

Humane Society Issues Warning To Dog Owners

Mrs. Karl Koerber of the Birmingham Humane Society has issued a warning to all dog owners to keep pets locked up during the approaching July 4 week end.

Mrs. Koerber said that many dogs are afraid of the noise from fireworks and could suffer a heart attack and die.

"Fast year three dogs ran away and died due to fright from fireworks," she said. "Protect your pet and keep him in and away from the noise and harm until after the 4th is over."

Down with Special Days Except One for Misery

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Special Writer

Here in America we have days (and weeks) set aside to commemorate practically everything. We honor Christmas, Easter, Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Mother and Father's Days and a Veterans Day to name but a few. These are rich and proper and should be appropriately observed.

Unfortunately, there seems to be a trend of late toward certain time-honored "days" going out of fashion.

A few have now become little more than red spaces on the calendar. The religious or patriotic fervor that marked their beginnings are conspicuously absent.

TAKE ARBOR DAY — remember that Lincoln and Washington's birthdays and so meaningfully to school children, now go by with scant ceremony. Veterans Day — Armistice Day, it was originally called — is another which gets lessening attention as the years pass.

What is worse, we now have a whole rash of days dignifying some pretty silly things. There is Sweetest Day; an Eat-An-Apple-Every-Day Day; Be Kind To Your

Mother-in-Law Day (or is it week?); National Tavern Week; Take - Your - Wife - Out - To-Dinner Day; a National Cheese Week—the list seems endless.

MOST OF THESE, you will notice, are designed to stimulate business. Fine. We've nothing against business, per se. Heaven knows it could stand some stimulation. But do such causes rate national observance?

While we are engaged in dreaming up ridiculous days to commemorate, let's consider one which will fill a long-felt need—Be Miserable Day.

There are innumerable things which can make people miserable and everyone has his own private set of woes. Each according to his own make-up follows in his particular brand of wretchedness.

OF COURSE, there are things common to mankind which make all of us miserable — ill health, marital troubles, financial reverses and so on. Now there's a way to make things simpler for everybody.

It seems like a good idea to assemble all our reasons for being down-in-the-mouth and set aside a day in which to be perfectly miserable and get it over with.

Earl Nightingale, author, lecturer, commentator-philosopher, has offered a list of 15 ways in which to be miserable. These, he affirms, are guaranteed to do the job if carried out conscientiously.

As a starter for your list, we pass along a few nifties: Use the first person pronoun exclusively; never forget a criticism; recount your every ailment; to anyone who will listen; believe that everybody is out to take advantage of you—

IN ADDITION TO his examples, of course, there are a million others. For instance, some unexpected expense catches you right between Christmas and income tax. The car starts wheezing before the paint smell is out of it. Your most promising stock does a nose dive. The plumbing system and furnace give up the ghost just when the mercury hits bottom.

These are big, important things. But there are lesser trials equally qualified to fill the bill as misery-makers.

Perhaps you are a letter-opener in the morning and your spouse is a "sleeper-inner." There's nothing that can make you more miserable. You want to salute the new day and get things cracking, but here

you are, balked by a ten-o'clock wife.

THE SHOW, of course, could just as easily be on the other foot. Your spouse starts hitting on all eight with the cock's first crow. But misery, like a pall, descends on her unlikely enthusiasm as the sluggish-est who never gets up before noon.

There are any number of really inappreciable matters which can up your misery quotient. For example, it rains and knocks your plans into a cocked hat.

You snag your last good pair of slippers just as you leap into the car, 30 minutes late for the boss's dinner party. Things go wrong at the office and you brood about it.

To top it all off, you bring in six pieces of "junk" mail on the very day you confidently expected a check from your rich Aunt Sophie.

BUT BEFORE A Be Miserable Day is officially placed on our calendars, how about setting aside some days with political implications? Such days (or weeks) observing smothering or other would undoubtedly make countless people good and miserable.

And more important, eventually the whole nation would share the malady.

We could have a Down with Taxes Day; a Bleed for Nixon Day; a Reading Day. Or better, perhaps, call it Discredit the President Day. The list would be incomplete without a Distrust the Administration Week. On the other hand, why not simply call it Aid to Khrushchev-Castro Week?

One small problem comes to mind. A Be Miserable Day will never become a popular national holiday unless everyone pitches in and observes it together. For where's the fun of being miserable if there's no one to enjoy it with you?

Kingswood School Is Represented at College Conference

Six members of the class of '64 Kingswood School Cranbrook are representing the school at the Lake Forest Religious Conference June 10-15.

The conference is held each year at Lake Forest College and has representation from the private schools throughout the Midwest. Members from the Birmingham-Bloomfield Hills area attending are Leslie Schimpke, 743 Kennebec Court, Bloomfield Hills; Carol Cole, 389 Linden Road, Birmingham; and Kathryn Shore, 1118 Covington Road, Birmingham. Nancy Kussrow of the English Department at Kingswood will accompany the girls.

B'ham Club to Host Business Group

The Birmingham Country Club will host the annual spring dinner dance for the members of the Detroit chapter of the National Office Management Association on Saturday evening.

Village Council Sets Meeting on Budget

BINGHAM FARMS—Lacking a quorum Monday night, the village council adjourned until Wednesday a public hearing on a request for a zoning variance and a special meeting to submit a proposed fiscal budget.

Directors Elected

The macabres Mutual Life Insurance Co., which will move to Northwestern and 10 1/2 Mile Road, Southfield, next fall, has elected directors. They are William E. Stron, vice president of the University of Michigan; James G. K. Strathy, vice president and director of Dominion Securities Corp., Ltd.; Robert E. Morris, chairman of the board and president; and Emile A. Haar, executive vice president.

Soldier Assigned

Army PFC John R. Hadas, son of Mrs. Shirley B. Hadas, 1472 Southfield, Birmingham, was assigned to Fifth Army Headquarters Detachment, Chicago, Ill., late in May. Hadas, a repairman, entered the Army in July, 1962, and completed basic training at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.

High Twelve Will Hold Annual Picnic

The annual High Twelve picnic will be held at Springdale park, Birmingham on June 17, at 6 p.m. Those attending should bring their own food, dishes, and families. The committee will provide beverages. There will be games and contests with prizes for the children.

Squadron Member

Marine Cpl. James H. Geisler, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Jerome Geisler, 5630 Wing Lake Rd., Birmingham, is serving with Marine Air Control Squadron Six which was recently activated at the Marine Corps Air Station, Beaufort, S.C.

Comedy Corner



"Maybe you'd better throw us the lynch!"

Southfield Business Group Picks Leader

John J. Hollywood, former Southfield councilman, has accepted the newly created post of executive secretary with the Southfield Business Association. Leon Nies, president, announced today. Hollywood will coordinate committees and contact new businesses in the area. Hollywood and his wife, Shirley, live at 27389 Sha-

Other officers of the Southfield Business Association are Kenneth E. Horn, Bendix Corp., first vice president; A. R. Doull, Michigan Bell Telephone Co., second vice president; H. Earl Morris, WXYZ Inc., treasurer; and J. D. Clancy, Standard Oil Co., secretary.

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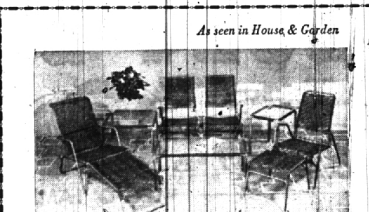
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