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Startling Truth Now Revealed! Negro Discovered as Human

She walked up to us and began a conversation with friendly curiosity. "Yes, we're Y-teens serving as ushers at this program," answered one of my friends. The pretty young Negro said that she once had been a Y-teen. Then, she asked about the attitudes at Dearborn High toward Negroes; were there any disturbances or riots in the school? What did we feel about the race?

We were a little abashed by her forthrightness at first, but recovered quickly and replied that the situation wasn't as bad as in other places.

Dearborn is so far removed from the colored people, she continued in her quiet, confident voice. Young whites, as well as older ones, have no clear picture of what Negroes are like. Their only impressions are formed by the minority who are publicized for their criminal behavior.

"Some white people," she said looking straight into our eyes, "even wonder seriously if Negroes are human."

She recalled a project her Y-teen group had undertaken. Another branch of girls in Midland, Michigan had invited the colored branch in

Detroit to spend a day in school with them to get to know each other.

Suddenly, she was a person, and not just a Negro. She was a sophomore at Michigan State with many admirable hopes and goals.

The girls of both races discovered that the other race had emotions and experiences similar to their own--that they were surprisingly very human!

DHS Students Plan Future; Careers in Retailing Discussed

Sixty DHS students were among 200 from Dearborn's four high schools at a Careers in Retailing meeting. The Youth Center hosted last Wednesday's event.

The meeting highlighted Careers in Distribution Week, March 3-8, which was held in conjunction with merchants in Dearborn and the Chamber of Commerce.

To participate, a student had to be in DE (retailing) class or on CO-OP. Students attended three of six panels.

Musicians Earn Superior Ratings At Solo and Ensemble Festival

Emerging with the superior rating of "I" in the Feb. 15 Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association Solo and Ensemble Festival were 16 DHS music students.

After playing a prepared solo or ensemble before a wellknown musician, these students were judged on such things as intonation, tone, and technique. They were then given a rating from I-V (superior-poor).

Receiving "I's" for their solos were Ginger Behr, 11, viola; Gary Blok, 10, John Dillingham, 11, and John Garret, 10, trombone; and Bridgette Erickson, 11, flute.

Other top ratings were awarded to Rochelle Martinez, 11, piano; Linda Richter, 10, and Margaret Wright, 11, cello; Maxine Semchysen, 11, violin and piano; Tom Schlaff, 10, clarinet; and Ellen Sudia, 11, oboe.

Ensembles that received an "I" included a woodwind trio composed of Bridgette, Ellen, and John Work-

man, 12. Another was a string trio with Barb Clark, 10, Linda, and Sharon Richter, 12.

A string duet of Ginger and Dixie Behr, 11, and a clarinet duet of Tom, and Mark Stone, a student at Bryant Junior High also received superior recognition.

Drug Queries

- Q. Are there any groups like Smart Teens at Dearborn High? If not, how can one be started?
- A. No. For information on starting a Smart Teens group at DHS, write to:
Smart Set International, Inc.
1680 N. Vine St.
Hollywood, Calif. 90028
USA
- Q. For approximately six months I have been taking speed with no noticeable effects. Should I quit? While I am not bothered physically, my conscience is troubling me immensely. Could I have some moral guidance?
- A. According to Mr. Eugene Dimbiecki of Latayette Clinic, you couldn't have been taking methedrine for six months with no noticeable effects. After a long period of time, the body builds up a tolerance to the drug. The most you can take safely is 1,000 mg. a day. If you take more, it will kill you. If you stop, the withdrawal reactions will be impaired coordination and lithargy, lasting from one to two weeks.

Part-time Museum Guide?

True Life of Fireman More Than Fighting Fires, Saving Cats

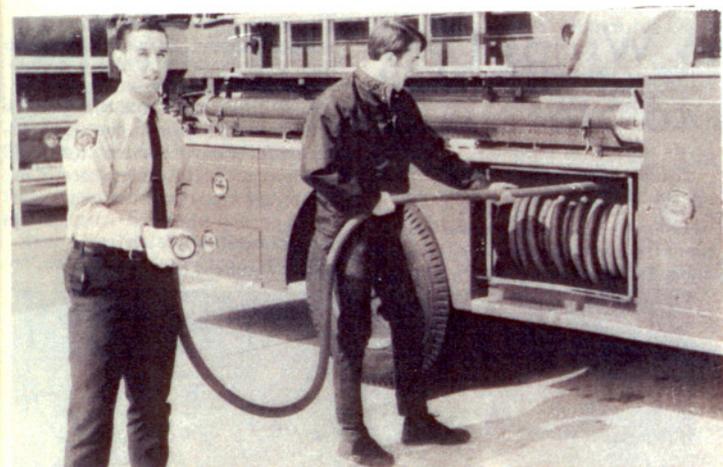


Photo by Dave Jones

GARY Warren, 11, the story's author, and Captain Papke examine the fire hose.

