

## Ask the Doctor . . .

This column is presented here as a public service by the Oakland County Medical Society and The Birmingham Eccentric. It will be written by 7465 physicians in Oakland County who are members of the society. Questions should be addressed to the Oakland County Medical Society, 346 Park, Birmingham. Questions must be of a general nature, as no effort will be made toward diagnosis or treatment in specific cases.

### SWALLOWED OBJECTS

Q—Though I constantly try to stop it, my children are always playing with little toys and marbles in their mouths. What should a parent do if a child swallows something like this?

A—If a foreign body is swallowed, it usually passes harmlessly along the food passages until expelled. This frequently occurs even with open safety pins taken by small children.

Sometimes an object thought to have been swallowed has entered the air passages or lungs.

MEDICAL observation is always necessary to determine where the object is and whether it becomes lodged. Occasionally an operation or use of an extractor instrument is required. Symptoms may be absent unless the object is in the throat or esophagus; then, pain, difficulty in swallowing, or a feeling of something stuck in the throat is usually present.

At one clinic, swallowed items requiring removal by instrument extraction were (in descending order of frequency) bones, coins and discs, food, safety pins, buttons, nuts, seeds, shells and toys.

CAUSES ARE careless preparation of food, improper chewing, the habit of putting foreign objects into the mouth and insufficient care in eating while wearing dentures.

### What to do:

1—Take the patient to a physician. Even though symptoms are not present, the object may be lodged in the food passage, or possibly in the air passage. In the latter case it must always be removed unless coughed up.

2—Remain calm. The excitement and fears of bystanders may unduly frighten the patient. Eighty per cent of cases are children under 15. Drive safely while transporting patient; the situation is seldom if ever of extreme urgency.

3—Avoid giving cathartics and bulky foods. If feeding is necessary because of some unavoidable delay in securing medical attention, provide the usual diet.

### PEOPLE'S COLUMN

## Church Gave Kennedy Its Strongest Tribute

### To the Editor:

In response to the letter in the Dec. 12 issue concerning the late, so called, of reverence for an assassinated President at a local church I should like to clear up "A Teacher's" misunderstanding by the following:

### To "A Teacher":

I am sure you misunderstood the significance of the service at the local church that you commented upon.

IN THAT particular church, the Bourdin bell is tolled and a silent procession is used only for commemoration of the crucifixion of Jesus Christ on Good Friday.

No greater tribute could have been given to President Kennedy by a congregation, than to mourn him in the same manner. There had been words and words to spare on television that week end.

IT WAS time for deeds, and this church chose its most sacred and symbolic act of reverence to show its deep sorrow. That, coupled with a prayer for the comfort of

the family, was our expression of grief.

There is no bigotry among the members of this congregation. We can differ politically yet respect, admire and grieve for our President.

I know you just misunderstood. MRS. HOWARD SCHWEPPE  
7 Shadow Lane  
Bloomfield Hills

### Group Appreciates Assembly Coverage

To the Editor: We would like to express appreciation on behalf of the 1800 Jehovah's Witnesses in Michigan Circuit No. 11 and the public they serve for the information you made available to them in your newspaper.

Your article relative to our Circuit Assembly at Southfield High School, Dec. 13-15, was very much appreciated.

RICHARD G. WENDT  
Jehovah's Witnesses  
News Service

## I Want You—and I'll Get You!



## Senate Okays Extension of Judges' Terms

The Senate has opposed the House vote and gave their approval on a measure that would keep nine Circuit Court judges appointed by Gov. George Romney in office through 1966 without their facing election next year.

Oakland county judges that would keep nine Circuit Court judges differences between the two chambers.

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store the section that was deleted in a provision extending the terms of elected judges until 1966.

The Senate action means the revised measure must return to the House for approval, and the matter might wind up in a conference committee to iron out the differences between the two chambers.

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## Dr. Endress Heads Pontiac Hospital Staff

Dr. Zachary F. Endress, 1790 Tiverton Road, Bloomfield Hills, was elected chief-of-staff of Pontiac General Hospital, Pontiac.

The director of radiology at Pontiac General, Dr. Endress is a graduate of Georgetown University Medical School. He served a three-year residency in radiology at Henry Ford Hospital, Detroit.

Dr. Endress is a diplomate of the American Board of Radiology, a member of the Radiological Society of North America.

It is common knowledge now that, except in cases of injury, an individual's finger markings remain the same from the day of his birth to the day of his death. It is common knowledge, now, but it was not as recently as a hundred years ago. The first published observations on the use of fingerprints as a sure method of identification did not appear until the year 1880, and the idea seems to have been thought up at about the same time by two different men in two different parts of the world. The chap who wrote the original paper on the subject was a British doctor named Henry Faulds, who lived in Tokyo. After his paper was published, it was discovered that another Englishman, Sir William Herschel, a government servant in India, had been using fingerprints to identify pensioners, and also prisoners committed to jail.

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