GIL JORDAN SAYS

The Art of Not Listening Demands Much Attention

When you're in the midst of telling your favorite story and you suddenly realize no one is listening, don't be too disturbed. It happens to everybody.

Truthfully, it isn't that your story is uninteresting, but rather that your listeners are so preoccupied in thinking up a story of their own that they have simply turned you off. You may be talking but they're not hearing a word you say.

The training for the art of not listening starts early in life. We see it when the kids are doing their homework while the television set is blasting or when the hi-fi set is grinding out rock and roll. Is it any wonder they soon become experts.

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NOT LONG ago I watched my niece, Janet, finish her American history assignment while watching the Garry Moore show on television. True, she might not have heard much of the show because her ears were turned off because of the history lesson, but at least she was watching it.

But if this dual activity surprised me can you imagine how I was knocked off my feet another time when Janet carry on a full hour's telephone conversation while translating two chapters of Virgil.

We have a 15-year-old neighbor who is about as expert in the field of not listening as anyone who has ever crossed my path.

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THE SECRET of her success in turning off her sense of hearing is that her interest in attaining an education is secondary to cooking up a romance with the local football hero. In fact, her studies bore her to the point where she hears absolutely nothing in the classroom and she has a sad collection of report cards to prove it.

According to a reliable source this girl once sat through a 30-minute lecture on the life of the bee and the only time she perked up when when her male teacher mentioned the word "honey." For a fleeting moment she thought he was paging her.

Another time, I'm told that this same disinterested student sat through an hour's dissertation on the fall of the Roman empire. Once again she managed to tune herself so completely out of the lecture that when it was over the only thing she knew about Rome was that this was the place where Liz and Eddie's marriage broke up.

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ALTHOUGH A good many men are offenders, women seem especially prone to the not listening routine, preferring to do most of the talking.

I'm referring primarily to the members of the distaff side who talk before, during and after a theatrical performance.

The last time I attended a concert a lady sat behind me who conducted a particularly lively monologue. Being familiar with one of the musical selections shown on the program I was looking forward to a duet between the soprano soloist and the orchestra's flute player.

Just at the moment the duet began the garrulous female burst out with:

"Marge isn't kidding me about Mike buying her that mink stole. Why, that cheap skate wouldn't buy her a rabbit skin. If you ask me, she borrowed that stole from her big shot sister-in-law in St. Louis . . ."

They tell me the duet was delightful, but I wouldn't know. I was thrown off the track by a mink—and a borrowed one at that.

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DON'T GET the impression that it's always the other fellow's wife who's an expert on not listening. If you observe carefully you may discover that your own wife is fairly adept at this practice. I've noticed my wife with a phone at her ear while she quietly put an upside down cake together.

Another time she made out a grocery list, fed the dog and addressed a couple of letters while on the telephone with a girl friend. True, my wife's remarks were confined mostly to "uh-huh" but her caller never knew the difference.

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THEY TELL me that the art of not listening is the greatest contribution to living in your own dream world since the invention of the "wide awake" glasses. This little invention, you will recall, is the thing which enables you to sleep during a boring party without your guests being aware of it.

Why not acquire the non-listening habit? Everybody else seems to be doing quite well in this field.

According to the Institute for Safer Living, interior walls, ceilings and other surfaces likely to be exposed to fire may be coated with special fire retardant paints, now on the market and approved by the Underwriter's Laboratories.

ECCENTRIC PHOTO

Ticketed Transaction

Purchasing the first ticket for a performance by the Michigan State University Concert Band at Groves High School Mar. 21 is Birmingham Mayor Florence Willett. Collecting the money is general ticket chairman for the event, Llewellyn Lutze, 15520 Amherst, Beverly Hills. The concert is being sponsored by the Groves High School Band Parent Club to raise funds for music scholarships for talented Groves music students.

Ninth Grade Cooks Host School Board

The Derby Junior High School ninth grade home economics class, which is studying nutrition and the planning and preparation of food, has invited the members of the Board of Education and Supt. Otis M. Dickey to a dinner.

