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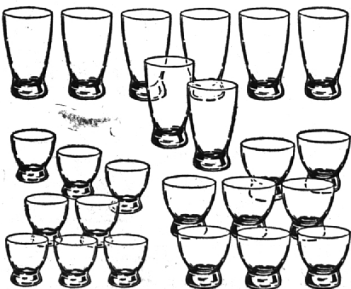


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Clump of Trees Marks End of Era

By CLEO SYMONS

These voices—perhaps you have heard them, too. No, there's nothing wrong with your mind. They're real. Even though they are audible only to that select company which is "ear-minded" to sounds of the past. Nevertheless, they whisper a language not only nostalgic but prophetic, and bring a message worth remembering.

The murmuring comes from a grove of trees on a vacant lot in the center of the village, a spot that once was the very heart of what was known as "the old field farm."

Of course the farm as a farm has long since vanished, along with all the buildings that once stood there. And that, too, remains of a nose broad and fertile acre, whose rippling fields of grain, in the little clump of trees that once surrounded the old homestead, like farms the country over, was being robbed by the insatiable god "Subdivision."

THE VOICES have spoken fearfully from time to time throughout the years. First, when the white man's axe and crosscut saw came closer and closer as he claimed the land. And later, with every new crop of houses that matured in the fields. Listen—they are sounding again, now their new throat is closing in. Now their murmur is raised against the chatter of a chain saw and the growl of a bulldozer at the trees' very roots.

THEY ARE BEST heard around midnight when lights begin to wink out and the flow of traffic along Southfield Road ebbs to a trickle.

Hear the sibilant whisper of the tall pine that stands sentinel there at the corner? "Surely, they will come no closer!" it is saying. "I'm a landmark! I can remember when Indian leaves loyed by for a power with their chief a day's journey to the North. Squaws with paposes and scrawny mares dragging travois straggled behind them. I was a mere seedling then."

"Of course that was before my day," quavers the ancient maple tree that marks the lot's southern boundary. Bent and twisted from

leaving into the wind of countless winters, its voice holds a note of wistfulness: "Oh, the children's swings have hung here. The ubiquitous forgotten generations of robins. I've worn in my hair! And my hair, you can see, is only a few apple tree now-a-days. A heap of sap-sucking went on here in the moonlight—what stories I could tell."

"LIFE WAS never so romantic for me," pipes up the old willow tree, shaking her falling skirts. "I am the practical type. I remember best the farm hands, hot and dusty from the hayrack, and the class of buttermilk in my shade. There was room, too, for the pullets and the lazy old hounds to stretch out besides the whirring grinders; for little girls to make mud pies; for the clump—ah! those were the days!"

"From far overhead comes a subdued but haughty murmur from a majestic American elm. "I, too, shall be allowed to stand! I am valuable—I have nothing to fear."

THEN, IF YOUR ears are finely attuned, you may hear another voice—disembodied, but militant and shrill. It belongs to the ghost of the little bride who had a hand in planting the apple tree; the taller-than-house person (so worn-eaten and knotty now) and who stalk a pussy willow branch into the sand long, long ago.

"I'm ashamed of you all! Shaking and complaining!" it scolds. "Suppose you do have to go some day. We all come to the end of the road at last. But remember, nothing is ever lost."

The sound seems to float, from the apple tree. "What if you do end up as firewood? May the brightest, cheeriest fire within your power. Perhaps the cold hearth you warm may kindly send love and reunite a family."

THEN THE VOICE sounds faintly from the topmost branch of the elm. "And you know what a great honor—that is splendid way to go! If even one tiny spark, mounting toward the stars, gives

Ticklers By George



"I'm afraid Grigsby lacks that inner conviction and self confidence!"

someone a moment of pleasure, you will not have lived in vain. Even if you should be ground up in one of those awful machines, the voice falters, "much is good for other trees."

The trees appear to draw closer together, bending to catch a last echo to hear only ordinary sounds in the distance. "Straighten up, all of you. Be strong. Bow only to the will of the wind. And remember—nothing is ever lost—never lost—never lost!"

