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MARtha V. HURD, TODAY'S YOUTH EDITOR



The Momentous Day Arrives

It was a solemn moment when the class of '58 of Birmingham high school rose after formal presentation to School Superintendent Dwight B. Ireland for graduation. (above) Ceremonies were held last Thursday in the school gym. White-robed girls outnumbered the maroon-clad boys in the outer rows of graduates. (Below) At the moment when each graduate stepped to the platform for his diploma, Principal Ross Wagner announced his name. Here one of the many honor students in the large class, Barbara Hobart, waits as Mr. Wagner reports that she is graduating Cum Laude, and has received a certificate of merit in the National Merit scholarship program.



**My Dad and I
Daughter and Dad
Are Happy Pair**

By BOB JOYNT

One of the finest father and daughter relationships to be found in the Birmingham area is that between Carol Olsen and her dad, Merritt Olsen.

On many an evening when passing by 560 Townsend, one can hear a fiddle or a dulcimer twanging and a piano plinking. It will be father Olsen doing the fiddling or the twanging and Carol, aged 15, plinking on the ivories.

Since the time Carol was born, she has done many things with her dad. During the summers, at a cottage on Henderson Lake, he has helped her learn to swim, to run a motor boat and to be a good fishwoman.

ALTHOUGH Mr. Olsen owns a thriving grocery store at the corner of Chester and Brown streets in Birmingham, Carol has been asked to work there. This may stem back to the days when she "bothered him" on busy Saturdays.

Instead, Mr. Olsen encourages Carol to have a good time with friends of her own age. But he cautions her to keep her grades up in school. Carol says she is happily successful doing both!

Mr. Olsen and Carol both are active members of the First Baptist church. He always has encouraged Carol to participate in its youth groups and church school.

CAROL WOULD like to be an elementary school teacher because she enjoys working with little children. Her dad's encouragement of this desire helps Carol to feel free to ask her dad for advice because she knows he will listen and be fair in his judgment.

"This is what makes our relationship so wonderful, the understanding between my dad and I," she emphasizes.

offers from business and industry. One of our new teachers leave the profession within a five year period to be married or enter professions of their own choosing.

"Able teachers cannot be secured by the concentration of other fields, the central issue is whether we can do with a free economy what the Russians do with a controlled economy—and whether we can do it better."

Kathy's Korner
By Kathy Koenig

Mary Poppins Comes Back, by P. L. Travers.

Ever since Mary Poppins left the Banks family, everything had gone wrong. But one day while Michael and Jane were in the bath with the twins, Mary Poppins came back. She arrived in a very unusual way, but I won't tell how, for that is a secret until you read the book.

When she returns, she brings excitement and adventure. She has a bit of magic in her quick ways and takes the children on exciting trips into lands that don't seem real.

ONE DAY Jane was punished by being kept in her room. She was very angry, because Michael and the twins were at a party and Mary Poppins wouldn't let her go. She threw her paint box across the room and hit a bowl on the mantel. The bowl cracked and then there was a voice saying, "Ow, that was my knee."

She had cracked the bowl right on one of the boy's knees.

The boys in the picture on the bowl had come alive and they took Jane through a meadow into an old creaky house where everything was old-fashioned.

THEN SHE was told she could not go home and she was sorry she was bad. She called for Mary Poppins. Would she come and take her back home to Michael and the twins?

Well, that's another secret, but Mary Poppins was certainly remarkable and it seemed she could do anything.

Mary Poppins Comes Back is exciting because Mary Poppins keeps Michael, Jane and the twins on such unbelievable adventures that they seem real. The book is excellent for all boys and girls from 7 to 12, but all the young at heart will love it.

Teachers Top Need Of Schools

First needed break-through in American education is to secure outstanding, enthusiastic teachers, says Howard R. Jones, professor of education administration at University of Michigan.

"This we have never done. In Roman times, the teacher was an slave. We have elevated teachers to subalterns. In the future, teachers in an intimate relationship with pupils. It is not the break-through into the promised land."

"Over 80,000 teachers in American public schools are this year teaching on sub-standard or emergency certificates. We are preparing annually in our schools and colleges fewer than half the teachers needed in mathematics and science, and the same thing is true in the preparation of elementary school teachers."

"The outstanding graduates from our colleges for the teaching profession have often been spirited away by more attractive

Armed Forces Won't Reform Delinquents

Sending juvenile delinquents into the armed forces is not the way to reform them, says a man who has been a police and air force officer for nearly 40 years.

