

Editorially Speaking

Some Extra Pre-School Preparations

School doors throughout the community will be swinging open again very soon for the start of another school year and preparations are now moving into high gear to have Johnnie and Susie ready for a good send off.

The "Back to School" shopping tempo is continuing to step up. Mother and Dad want Johnnie and Susie to look their best so trips to the stores for new shoes, dresses, pants, shirts, etc. are becoming more and more frequent. Pocketbooks are being drained to the limits.

Plans have now been completed or nearly completed for that last big summer vacation or weekend outing prior to settling down into the stay-at-home routine for the fall and long winter months.

All of this is very normal for this time of year. But, we think there are a couple of other very important matters that parents should try to find a little time for prior to the re-opening of school.

One of these is parentally conducted, safety education sessions for youngsters. (As the community grows and more schools are put up, the number of youngsters walking to the schools they will attend continues to increase.

The dangers or potential dangers which Johnnie or Susie might encounter between home and school are always being discussed by the parents. It is multiplied when Johnnie is not made aware of them and repeatedly urged to be alert for these dangers and to practice the caution practices taught him. There are advantages to living in a community but there are also dangers. (Accepting rides from strangers or even talking to strangers enroute to school) is another thing which children should be cautioned against. Youngsters riding bikes must also be given a clear set of safety rules followed by repeated reminders. The list of dangers could go on and on but we are sure that parents can compile a list of their own and that they should.

Let's not wait until after school starts to give this training. Let's do it now. It would be very gratifying to see a goodly number of parents during the next three weeks walking down the "roadside" and pathways in the direction of our schools and see them stopping along the way to caution their children on dangers or give them pointers on safety.

Remember, the safety of our children enroute to and from school is not the teachers' responsibility but ours as parents.

There is another bit of training for the children we feel should also come before the schools re-open. We are thinking of some training in courtesy and respect for other people's property and respect for adults. This naturally is not a type of training that should be confined to just before school starts nor do we feel that it is a type of training that hasn't been given at least some attention in every home in the past.

Judging from some of the actions we have observed in recent months, however, we do feel that far too little has been given so that it has sunk in.

Throwing objects at passing cars or on other people's grounds, making unkind remarks to other people, adults ignoring adult correction and the like are all things that youngsters

Who's to Blame?

A frequent contributor of press releases to us is the public relations department of the UAW (United Automobile, Aircraft and Agricultural Implement Workers) Local in Detroit. A release which we received recently was exceptionally upsetting to us.

It was the text of a memorandum running over four pages long which Walter P. Reuther had recently presented to and discussed with Senator Fred C. Feagles, Democratic presidential candidate. Throughout the entire memorandum a real gloomy picture is painted. The theme is that another recession could well be upon us by 1961 or earlier because of the high rate of unemployment and a decline in business and retail spending.

We have never been one to ignore facts. But, neither have we felt that a lot of scare talk and negative thinking is going to help solve any problems.

There are a substantial number of people out of work or working less than the total number of hours considered normal. But, let's look at the reasons. We feel that the UAW and other unions must take their fair share of the blame.

Continuous demands for higher hourly wages and more and more fringe benefits have placed management in a rather craggy and tentative position. A man can no longer be kept in the job unless he is absolutely needed. It has never seemed quite right to us that a factory worker should be making more per hour than a professionally trained person such as a school teacher or one having had special training in book binding or mechanical management. Yet, this is the case today.

It would also be interesting to know just how many families there are in which both the husband and wife are working and taking home exceptionally high wages when the two paychecks are added together. It is not unusual that unemployment could be cut substantially if jobs now being held by wives whose husbands are also working, and making adequate earnings were given to unemployed men with families to support.

If consumer spending is down it is not because prices are too high and not because people do not want more and more nice things for themselves and their families. We are sure that we would get a strong argument from union officials on this, but we still feel that prices could be kept down and would be if unions' demands for more and more wages, increases and fringe benefits were halted.

