

## Society Aids Area Children With Problems

The Michigan Children's Aid Society, Oakland, a Torch Drive agency, cared for 22 Birmingham, one Bloomfield Hills, and 14 Bloomfield Township children who needed foster homes, adoption homes, or supervision in their own homes during the past year.

They were among 455 youngsters who, because of neglect, abuse, or deprivation needed help from outside their immediate families.

Illness, death, desertion, separation, or divorce occur in many families, threatening the immediate welfare of the children. Sometimes a relative, a friend, or a neighbor helps out.

**ALCOHOLISM, IMMORALITY,** rejection and indifference can result in unhappy children and disturbed adults. Sometimes parents just cannot cope with problems that rearing a child presents.

The society is prepared to help both neglected children and neglectful parents.

Complaints of abuse, neglect, and deprivation are investigated by trained social workers from the Home Service Department of the Society. Every means of restoring normal family relationships is explored.

Parents are helped to recognize the reasons for the behavior and to realize the effect of their conduct on the lives of their children.

The separation of children from their parents is an extreme measure recommended by social workers to the Juvenile Court Judge only when separation would be helpful to both the child and his parents.

The fantastic dodo bird, once native to the island of Mauritius in the Indian Ocean, was descended from a pigeon. The turkey-sized bird survived on the island until 1681, when it succumbed to destruction by man and his animals, particularly pigs.

## COUPLE FINDS

### 'Best Things in Life are Free'

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The dinner was good. The musical was quite adequate.

The "hair-do" back-combed so carefully by the first born remained in place the whole evening. And the three-year-old gown didn't look out of place in the lobby between acts.

So, right up to 12 Mile, cruising out Woodward a sense of gratitude was expressed to the driver for him remembering it was a twentieth anniversary.

HAS IT got something to do with becoming "economical" that a parent fights the temptation to weigh all the items that the twenty dollar bill she saw spent in a few hours) could buy?

"Hm-m, those dining room drapes I passed up last week on sale didn't come to one penny more than what was dropped tonight," she murmured silently at around 13 Mile Road.

"What was that?" the driver wondered.

Repeating it was "nothing," she

### Boat Unit Installed By Coast Guard

Reflecting the growth of recreational boating in the U.S., the Coast Guard has established a new recreational boating division in Washington's Coast Guard headquarters, to consolidate within one unit, the bulk of its activities in recreational boating safety.

The division will be responsible for motorboat numbering in the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam and in the five states which have not yet adopted their own numbering systems: Alaska, Hawaii, Washington, New Hampshire and Tennessee. It will also be responsible for approval of state numbering systems.

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threw in something about wasn't it queer there wasn't any scenery in any of the acts?

"After all, you sort of expect some good-looking backdrops for that price, don't you?"

She further mused about not seeing any chorus of dancing girls. The driver answered that with the price of wages asked these days, a expenses zoom with added personnel.

"They've gotta watch overhead just like everyone else," he explained.

**FORGETTING SHE** had almost raved about lobster tails at the time of serving, the feted wife asked him the going price for lobsters on today's market.

"And remember, no vegetable came with these two quite modest African lobster tails," was added sadly.

When the driver remarked that his pork chops weren't cut from the biggest pig slain and that the bill would have climbed even higher if dessert hadn't been refused, the whole subject was dropped before hunger pains were felt.

"We mustn't forget," was thrown out about the time the city limits were reached, "that all leading experts on marriage insist it's vital and necessary to the health of married life to celebrate, with a dinner and show, your anniversaries each year."

(Let's hope those experts know what they're talking about; they

always seem so assured and confident when they print their rules for maturing in marriage for everyone).

**KICKING OFF** the party shoes as the dip in Maple was reached, and, settling back on the seat in comfort the rest of the ride home from the "big night on the town," a final summary just had to be blurted out in order to get the record straight.

(Living two decades with a mate creates a beautiful situation where the deepest innermost thoughts can be aired without embarrassment; newlyweds must remember this.)

"Honey, let's face a startling fact here! There was nothing lacking in the dinner nor the show; both were fine. The prices weren't too high for inflation either."

"It's just that after so long enjoying each single year, it's not absolutely necessary to blow a twenty-dollar bill on a few hours."

Waiting for the driver to disagree with such miserly views, amazingly he guided the car into the garage and reached out for the hand which was groping for his.

The "squeeze" the left hand received?

It was worth far more than the whole evening just experienced. And it cost so much less!

(One does get economically-minded as the years go on.)

### The Birmingham Eccentric

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Converse with many business and professional men and they will rail against government and those many politicians. Ask if they let their Congressmen know how they feel and their reply usually is: "Oh, what good will my writing do? They won't miss my vote." This frequent citizen apathy creates the civic environment in which "nasty politicians" can steal away not only too much of your wages, but also some of your freedoms. (G.O.)

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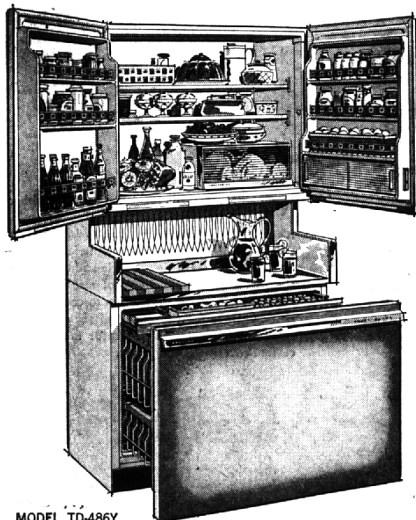
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