

Surfeit of Opportunity a Threat?

EDITOR'S NOTE: Merritt D. Hill, 965 East Glenngary Circle, Bloomfield Village, is well known among area residents for his philosophy of life emphasizing service to others. Chosen as the commencement speaker at Bloomfield Hills high school, Hill spoke on "Learning to Live," and emphasized the need for learning to live with oneself, with others, and for others. His remarks are abstracted below because of their pertinence to our times and our community. Hill is vice president of Ford Motor Company and general manager of its Tractor and Implement Division, 2500 East Maple Road.

"We boast of equal opportunity for all. But in practice we all know there are many inequalities, and perhaps there is such a thing as too much opportunity.

It is in your power to give the world the answer. Everything our economic system has been striving for finds its personification in you. You have material possessions in abundance. The best our education system has to offer has been made available to you. For you the question of the relative importance of heredity and environment never needs to be answered—you have the best of both.

"IT IS FOR THESE REASONS that I think you have a unique responsibility to yourselves as well as to the system in which you have grown up.

"If we as a nation have traded our spiritual values and our moral integrity for a postage of material things, you will be the generation which will show it to us.

"If you have been so conditioned to put comfort and security above all other precepts that you are unwilling to make personal sacrifices to attain higher goals, we will know too late that we have taught you to worship a false god.

"It seems to me that we need to approach the problem of living as an individual as we approach the problem of making a livelihood—and learning to live with yourself isn't easy.

"PERHAPS PRACTICING those things which make it pleasant to live with ourselves and doing less of the things that make living with ourselves distasteful is a starting point—following the rules of good conduct; being cheerful, courteous, and pleasant; keeping up to date with your chores.

"Most people do not find it easier to live with themselves by getting angry . . . or holding their shoulders aloof and practicing sobriety . . .

"In learning to live, I think you must set a very positive rule that you will do your very best to stay alive . . . The thrill of success did not often carry the dangers of turning into tragedy in the twinkling of an eye to the agonizing accompaniment of equalizing brakes.

"Your exposure to hazards of many kinds is frightening. Only those who stay alive can carry out their mission.

"There are many other dangers to your physical well-being . . . I would ask whether it is not more important to keep yourself in shape for running the 60-year race ahead of you than for any athletic event you were ever in.

"UNTIL AS OUR BODIES are subject to physical maturation, our minds are as susceptible to intellectual maturation . . . I see people who are letting brain power deteriorate, their curiosity die, their zest for life wither.

"The greatest challenge is to develop workable human relationships on an individual and world-wide scale.

"When you consider that one out of every four marriages in this country ends in divorce, and when you bring this close to home and realize that in the past year, here in our county, 1,686 couples were divorced, you begin to realize something of our inability to accommodate ourselves to others on a personal basis.

"Our world tensions demonstrate

its only protection is its own strength . . .

"As a member of a society challenged continually on moral issues, you must be willing to speak up for these convictions, and, as far as you are able, to see that you will have to be willing even to die on an atom-smashed battlefield for these convictions . . .

"I BELIEVE THAT YOU can best use your abilities and most effectively guarantee the success of your lives by investing some of yourself in others. The human service work you perform . . . is the soundest investment you can make.

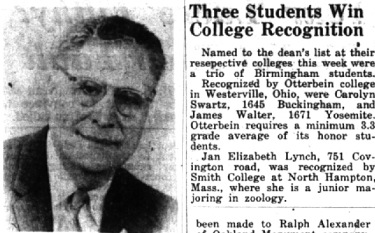
"All of us are, to a greater or lesser degree, selfish. I think we must be born that way and acquire what

generosity we have only by deliberate effort.

"As part of maturing, we begin to realize how constricted we are if we travel no farther than the small backyard of our own satisfaction . . .

"A fat bank account is no measure of genuine achievement. A different yardstick of success is needed, and we find that measure just as soon as we shift our attention from ourselves to others. At that moment, we free ourselves of self-created limits . . .

"There is a saying: 'To Whom much is given, of that much is expected.' This is the situation you are in tonight. However, no one would expect of you more than you should expect of yourselves."



Three Students Win College Recognition

Named to the dean's list at their respective colleges this week were a trio of Birmingham students. Recognized by Otterbein college in Westerville, Ohio, were Carolyn Swartz, 1645 Buckingham, and James Walter, 1671 Yosemite. Otterbein requires a minimum 3.3 grade average of its honor students.

Jan Elizabeth Lynch, 751 Covington road, was recognized by Smith College at North Hampton, Mass., where she is a junior majoring in zoology.

been made to Ralph Alexander of Oakland Monument company, Royal Oak, for 10 years perfect attendance and to Fire Chief Park Smith and Harold Kahlfleisch, Birmingham Cleaners, for five years perfect attendance. Appointment of Richard H. Young, of Youngs of Birmingham as zone chairman for the coming year has also been announced by Lions District Governor-Elect Julius Clevo.

Wins Award

Twenty years perfect attendance at club meetings is the proud record of newly-elected Birmingham Lions Club President Dominic Caputo (above), owner of Birmingham Community Market. Awards have also

Inside the 'Y' Feminine Racers Swamp Boys in Daycamp Events

By STEVE STUECHEL

Pembroke Field in Detroit was the scene of thrilling races and finishes Friday afternoon, July 15, at about 60 eager day-campers vied in this period's field day events directed by Counselor Steve Stuechel.

The girls routed the boys as they won all four foot races 100-, 200-, 400- and 800-yard sprints on one leg, four-member relay race of 100 yds., and 50-yd backward race. A boy pegged the softball the farthest, and two others teamed to stumble across the line first in the wheelbarrow classic, giving the boys two of six first places.

Ten-year-old Deanna Murdoch, co-counselor Diane Thurston's group was the outstanding athlete of the afternoon. She not only sprinted to victory in the one hundred-yard dash, but also finished first in the difficult fifty-yard backward race, and was a member of the winning relay team.

PRECEDING the afternoon's activities all campers swam in the morning at lovely Crystal Pool on Eight Mile at Greenwood in Oak Park. Camp Director George Ewing is taking the group there on Friday mornings, and reports the boys and girls are delighted with the pool.

A VISIT to the Detroit Zoological Park in Royal Oak on Friday afternoon, July 22, will highlight this week's day-camp program.

LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE OF HEARING TO REVIEW SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ROLL, OAKLAND COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the following Special Assessment Roll which was prepared by the Director of Public Works is now on file in his office at the Public Service Building, 20 South Telegraph Road, Pontiac, Michigan, for public inspection.

Special Assessment Roll for Oakland County, DFW Storm Sewage Disposal System No. 2.

IT IS ALSO HEREBY GIVEN, that the Oakland County Board of Public Works will meet in the Madras Club School, 7215 Lahar Road in the Township of Bloomfield, Oakland County, Michigan, on the 9th day of August, 1960, at 2:00 o'clock P.M. to receive and to review the assessment rolls in said roll, which roll and person objecting will be given to all persons interested to be heard.

Any person objecting to the assessment roll shall file his objection thereto in writing with the Director of Public Works before the close of such hearing or within such other time as the Board of Public Works shall grant.

R. J. ALEXANDER
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