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**FOR AND ABOUT TODAY'S YOUTH**

MARTHA V. HURD, TODAY'S YOUTH EDITOR

**Many New Books To Appear at Spring Festival**

By DOROTHY O'NEILL  
Boys' and Girls' Librarian, Baldwin Public Library

Suddenly it's spring, and new books are popping up like tulips and daffodils in the boys' and girls' department of Baldwin public library.

This year the traditional Spring Book Festival will be held at the library during the week of May 12 through 17 with a display of new books for all ages from pre-school through high school. We have been selecting new books since January, but have been holding them in anticipation of the Festival.

The Spring Book Festival was begun 22 years ago by the New York Herald Tribune to encourage boys and girls in year-round reading.

Cash prizes of \$200 each are awarded to the author of the winning book in each of three age groups. The board of judges is selected by the newspaper. "Come-Away Lake" by Elizabeth Enright, and "Because of Madeline" by Mary Stolz.

Some of the past prize and honor award winners are such favorites as "Madeline and the Bad Hat" by Ludwig Bemmelman, "Come-Away Lake" by Elizabeth Enright, and "Because of Madeline" by Mary Stolz.

Each year a well known illustrator of children's books contributes a poster for the Book Festival. This year's poster is by Crockett Johnson, creator of the comic strip "Bartholomew."

HE HAS ALSO created a series of books about Harold. The first one, "Harold and the Purple Crayon" will soon be released as a motion picture. This Harold is a great favorite with children.

The most recent one, "Harold's Trip to the Sky," suggested the idea for the Spring Festival poster. This poster shows Harold climbing up a stack of books to reach the stars.

And stars and space, with their new books that will be on display, "You Among the Stars" by Harman and Nina Schneider explains our universe in terms that kindergarten and first and second graders will enjoy.

FOR SLIGHTLY older children is "Our Sun and the World Around It" by Jane Lyon, and "Port Huron at Birmingham, Track Birmingham at Northville, Tennis, 4:00 p.m."

Tuesday May 13  
Sylvia at Cranbrook, Track, 3:45 p.m.  
Port Huron at Birmingham, Golf, Birmingham at Hazel Park, Tennis, 3:15 p.m.  
Southfield at Berkley, Baseball, 7:30 p.m.  
Southfield at Berkley, Tennis, 4:00 p.m.

Wednesday May 14  
Choir Concert at Southfield, 8:00 p.m. in the gym.  
Southfield at Thurston, Golf, 3:00 p.m.  
Pep Club banquet at Birmingham, 5:00 p.m.

Thursday May 15  
Cranbrook at Dearborn, Baseball, 4:00 p.m.  
Fitzgerald at Southfield, Tennis, 4:00 p.m.  
Southfield at Farmington, Track, 4:00 p.m.  
Birmingham at Port Huron, Baseball, 4:00 p.m.  
Birmingham at Port Huron, Tennis, 3:15 p.m.

Friday May 16  
From Southfield, the aqua fellows are the first water show that the high school has presented, 8:00 p.m. There will be a show on Saturday night as well.

Saturday May 17  
College Board Exams all day at Cranbrook.  
Cranbrook at Nichols, Baseball.  
Cranbrook at Nichols, Tennis.  
Regional track meet at Van Dyke, 9:00 a.m.

**As Others See Us**

By ECKART KELLER  
From Dortmund, Gary, Eckart is attending a woman's high school. He is spending a year with the K. C. Wilson family on Squared road, Birmingham area.

(First of two articles)

I write these lines with one laughing and one tearful eye because very soon I will have to leave for home and leave behind me the nice year here in the United States, one of the most eventful years in my life, will then be over.

People in the past weeks have asked me quite frequently, "Are you anxious to go home again, Eckhart?"

I found it very difficult to express my true feelings about this in an answer, and so I made it my habit to say "I'll leave with one eye tearful and one laughing."

NOW CLOSE to the end of my stay here in Michigan questions arise like, "What did you get out of your stay here?" or "What do you take home as a result of your year here in the United States?"

I would like to answer these questions at this time.

My stay, cleverly chosen by the American Field Service to be in my teen-age years, and undoubtedly have a great effect on my later life.

Since I'm still young, still without an prejudice and still open to new impressions, I will get more out of my year than an adult would get. But what is it I'm going to take home?

SHORTLY answered: two suitcases full of clothes, many pictures and a good memory of all my friends and as most important a more experienced Eckart Keller. I mentioned experienced as most important because experiences coming to a young man will form him and his later life will always reflect them.

Since I have had this very nice experience I hope it will help me in my later life in diplomatic service, the career I'm hoping and preparing for at this time.

Perhaps you see now, dear Reader, what these experiences mean to me and you can figure out yourself of how much value they will be for me, when I tell you about them.

EXPERIENCE, which is a word I should actually write with a capital initial, because my experience here in the United States as an exchange student was not a walk over. I had a hard time to decide where to start.

Since it would take me too long to tell you about all my adventures let me begin with the most obvious and nearest experience: (To be concluded next week.)

**Class to Reunite**

The 10-year reunion of the Roy at Oak high school class of June 1948, will be held May 24 at the Royal Oak Elks Hall. Plans include a buffet supper and dancing. Alumni are reminded that reservations should be sent to Mrs. Walter Olsen, 207 Chippewa, Clawson.