CHANCES ARE, if you are a sensible citizen, you will be more likely to hear ordinary sounds by day—a saw, a bulldozer, the ping of a hammer. Lathrup Village will be going its new post office. When snow flies again, pause some day when you go there to mail a letter. Listen carefully and you may hear a shoddy murmur from the trees nearby. (If they are still standing. Even as this is being written, they may be doomed.) Will you hear the old refrain of director?

Come, let's face it. This is the end of an era. What you will really be hearing with be this: "Gone forever—gone forever!"

Vacate 3 Alleys, Commission Orders

Three alleys west of Watkins between Wallace and Hanna will be vacated, Birmingham city commissioners decided Monday night. They also ordered that all easements be retained for public utility.

Two of the alleys run east-west and the third connects them. Abutting property owners have worked out agreements to provide for adequate access to driveways and garages.

Give Lions Share

The Birmingham Lions Club announced district 11-A-2 (Oakland and Macomb counties) in contributions to the Leader Dog School at Ketchikan, according to an annual report of the executive director.

The local club contributed \$1453.37 with the Oakland Club in second place with a \$1200 contribution.

ELECTION NOTICE
PRIMARY ELECTION
TUESDAY, JULY 26, 1961

To the Qualified Electors of the City of Bloomfield Hills, County of Oakland, State of Michigan:

Notice is hereby given, that a primary Election will be held on Tuesday, July 25, 1961, at the place or places of holding the election in said city as indicated below, viz:

- Precinct No. 1—Bloomfield Hills Fire Hall, 45 East Long Lake Road
- Precinct No. 2—St. Dunstan's Play House, Lone Pine Road

For the purpose of placing in nomination by all political parties participating therein, candidates for the following offices, viz:

- CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION DELEGATES
- One from State Senatorial District
- One from State Representative District

Also any additional amendments or propositions that may be submitted.

NOTICE RELATIVE TO OPENING AND CLOSING OF THE POLLS
Election Law, Act 116, P.A. 1954

SECTION 720. On the day of any election, the polls shall be opened at 7 o'clock in the forenoon and shall be continuously open until 8 o'clock in the afternoon and no longer. Every qualified elector present and in line at the polls at the hour prescribed for the closing thereof shall be allowed to vote.

THE POLLS of said election will be open at 7 o'clock A.M. and will remain open until 8 o'clock P.M. of said day of election.

Robert J. Stadler
City Clerk

'Standardized Product' Wrong for School Kids

ANN ARBOR — School administrators who insist that teachers make children a "standardized product" from grade to grade are making a great mistake, says Warren A. Ketchum (PhD), University of Michigan professor of education.

"We must learn to teach children of varying ability together," he says. "The heart of the problem lies in the day-by-day practice of children and teacher living and working together. The child's chief motivation comes from his environment."

"A good teacher doesn't insist on every child measuring up to a strict grade level. Instead, she sees to it that her classroom is

well stocked with books and resource materials the child can draw on for stimulation and mental growth."

KETCHUM, INSISTS all efforts to standardize the learning process of children through such formal means as time scheduling, ability grouping, promotion, grades, and lockstep class assignments will fail to standardize school achievement. "Each and all these things belong among the pipe dreams of teachers, administrators and parents," he says.

Ketchum points out two erroneous assumptions subscribed to by many parents and teachers. "Many of them seem to think that if a proper start in learning the simple skills is made in the elementary school, then everything else will fall into place."

"But what if the elements of reading, writing and arithmetic haven't fallen into place for Johnny? Starting him in from the beginning again won't accomplish anything but boredom and frustration," says Ketchum.

"Many also believe, erroneously, that superior quality of school achievement can be guaranteed by beginning earlier and teaching harder. These people hold out for running kindergarten all day long, stress on learning, and for increasing the length of the school day for elementary pupils. Myth, pure and simple."

"What matters is a teacher who is sensitive to motivation in children and who capitalizes on their readiness to learn by giving the early achievers and the late achievers the learning material they need when they need it."

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