The guests will meet at 6 p.m. Tuesday in the school. Mrs. Roma Stark, teacher, says this is the first time the board has been entertained in such a manner by her students.

Answer To Puzzle No. 740

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VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION AND OF REGISTRATION OF VOTERS

TO THE ELECTORS OF THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN:

NOTICE is hereby given that a special Village election will be held at Franklin School in the said Village, upon Wednesday, the 20th day of February, 1963, at which there will be submitted to the vote of the electors of the Village, the question of ratifying a certain public utility franchise contained in an ordinance adopted by the Village Council at its meeting held upon the 7th day of January, 1963, which said ordinance is entitled as follows:

AN ORDINANCE, granting to CONSUMERS POWER COMPANY, its successors and assigns, the right, power and authority to lay, maintain and operate gas mains, pipes and services on, along, across and under the highways, streets, alleys, bridges and other public places, and to do a local gas business in the VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN, OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN, for a period of thirty years.

On the date of said election, the polls will be open at 7 o'clock in the forenoon, or as soon thereafter as may be, and will be kept open until 8 o'clock in the afternoon, Eastern Standard Time, when they will be finally closed.

The Village Clerk will be in her office on the 21st day of January, 1963, said date being the thirtieth day, as determined by statute, preceding the date of said election, for the purpose of reviewing the registration, and registering such of the qualified electors of the Village as shall appear and apply therefor, which registration may be made on said date, between the hours of 8 o'clock A.M. and 8 o'clock P.M., Eastern Standard Time.

Elsie M. Garwood
Village Clerk

BY ORDER OF VILLAGE COUNCIL.

REGISTRATION NOTICE

FOR THE BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP PRIMARY ELECTION TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 1963.

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 Primary Election is Monday, January 21, 1963, at 8:00 o'clock 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 February 18, 1963, 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 January 21, 1963, during regular office hours, Monday, thru Friday of each week, 9:00 o'clock a.m. to 5:00 o'clock p.m., and on the LAST DAY, Monday, January 21, 1963, from 8:00 o'clock a.m. to 8:00 o'clock 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 January 21, 1963, at 8:00 o'clock 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.

DELORIS V. LITTLE
TOWNSHIP CLERK

Legal Notices

CITY OF BIRMINGHAM
NOTICE OF HEARING
AMENDMENT TO ZONING ORDINANCE

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held Monday, February 11, 1963, at 8:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building, for the purpose of considering an amendment to Ordinance No. 527, being the Zoning Ordinance, rezoning a parcel of property described as:

BIRMINGHAM GARDENS SUBDIVISION
Lots #60 and #61 (northwest corner of Yosemite and Eton)

from its present classification of B-2 Neighborhood Business Zone District to R-6 Multiple-Family Residential Zone District.

IRENE E. HANLEY,
City Clerk

January 17, 1963.

Objections to the proposed amendment must be filed in writing and it is requested that any such communications be submitted to the City Clerk no later than Noon, Thursday, February 7, 1963, so that they may be duplicated and forwarded to members of the City Commission prior to the meeting on February 11, 1963. (46)

CITY OF BIRMINGHAM
NOTICE OF HEARING
AMENEMENT TO ZONING ORDINANCE

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BIRMINGHAM GARDENS SUBDIVISION
Lots #60 and #61 (northwest corner of Yosemite and Eton)

from its present classification of B-2 Neighborhood Business Zone District to R-7 Multiple Family Residential Zone District.

IRENE E. HANLEY
City Clerk

January 17, 1963.

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CASTLE ADDITION SUBDIVISION
Lot #28 and the Westerly 40 ft. of Lot #29 (northeast corner of Southfield and Townsend)

from its present classification of R-7 Multiple-Family Residential Zone District to B-1 Neighborhood Business Zone District.