Referred to the Birmingham traffic safety school by the teen traffic court, a group of traffic violators under age 17 watch Maynard Mott explain a traffic problem. Mott and Sam Tassio, both driver education instructors at Birmingham high school, teach alternate sessions of the safety school. Birmingham Exchange club sponsors the clinics, assuming all costs involved. Lt. Robert Schaule, of the youth division, Birmingham police department, is in charge. In four two-hour classes held Thursday nights at the municipal building, violators review proper driver attitude and courtesy. They spend one evening on the subject, "Why we drive that way," the psychology of driving.

**Don't Let It Happen Again!**

I'm going west to college next year. I have never made a lot of friends.

WHAT CAN I DO TO MAKE NEW FRIENDS? CAN YOU MAKE ME A KIND OF LIST OF THE MOST IMPORTANT THINGS FOR ME TO DO?

To answer this question, the panel drew up a check list of those qualities desirable in a close friend. After you reach college, join clubs and enter wholeheartedly into school and dorm activities.

This way you can meet many people, and when you have found some you know you would like to have for friends, see how your own behavior checks off against the following list. A perfect score means you are well on the way to establishing real and lasting friendships.

1. Do you stick up for your friends if they are being unjustly criticized? Or do you just stand by, unwilling to be involved, while your friend is torn apart unjustly?
2. Do you keep confidences? It's important to your friends to know that they can trust you. No one is going to confide in you if they aren't sure whether the story will be all over town the next day. Remember that secrets are secret, and promises are made to be kept, and promises are made to be kept.
3. Do you show thoughtfulness and courtesy to your friends? If one of your friends broke his ankle on the football field, would you pay him a visit in the hospital to check him up? Or if an out-of-town girl was visiting you, would you invite in a group of people to meet her? Thoughtfulness is one of the bases of human relationships, yet we often neglect to use it.
4. Are you sincere in your friendships? Don't try to be friends with "big wheels" just to look good

**Calender For Today's Youth**

Compiled by LYNN LOPATA

Thursday May 8  
Ferndale at Birmingham, Baseball 4:00 p.m.  
Ferndale at Birmingham, Tennis, 3:15 p.m.  
Birmingham at Pontiac, Golf, 2:30 p.m.  
Band Concert at B'ham, 8:00-10:30 p.m. Admission is \$75.  
Southfield at Clareville, Tennis, 4:00 p.m.  
Southfield at Walled Lake, Track, 4:00 p.m.

Friday May 9  
French Club at Southfield sponsors a dance. Admission will be \$5.00. Bermudas are in order. Please note: this date was changed from Friday due to school recess on Friday, 8:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m.  
Bloomfield at Kingswood, Tennis, 3:00 p.m.  
Southfield at Walled Lake, Baseball, Birmingham at Cranbrook, Track, 3:45 p.m.

Saturday May 10  
Various county schools participate

**Teen Panel Question**

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.

**Birmingham's Top Ten**

- Compiled Weekly from Sales of Birmingham's Three Leading Record Shops  
Reported by Carl Reynolds, B'ham High School Senior
1. Dream . . . . . Everly Brothers
  2. Witch Doctor . . . . . David Seville
  3. Johnny B. Goode . . . . . Chuck Berry
  4. Chanson D'Amour . . . . . Art & Doty Todd
  5. Rumble . . . . . Link Wray
  6. Big Man . . . . . Four Preps
  7. Book of Love . . . . . The Monotones
  8. Return to Me . . . . . Dean Martin
  9. Kewpie Doll . . . . . Perry Como
  10. Relieve What You Say . . . . . Ricky Nelson

**Up and Coming Discs:**

1. Cherie, I Love You . . . . . Pat Boone
2. Stop Baby . . . . . Four Preps

**Detroit Area's Top Ten**

1. Dream . . . . . Everly Brothers
2. Witch Doctor . . . . . David Seville
3. Twilight Time . . . . . Platters
4. Wear My Ring . . . . . Elvis Presley
5. He's Got the Whole World . . . . . Laurie London
6. Return to Me . . . . . Dean Martin
7. Kewpie Doll . . . . . Perry Como
8. Johnny B. Goode . . . . . Chuck Berry
9. Book of Love . . . . . The Monotones
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**Birmingham DRIVE-IN CLEANERS**

**Interesting News Items Gleaned from Our Elementary School Newspapers**

Instead of giving you a recipe today, we thought it would be a good idea to set up a kitchen plan of your very own. You could cut this out and paste it in your cook book along with TADPOLE CORNER recipes.

**KITCHEN PLAN FOR COOKING AND CLEANING**

Step 1. Set the different foods you plan to use in front of you. Check your cooking tools at the same time.

Step 2. When you have finished, with the ingredients as used in the recipes, put them back where you got it. This will save a mess of foods and utensils when you clean up.

Step 3. Rub and put into the sink all bowls, pots, pans and utensils.

Step 4. Wipe off any crumbs or other particles of food and leave your kitchen as clean as you found it. That's what makes Mother proud, too!

Step 5. Be sure to ask a grown-up to light your oven for you. If it's gas, ask them to turn the knob to set it at the right temperature.

Step 6. Always use a pot holder when handling hot things. Burned fingers aren't worth your laziness.

**TABLE CRUMBER**

As long as we're on the subject of kitchen cooking, how about making a pretty table crumber?

Get a paper plate and some crayons of paint. Decorate the plate with a pretty flower design or cut some designs from a magazine and put shella on them. Use two coats of transparent shellac. Be sure to let the first coat dry before applying the next one.

Cut your crumber into two parts. Leave one third for the scraper and two thirds for the crumber.