



Prizes for Contest Winners

Birmingham high school sophomores, Margot Tanner, (from left) and Barbara Kittle show Dale Young, emcee on the Detroit Bandstand TV program, prizes that will be awarded to the boy and girl who sold the most tickets to the May 22 spring choir concert at the school.

Some Books for You From Adult Shelves

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Every year librarians from all parts of the country who work with young people choose the adult books published during the year which they feel have been the most popular and have held the most appeal for people of high school age. Those selected must also have literary quality. The list for 1957 has recently been published.

Most of the librarians who specialize in work with young adults firmly believe that people of high school age are among the best readers of the world today. We feel this youthful public represents a good cross-section of the taste of all readers.

Since most young people believe in the old adage that truth is stranger than fiction, we were happy to include a majority of non-fiction titles on our list. Perhaps you'll find a good choice for that next non-fiction book report here as well as exciting recreational reading.

THE FACT that this year has been designated as the International Geophysical Year makes the several good science titles timely. These should be of special importance to young adults of this area because of the recent Detroit Science Fair. Our list this year seems to show a continuing interest in war literature as well as a wide-eyed appraisal of the atomic age.

Our masculine readers always seem to express a preference for war stories. We were proud to include in our list one of the most compelling novels of this kind that has been printed in recent years. The "Guns of Navarone" by Alistair MacLean concerns five British commandos who silenced the guns of a German garrison in the face of extreme danger. These men became as real to you as the people in the next book. Once you

read them, it will be difficult to put the book aside until you learn their fate.

GIRLS AREN'T the only ones who like romance, but it does seem that usually they are the only ones brave enough to ask for love stories. One of the most romantic historical novels we have seen in a long time is the "Lady in Waiting" by Rosemary Sutcliffe, which tells the stormy and tragic career of Sir Walter Raleigh, skillfully interwoven with a poignant love story.

Probably a number of you people watched the exciting television performance of "A Night to Remember." If you liked the breath-taking suspense of this minute-by-minute account of the sinking of the Lusitania, you should enjoy the "Day of Infamy" by the same author—Walter Lord.

In this title the people of Pearl Harbor and the enemy overhead play out the dark hours of December 7, 1941. Told in this same rapid reportorial style is James Bishop's "The Day Christ Died," a moving hour-by-hour narrative from the final day at the Last Supper to the drama at the cross.

Other books on this list may appeal to you more than the titles here mentioned, so we proudly present the interesting adult books of 1957 for young people for your future reading pleasure:

- The Blue Cup, and Other Stories, B. J. Chute
- Company of Cowards, Jack Schaefer
- The Courtship of Mr. Lincoln, Ruth Painter Randall
- The Day Christ Died, James Bishop
- Day of Infamy, Walter Lord
- The Dog Who Wouldn't Be, Farley Mowat
- The Enemy Below, Denys Arthur Hayner
- Face to Face, Yed Mehta
- The Guns of Navarone, Alistair MacLean
- The Hidden Persuaders, Vance Packard
- A Household of Love, Marjorie Houppan
- I Can Jump Puddles, Alan Marshall
- Lady in Waiting, Rosemary Sutcliffe
- The Living Legends, A. F. Jones
- My Family and Other Animals, Gerald M. Durrell
- On the Beach, Nevil Shute
- The Siege of Pater, David Howarth
- The Small Woman, Alan Burgess
- They Fought for the Sky, Quentin Reynolds
- Vanguard, Martin Caidin

Calender For Today's Youth

Compiled by JUDI DAVEY
Thursday May 29 Mock Constitutional Convention at Birmingham. All day.
Friday May 31 Junior-Senior Prom at Southfield. Don't miss fabulous "Fascination" from 9:22 p.m. Dances to the music of Phil Hough and the Mel-O-Staters. Formal. \$8.00 per couple.