IRENE E. HANLEY
City Clerk

January 17, 1963

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City of Birmingham, Oakland County, Michigan—Assessor's Plat No. 20—Being a plat of part of SE ¼ Sec. 28, T 2 N, R 10 E—Part of Lot #2 Described as beginning at the NE corner of Lot #2, thence S 2° 04' 30" E 119.21 ft.; thence S 87° 54' 50" W 50 ft.; thence N 2° 04' 30" W 119.18 ft.; thence N 87° 45' E 50 ft. to point of beginning. (707 Knox Street)

from its present classification of P-Parking Zone District to R-2 Single-Family Residential Zone District.

IRENE E. HANLEY
City Clerk

January 17, 1963.

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CITY OF BIRMINGHAM, MICHIGAN
NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNERS
VACATION OF CUL-DE-SAC AT EAST END OF PUBLIC ALLEY

Notice is hereby given that a meeting will be held in the Commission Room of the Municipal Building on Monday, February 11, 1963, at 8:00 p.m. to hear suggestions and objections to the proposed vacation of a cul-de-sac at the east end of the public alley in the block bounded by Eton, Columbia, Maple and Yosemite.

This notice is published in accordance with Chapter XI, Section 5 of the Charter of the City of Birmingham and Resolution #1326-62.

(Resolution No. 1326-62)

Moved by Commissioner Burgum,
Seconded by Commissioner Roberts,

WHEREAS, a petition has been received requesting that the cul-de-sac at the east end of the public alley in the block bounded by Eton, Columbia, Maple and Yosemite be vacated; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Board and the administration have suggested that if the cul-de-sac is vacated, the property owner provide an alternate access to Eton or Yosemite; and

WHEREAS, the petitioner and property owner has indicated that an access to either Eton or Yosemite will be provided, if the cul-de-sac is vacated.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that a public hearing be held Monday, February 11, 1963, at 8:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building for the purpose of considering vacation of a portion of the alley located in the block south of Maple Avenue extending easterly from Columbia in "Birmingham Gardens", a subdivision in the City of Birmingham, Oakland County, Michigan, being described as follows:

That portion of alley cul-de-sac lying in lots 7, 8, 9, 63, 64, and 65, all as platted, of said "Birmingham Gardens" Subdivision:

Also that portion of alley lying east of the east line extended of said Lot 8, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that notice of such meeting, together with a copy of this resolution shall be published in a newspaper circulating in the City for two successive weeks prior to the 11th day of February, 1963.

Yeas—7.
Nays—0

IRENE E. HANLEY
City Clerk

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CITY OF BIRMINGHAM, MICHIGAN

Sealed Proposals Requested

Sealed proposals endorsed "Overhead Lubrication Equipment" will be received at the office of the Superintendent of the Department of Public Works, 851 S. Eton Road, Birmingham, Michigan, until 2:00 P.M., Tuesday, January 29, 1963, after which time no further bids will be received, and at which time bids received will be publicly opened and read.

Bidders shall submit a lump sum proposal for the following equipment:

1. Overhead lubrication equipment.

Specifications and bid forms for the above may be obtained at the Department of Public Works office, 851 S. Eton Road, Birmingham, Michigan. All proposals shall specify terms and show delivery date.

The City Commission reserves the right to reject any or all proposals; to waive any informality in the proposals received; and to accept any proposal which it shall deem to be most favorable to the interests of the City.

T. C. BRIEN,
Superintendent
Dept. of Public Works

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SOUTHFIELD TOWNSHIP

NOTICE OF LAND SALE

The Township of Southfield will receive sealed bids at the Township Clerk's Office, 18500 W. Thirteen Mile Road, until 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, January 29, 1963, for the purchase of the following described parcel of property:

Lots 117 to 121 inclusive, N½ of Lot No. 122, also easterly 10 ft. of vacated alley adjacent to said Lots of Rex Humphrey's Eco City Sub'n. located on Pierce St. and Kinross in Southfield Township, Village of Beverly Hills, Oakland County, Michigan.

Details on the conditions of sale may be obtained at the Township Clerk's Office.

Bids must be accompanied by a certified check of $500.00 made payable to the Township of Southfield.

The Township reserves the right to reject any and all bids or to accept any bid which appears to be in the best interest of the Township.

Fannie Adams, Township Clerk

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