

'Stinky Doctor Hurt Me'

Youthful Journalists Tell Of Pediatric Ward Life

Michigan Hospital is cranking out a monthly "exposed" of

life in the pediatric wards. Pillow Talk, an eight-page mimeographed newspaper, burst upon the unsuspecting public last November with candid reports by such authors as David, age 3; Rommie, 12, and Dianne, 9.

SUBSEQUENT ISSUES have carried advice columns, riddles, editorials, cartoons, and clinically oriented letters to the editor.

"I came to the hospital cause I got sick," writes Clark, age 3. "I wanna go home. The stinky doctors hurt me."
 Deborah, 10, has a more upbeat view. "It's fun riding around in a wheel chair but sometimes it isn't. Like when you run into walls and stuff like that."
 "The hospital is nice to be sick in," advises Deborah, 11, who has her own relative set of values. "But I like to get out so I can go back to school and back to my sisters and pigs and my mother and father."

TWELVE-YEAR-OLD Dale's idea for improving University Hospital is to the point. "I would put the nurses and doctors in bed and let the kids give the shots."

Diane, 9, "would change University Hospital by making all the doctors lady doctors. Because they're more gentle and usually more nice. And I would make there be a party every day."

David, 3, a reporter torn between medical and dietary news, observed: "Mamma got me to hospital cause I have broken foot. The splint is too big. I like the cookies in the hospital."

In an editorial, 16-year-old Tip pointed out some shortcomings in the physical and occupation therapy departments, based on his first-hand experience.

"Why should we be thrown around like a sack of wheat, and loaded down with so much weight on your arms that you can't move them even if you had to?" he thundered.

"I prescribe padded mats with slush angels stuffing weights made out of malted milk balls so that we can eat and exercise at the same time, and licorice ropes to be tied down with so they can be broken easily."

TIP CAUTIOUSLY suggested that he should get a "bullet proof vest because I am going to get shot when this paper is read."

Teachers in the Hospital School are the behind-the-scenes publishers of Pillow Talk. They say the newspaper has helped build interest in grammar lessons, observation, and written expression by their young patients.



WAYNE STATE FEATURED — Wayne State University, celebrating its 100th birthday this year, is featured on the cover of the 1968 Official Michigan State Highway Map published by the State Highway Commission. A drawing of WSU's McGregor Memorial Conference Center, an example of attractive contemporary architecture to be found on the rapidly expanding campus, appears on one side of the cover. Sault Ste. Marie, celebrating its 300th birthday, is featured on the reverse side. Shown here with an enlargement of the Wayne State portion of the cover are Highway Commission Chairman Charles H. Hewitt, Detroit (right), and Commissioner Ardale W. Ferguson, Benton Harbor. One million copies of the map will be distributed.

Teen Queen Contest To Head Show

Pretty girls and people with the wanderlust will share the spotlight with recreational vehicles at the first annual Detroit Camper and Travel Trailer Show, February 24-March 3 in the Detroit Artillery Armory on West Eight Mile near Northland.

Camper and Travel Trailer Show, 26150 Five Mile, Detroit 48239.

Reigning over the show will be Miss Michigan Recreational Vehicle Teen Queen, who will be crowned on opening day, Saturday, February 24.

THE TEEN QUEEN competition is open to unmarried girls between 15 and 19 years old as of January 1, 1968. She must be a member of a family which owns a recreational vehicle—a travel trailer, camping trailer, pickup or truck camper, or motor home. Tents and home-made rigs do not qualify.

Other awards will go to the King of the Road, the Queen of the Road, and the Family of the Year. The top 25 girls will be invited to appear at the show for the contest, which will be held starting at 4 p.m. February 24.

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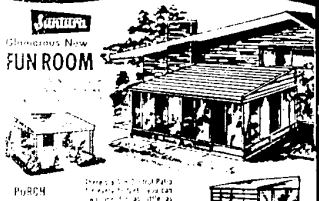
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Housing, Education Are Inseparable Says O'Neil

James F. O'Neil, of Livonia, a member of the State Board of Education, feels that equal educational opportunity and housing are inseparable and to deny one is to deny the other.

He calls for ending discrimination in housing, which is a perversion of the basic tenet of our democracy, which guarantees equal rights to all.

O'Neil said that unfair housing is one of the last barriers on the road to the elimination of the "part-time" citizen concept and the assurance of "full-time" citizenship for everyone.

O'Neil said in a recent talk in Plymouth that society cannot continue to recognize any person or persons of minority groups as citizens only when they make contributions to our society and then deny them their citizenship when they want the equal opportunities that all our national heritage, as well as our God-given heritage, insists is theirs.

SUCH ACTION not only smothers the spirit of those directly denied their human rights, it also stifles the spirit of the entire country, since it is a perversion of the basic tenet of our country, O'Neil pointed out that this tenet is not only included in our Constitution, our Declaration of Independence and our Pledge of Allegiance, but it is also recognized as being "God-given right."

O'Neil stated that to deny anyone the right to buy a home because of his race, color or creed, while at the same time allowing gangsters and mobsters to buy homes in all areas, including the most exclusive residential areas, is reminiscent of the days of Christ, when the people of that day chose Barabbas over Jesus.

And, anyone who denies a person the right to buy a home of his choosing in an area of his choosing, is denying Christianity as well as perverting the basic tenet of our democracy, which guarantees equal opportunities, as well as rights, to all.

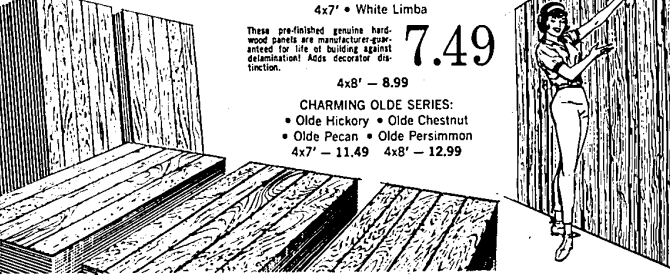
O'Neil stated that education serves all of our purposes—liberty, justice and all our other aims—but the one it serves most directly is equality of opportunity. "We promise much equality, and education is the instrument by which we hope to make good the promise," he stated. That is why we must renew our efforts to remove the barriers to education that still exist for disadvantaged individuals—barriers of poverty, of prejudice, of ignorance and of residence. We must remember that American education has this clear mission to accomplish with every single child who walks into the school.

Modern life has pressed some urgent and sharply defined tasks on education, tasks of producing certain specially needed kinds of educated talent. For the sake of our future, we had better succeed in these tasks—but they cannot and should not crowd out the great basic goals of our

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