Monday June 2 Southfield seniors final exams
Tuesday June 3 Birmingham Senior Dinner. 6 p.m. in the Maple Room.
Wednesday June 4 Kingswood's Alumnae tea. 3:30-5:30 p.m. Senior Day at Southfield. Awards assembly at 10:15 a.m. P.T.S.A. senior tea.
Thursday June 5 Senior luncheon at Southfield.
Friday June 6 Kingswood Day. Birmingham Senior Skip Day.

Oh, little elf, I'm smiling and free; What in the world Might you want from me? When I am chained to progress,

As Others See Us

Should my parents meet my date?
IT WOULD BE EASIER FOR ME JUST TO LEAVE WHEN HE CALLS FOR ME. MY PARENTS THINK I'M WRONG. AM I?

Question Mark
The panel feels that your parents should meet your date by all means if it can be tactfully and casually planned. The girl might invite her date in casually and he may chat with her mother or father as she gets her coat.

However, the girl's parents should not embarrass the girl by burdening her with a lot of instructions as to what time they want her in, etc. This can be explained later by the girl, which will prevent any ill will.

Meeting the boy's parents is a large problem, however. For the boys who are under driving age, this is somewhat simplified since parents are not interested in the girl when they drive her to and from the date. To those who drive would be that he might take her to his home after the date for refreshments and thereby meet his parents.

So, if at all possible arrange to have your parents meet your date.

WHAT CAN I DO ABOUT MY GRANDPARENTS. THEY ARE ALWAYS PICKING ON ME. THEY DON'T APPROVE OF MY FRIENDS, MY CLOTHES, THE WAY I KEEP MY ROOM. EVEN THE KIND OF RECORDS I PLAY.

Gram and Gramps definitely can't be overlooked. This is a very touchy situation since your grandparents are very interested in the things you are doing.

The Panel feels the best course of action is to go to your parents and talk with them. Explain to Mom and Dad that you want to cooperate with your grandparents but they are making it rough.

Ask them to work with you privately on helping them to be more tolerant with you, and vice-versa. Also make an effort to find out if Gram and Gramps style is justified in some of their claims.

Great care must be taken not to cause any friction between the parents and grandparents which might have disastrous results.

A little evaluation and understanding from both sides could easily solve the problems and build a real friendship with your grandparents.

HOW DO YOU BRING A DATE TO AN END WITHOUT HURTING YOUR BOY FRIEND'S FEELINGS?

Bringing a date to a close without seeming tactless can definitely be called an art. Best plan of action is frankly while still having consideration for your date's feelings.

If it's about "getting home" time, you usually can run into no trouble by saying, "I've agreed with the folks that I'll be home by 11:30." By letting your date realize your position with your folks, he will respect you more.

If you are just getting tired or not enjoying yourself you might say, "Let's stop for a coke and call it a day" or something of the like. Don't forget that your friends are probably in the same boat but don't know how to handle the situation. You may be the first.

Do you have a question for Teen Panel on 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.

Up and Coming Discs:
1. Woodchoppers Ball Hutch Davie
2. You The Aquatonas

Detroit Area's Top Ten
1. All I Have to Do Is Dream Everly Brothers
2. Secretly Jimmy Rodgers
3. Purple People Eater Sheb Wooley
4. Big Man Jan & Arnie
5. Woodchoppers Ball Hutch Davie
6. Jennie Lee Jan & Arnie
7. Witch Doctor David Seville
8. Do You Want to Dance Bobby Freeman
9. You Need Her Eddie Gorrie
10. Twilight Time Platters

Hi Life by Tom Manhard

And you the world may roam; While any time you want; Can make a leaf your home.
Yet I am never free To do the things so fine, Now could you answer me this, What might you want of mine?
Both poems by: MARIA KOUNTOUPER, 7th Grade, Bloomfield Country Day School

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Little children love to play Each and every sunny day. They like to jump, they like to play, and from each other they will hide.
All day long they go on this way, Singing in their special way. Can't dream of interrupting one, Because they're having so much fun.
So when the day comes to an end and they must leave each other, They will say "good bye, dear friend," and run inside to mother.
THE ELF
Oh, little elf, I'm smiling and free; What in the world Might you want from me? When I am chained to progress,