billy Vaughn          |

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**Calender**  
For Today's Youth  
Compiled by LYNN LOFATA

Thursday	January 23	Southfield at Hazel Park. Wrestling 7:30 p.m.
Friday	January 24	Birmingham at Kimball. Swimming 7:30 p.m.
Friday	January 24	Hazel Park at Birmingham. Basketball at Southfield. Basketball 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday	January 28	Assumption at Cranbrook. Basketball 4:15 p.m.
Thursday	January 30	Southfield at Thurston. Swimming 7:30 p.m.
Thursday	January 30	Bloomfield at Holly. Basketball 7:30 p.m.
Friday	January 31	Plymouth at Birmingham. Swimming 7:30 p.m.
Friday	January 31	Southfield at Berkeley. Basketball 7:00 p.m.
Friday	January 31	Ferndale at Birmingham. Basketball.

**Ticklers** By George

"Hey sis! Your basketball friend wants to see you."

**Apple Core**

Interesting News Items Cleaned from Our Elementary School Newspaper

**Solar System**  
By LINDA HARVEY  
Quarton School 6th Grade

It was early in the school year when Billy and Benny got in the biggest argument of all time. They were always arguing and getting into trouble. Ever since they were in first grade they had argued about small points such as how much three and three were, but this was really something big.

Benny was inclined to be very serious and exact. Billy was always guessing and had a great imagination. It was this imagination that started the argument. Billy said that the rings around Saturn were all different colors. Benny said they were colorless and like a cloud.

BENNY AND BILLY were in their room waiting for their teacher and the bell to ring. Benny was trying to conceal his temper, but Billy was shouting at the top of his lungs. The teacher came in just when Billy yelled, "So they aren't!" "Why Billy and Benny! What ever is the matter?" "The questions, looking at Billy's red face and Benny's white one. "Billy says that Saturn's rings are different colors and Benny says they're colorless." Benny talked so fast the teacher had trouble keeping up with him. "But they aren't," shouted Billy.

THIS WENT ON and on until finally the teacher said, "That's enough. Why don't you both get books and prove yourself right or wrong."

"I'll do better than that," said Billy. "I'll go there and take pictures to prove I'm right."

"Now Billy. Since that's the age of rockets, I think that would be a little impossible," said Miss White, which was the teacher's name.

"Yes it most certainly is," sneered scientific Benny. "I read then, I'll do it," challenged Billy.

THAT AFTERNOON Billy was lost in thought. He was thinking now that it was sort of a silly boast he had made this morning and now he wasn't sure if he could make good his boast. His father had always said: "If you make a boast keep it." "Well," he thought, "it's going to be sort of hard to keep this boast."

That night Billy's mother noticed that Billy was very quiet. "What's the matter, Billy?" she inquired. "Well... Dad you know you said that if someone makes a boast they should keep it. What if someone was very mad and just said it without thinking?" The words came in a great rush. Later, Billy was surprised at his own impulsive nature.

"That's what I thought before they speak," said his father gravely.

The next day Billy went to school in a daze. Then as he was waiting for the bell, he found himself in a space ship on the way to Saturn.

IT WAS A beautiful space-ship to see how colorful it was and saw they were rapidly heading away from earth. Although he was not over the seas, curious to see what Saturn and the solar system were like. At

least he didn't think he was scared, but actually he had to admit he was... a little. The spaceship kept soaring up and up. Pretty soon Billy looked at a small tape that was rolling off the names of everything they had passed. It read: Mars, comet, Jupiter, meteor, and a two tailed comet. Billy and two tailed comet. Billy then saw the tape was completely blank until it said coming in view.

"Oh boy, oh boy," Saturn exclaimed, "now I'll be able to prove Benny was wrong. I'll be able to see for myself if the rings around Saturn are different colors. Oh yes, I think there should be a camera in here someplace."

Now where could that be, he thought. Where could it be. Ah here it is and it already has film in it.

HE WENT BACK to the window to see how much closer they were to Saturn. To his amazement and joy they were almost on top of it. He looked again and sure enough the rings were different colors. He snapped several pictures for proof. Now that this problem was solved he began to wonder how he was going to get back to... "Billy, Billy Lawdon! Listen to me and wake up. Benny has something to say to you and we have started arithmetic," almost shouted Miss White. "Oh? Oh? Oh? Miss White," said Billy suddenly coming out of his trance. "Billy, I'm sorry argued with you yesterday. I found a picture of Saturn and the rings are different colors," said Benny sorrowfully. "That's okay Benny," said Billy. "Let's be good friends just the same."

**'Pussy Cat' Tasty Cheese Dish**

All cats and kittens love fish and so today let's make a "cat-dish". You'll love this tuna fish fondue too.

Drain a can of tuna fish. Grease an oven-proof dish and lay a few slices of bread (cut into small squares) in it. Sprinkle the fish over it. Add one cup grated cheddar cheese. Now beat two eggs, two cups milk, salt to taste and pour over the bread and fish. Add some more cheese and bake in a heated oven, 325° for one hour.

**Tower-of-Fruit Dessert**

Peel and cut thin slices  
2 large oranges  
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3 bananas

Alternate with slices of pineapple. Sprinkle shredded coconut, mixed with powdered sugar, over the "tower". Chill.