Looking Back in the Files

15 Years Ago

AUGUST 16, 1945

VJ Day

The downtown area of Farmington was a miniature Wall Street Tuesday evening shortly after President Truman announced the acceptance of Peace terms by Japan. Papers and confetti floated through the air until the streets were generally carpeted. Happy and enthusiastic residents crowded into the area to exchange greetings on the happy occasion.

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FARMINGTON HILLS

MRS. DAVID KRINGS GR. 4-9441

Last Saturday evening found the Benmans, the adult Sunday school class from the Kenwood Church of Christ, enjoying a pot luck picnic and hamburger party at the Tipton's home on Detroit.

Seventeen met for supper and a business meeting following which the group spent the rest of the evening playing musical chairs.

Saturday afternoon found Mr. and Mrs. Duffy and daughter from Ten Mile Road returning home after a two week stay at a cottage at Lake Simco, Ontario.

Home again also are the Henry Woodwards of Dobson who recently spent a week at White Lake, near Pontiac. Upon return from their vacation, Mrs. Susan spent a week at Camp Fair Haven, near Brighton.

THE WOODWARDS' son Bill has been busy taking flying lessons and will be making his first cross country flight this coming Sunday.

Last Saturday morning, Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Johnson of Shadyridge and Scott attended the wedding of Sandra McInnis and Ray Fleming at Our Lady or Loretta Church in Redford. Dick's wife, Jeanine was matron of honor at the wedding. Sandra is a daughter of Johnson's wedding in June. All attended the luncheon reception which followed in the reception room of the Farmington Savings and Loan Building on Ten Mile Road.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Luebs of Powers Road returned home last Monday from a vacation trip which took them to Fraser, Colorado where they visited with daughters Janet and Georgia, and on to San Francisco for a visit with son Don. The two girls have been working on neighboring ranches this summer. Georgia will be returning home in early September to attend the Michigan University in Lakewood, a suburb of Denver. The Luebs drove Jack's car out even though they were there with her, and returned home from Denver by train.

HAVING ENJOYED our visit so very much, several years back, the Canadian Rockies, Mrs. Luebs and her mother, Mrs. Dave, returned there this summer. On our way through the upper peninsula we stopped for a day at the home of Mrs. Joseph Sutherland now in Lake Linden, formerly of Detroit. The day spent with the Sutherlands was a very pleasant one. After harbor, we then traveled to the northern route across the states through Paul Bunyan Land, across huge wheat fields of the Dakotas and Montana.

In Shelby, Montana we turned north into Alberta, Canada, through more huge ranches and even larger wheat fields, through Lake Louise and Calgary and on to Banff and the town of Louise. Places of special interest visited in this area included Lake Minnewanka and Two Jacks Lake, truly beautiful Emerald Lake, Moraine Lake, surrounded by 10 high mountain peaks and a swim in the hot natural pool.

From Banff we traveled through Radium Springs; Kimberley, where we were very close to a big forest fire which was only one of the many hundreds of fires that were raged in the area. We were camped in British Columbia and our own Northwest, along the beautiful Kootenay Lake and then back into the States for a stop at Grand Coulee Dam.

A FRIEND OF ours who is with the U.S. Engineers Corps designed the lights for the Dam, and it was necessary to place out stumps of approval on same. This part of the country was very hot and burned to a crisp, there having been no rain for several weeks. However, after crossing the Cascade Mountain we found Seattle cool and comfortable. Here we took an all day boat trip which included a stop over in Victoria, B.C. and a visit to the famous Butchart Gardens.

From Seattle we visited Glacier covered Mt. Rainer and Glacier National Park in Montana, and the unbelievably beautiful Crater Lake, returning home through northern Wyoming, Nebraska and Iowa.

Laverty Insurance Agency

Meet Your Merchants

Earl Laverty of the Laverty Insurance Agency has been eyeing the Farmington area ever since starting in the business in Detroit back in 1958. He started his own agency and two years later made the move to this community.

The Agency office is located on Grand River near 9 Mile and the Laverty home is conveniently situated on Lilac just one block from the office.