National security is the mission of the armed forces, not the reforming of young hoodlums, declared Prof. William A. Wiltberger, currently a distinguished visiting professor from the school of police administration and public safety at Michigan State University.

Prof. Wiltberger, who retired this year from the U.S. air force after serving three wars, believes that military life offers the opportunity for good recruits to improve themselves, for their own good and that of the nation.

But "THE services will not knowingly accept recruits who list to escape legal difficulties, the veteran officer said, "because they haven't the one or two pieces of equipment to handle society's problems."

Many such offenders quickly get themselves into trouble in the service and "wind up in the guard-house facing court martial," he added.

Prof. Wiltberger, who has served as chief of police in Evanston, Ill., director of public safety in St. Petersburg, Fla., and director of the San Jose State college police school, says "the sort of self-discipline which creates a good soldier will also create a good citizen."

"But it means a working-together of all parts of society—the family, schools, churches and law enforcement agencies—to teach young people that there is a discipline of life and society that we must all conform to."

Hi Life
by TOM MANHARD

"That's the last time YOU come to the beach!"

She'll Always Remember This: School Party Thought It A War Party!

By SUE GREENLEAF

Mrs. Mary Koella, a prominent Derby Jr. High School science teacher, has had many experiences at the University of Arizona—but one stands out in her mind!

Touring the Canyon of Copper in Mexico with a school group, they applied and waded to a group of Indians, a natural thing for school kids to do. However, the Indians didn't wade. They simply turned away.

ALL THE WAY to the falls of the canyon, the group became aware of the Indian scolding trailing them.

That night with rocks falling and bushes rustling in the wind, the group's courage dropped and their whistling became fainter in the ghostly moonlight. No one slept a wink that night.

But nothing happened!

The group got back to town, they were told the Indians were so scared of the school group that they had sent a messenger to trail them to make sure the group didn't try anything.

ALL OF WHICH goes to show you how the mind can build up a few insignificant things into something terrifying.

The Canyon of Copper may be a well visited place but I know a certain group that are willing to "give it back to the Indians!"

Yours Truly,
By Joyce Kettlar

A Birmingham art enthusiast, while showing her daughter's new painting technique, came up with what she termed a "dud." Looking back on it later, she decided it was as bad as she had thought.

She entered the "dud" (along with two others) in the Birmingham Art Fair.

One of the three was sold. Which one?

You guessed it. The "dud!"

Have you seen "Miss Brodie," the newest staff member at the Baldwin public library? She discharges books, speeds up their return in the shelves, and makes an immediate visible record of the charge.

Others are of the first libraries in the country to entertain "Miss Brodie" gal, eh?

Notice on the lawn in front of the Birmingham police department: "Your feet are killing me."

Did you know that somewhere in Bloomfield township in the 1870s there was a library—but to this day no one knows where the "ghost" library has gone or was housed? Anyone having any information will receive a \$1000 reward of my appreciation. Let me hear from you via The Birmingham Eccentric's Youth Page.

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TUESDAY, AUGUST 7, 1958

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BLOOMFIELD, COUNTY OF OAKLAND, STATE OF MICHIGAN: NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that in conformity with the Michigan Election Law, the final date for registration in order to vote in the General Primary Election is Monday, July 7, 1958, at 8:00 p.m.

TO VOTE AT THIS ELECTION, all persons must be registered.

Citizens of the United States, 21 years old, who have resided in the State of Michigan six months and in the Township of Bloomfield thirty days prior to August 5, 1958, are eligible to register.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that any person who is not already registered upon the registration books of said township may register on or before July 7th, 1958, during regular office hours, Monday through Friday of each week, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and in addition to the regular office hours the office of the Township Clerk will be open for the purpose of receiving registrations during the following hours:

Monday, June 30, 1958—9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Tuesday, July 1, 1958—9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Wednesday, July 2, 1958—9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
and on the LAST DAY Monday, July 7, 1958 from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

TO TRANSFER a registration from one address to another WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF BLOOMFIELD, send a signed request to the office of the Township Clerk, stating present address, former address, and date of moving to present address, such transfer may be made any time up to and including Monday, July 7, 1958, at 8:00 p.m.

Those persons who have already registered under the permanent registration system and have voted within the last four years do not have to re-register.

ROBERT H. DUDLEY,
Township Clerk