Since the agency business has changed more in the last three years than it has in the previous 50, mainly because of the combined changes in policies that have recently become popular. The Laverty Agency handles a complete line of insurance from life to workmen's compensation, fire, auto, general liability, etc. in between.

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Working with Earl at the insurance agency are two Farmington residents, Mrs. Marie Rice and Mrs. Arlene Fell who keep busy handling the many details involved in insurance work.

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EARL LAVERTY

Wood Creek Farms Village

ANNE M. PHILLIPS MA. 6-6335

The Murphys have had a wonderful two week cruise through the exciting drive through the tunnel, and then to Belle Isle.

For the exciting drive through the tunnel, and then to Belle Isle, the guests of Mr. Harold D. Charney on his 118 foot yacht, they boarded the yacht at Chubbogyan, went up through the locks and cruised along the northern shore of Lake Superior. They did a lot of fishing and enjoyed the delicious trout they caught.

The Banfields are back from a two week camping trip to Panacea Bay, Ontario. Ellen took delivery of a new piano Monday and is now taking pupils for piano, organ, or accordion. Gibby Vaughn started his piano lessons this week.

The Benfords got back from their vacation about 1 a.m. Monday morning. At 6:30 Maxine's sister phoned her that her mother had died in Akron, Ohio. Of course Maxine has gone down there. We all extend sympathy to her in this great loss.

THE BLANCHFIELDS move this Saturday to their apartment in Royal Oak. However, their plans to move to the new place there but go on to Florida for Lorne's vacation. We shall miss them in Wood Creek.

Roy and Ethel Nelson had Dr. Fred Speakman, Mrs. Speakman, and their son, Stephen, in their house guests this past week end. Dr. Speakman was the guest of honor at Kirkbride Hill Sunday morning.

Our quite new neighbors, the Doragins, are doing a lot of entertaining. Effie's brother and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Chapp, are here this week. Tom Chapp is a nephew, Robert Rippenhale, his wife and his wife's mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. C. Blippen, up from Albuquerque, New Mexico, in his own private plane. While they were at her house Effie had a dinner party and invited and new brother, W. Chapp, and his wife, who live nearby on Greening St.

While these relatives were visiting their members of the family in the Detroit area, Bill had his nephew, Ralph McEwen, his wife and three children as guests from Tuesday to Friday. They came on from Columbia, Ala. In one day they took the Shop in Friendly Farmington!

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Plan Nville Celebration

A four-day celebration, one of the biggest ever planned for Northville, will be held at Northville Downs August 18 through 21.

The events are being sponsored by the Northville American Legion and Optimist Club. The Legion will present a four-day "Homecoming" celebration featuring a full carnival with rides, games and side shows. Several fine prizes will be awarded.

Saturday, evening at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. the Optimists will present their annual Rodeo.

PROFESSIONAL rodeo stars from throughout the midwest and Canada will compete for cash awards. Roping, bronc riding, steer riding, clowning, etc., will be featured in the two performances of the rodeo.

In addition, the Optimists will be presenting 38 prizes including a television set, two power "Go Carts", movie camera, power mower, picnic table and benches - and many others.

During the decade from 1960 to 1970, employment will continue to grow faster in the service industries than in the production industries, with a combined decline in farm work and unskilled occupations.

Family on the Go

Pamela Overton of Farmington is currently spending two weeks at the National Music Camp in Interlochen, Michigan while her brother John is also away for a week at camp. With her are her young son, Jack and Mrs. Overton took advantage of the situation and took a motor trip through the Eastern states.

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Don't Scream for Ice Cream

Doc Davis, the young dentist, moved into town only three months ago—but already he has a thriving business, especially with children.

I found the secret of his success when I stopped by Pop's Drugstore for a sandwich the other day. A small fry walked in and handed a card to Pop. Pop immediately went to the ice cream freezer. As he started scooping a cone, I asked him if I could see that card. It read: FOR GALLANTRY IN THE DENTIST'S CHAIR - ABOVE AND BEYOND THE CALL OF DUTY. PLEASE PRESENT THE BEARER

Joe Marx

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