This may come as a terrible shock to many five-year-old boys, but being a fireman means a lot more than battling raging fires or helping cats. Only ten per cent of a fireman's life may be spent on actual alarms, according to Mr. Leroy Papke, captain of nearby Fire Station No. 2, on Outer Drive. It was here that I lived the life of a fireman for a day. The day began at 8 a.m. with the

roll call--all quite militaristic in spite of the very friendly atmosphere. But I would soon see the firemen in different roles as homemakers. They proceeded to the dormitory to make their beds, explaining that the sheets were perfect: "six inches too short all the way around." While the newer men struggled with their beds, those more experienced in the de-

partment retired to the kitchen for coffee, and to check their work schedules for the day.

At nine o'clock, each would begin his specific assignment--usually helping the others mop the entire station.

By 9:15, almost every man was busy cleaning up, a seemingly unnecessary task. Some were mopping what appeared to be spotless floors. But their work was halted abruptly at exactly 9:19--the alarm sounded!

I expected to see a mass of confusion--men hopping around and waving their arms, putting on the wrong boots, and running into each other. So I was rather disappointed when, 30 seconds after the alarm, three of the men had boarded a truck and were on their way to the fire--with no mishaps. They returned 20 minutes later, after putting out a Volkswagen. Now the entire rig had to be washed and polished, and the tires inspected for damage from glass or nails.

Dinner, prepared by one of the men disguised as a cook, was served at 12 pm. No sooner had we taken our table when the alarm rang again; fortunately the call was for another station. After the meal, in keeping with the stations sanitary standards, the



Photo by Dave Jones

CAPTAIN Papke amuses young visitors to the new fire station.

lunch room was again cleaned and mopped. An hour later, I observed another surprising duty of the fireman--museum guide. About 20 children had been given the chance to inspect the new station for themselves by the DHS Delta Y-Teens. And, after giving the men a few pointers on their ping-pong game, I left also.



Photo by Dave Jones

PUSHING on for Dearborn in the last regular meet of the year is Kurt Odmark, junior.

DHS Churns Out Lengths; Swamps Fordson, Fitzgerald

Even after a Fordson 15 point lead in the first few minutes of the triple-dual meet last Wednesday, the Dearborn Tankers whipped the Fordson Tractors 52-49.

The Pioneers' other opponent in the meet was Fitzgerald. Dearborn drowned their non-league hosts 73-24.

Dearborn fell behind to Fordson in the 200-yd. medley relay when their four-man team was disqualified.

Larry Bryk, 12, and Joe Bryk, 11, sparked the push that was to bring Dearborn the victory when they swam the 200-yd. freestyle finishing first and second respectively. Their clockings were 1:57.9 seconds and 1:59.5 seconds.

Last Team Efforts Both End in Defeat

Dearborn, in the last game of the 68-69 season, was upset in the final quarter by Wayne Feb. 28 by a score of 70-65.

By using an alternating line-up of two teams, Dearborn led the score in the first two quarters.

As Dearborn grabbed the jump ball signaling the opening of the second half, Pioneer fans began to think we had a sure victory.

Then, disaster really struck. Through controversial officiating, resulting in many fouls on Dearborn, the Pioneers lost not only their captains Bob Hasse and Bill Rieger, but also their grip on the lead.

The Zebias slowly advanced point by point as all Dearborn supporters screamed in disbelief. The Pioneers fought as hard as they could till the final whistle. Wayne had slipped away with a five point victory!

Though the Pioneers suffered in the end, it was the best all-out team effort of the year. The high scorers for DHS were Jack Lorente and Chet DeFore, both juniors, with 14 and nine respectively.

Dearborn finishes 2-6 in the Sauk Trail League, tying with Wayne for last place.

On Feb. 25, the Pioneers were also defeated by Livonia Bentley, 68-57.

The top three scorers in double figures were Bob Hasse with 13, Jack Lorente with 12, and Jeff Ponds, who played only in the first half, with 11.

In the 50-yd. freestyle, Eric Meyer, 12, captured a second place standing with a time of 24.5 seconds. Meyer stood first in the 100-yd. freestyle event with a time of 53.6 seconds.

Jerry Muske, 12, gained winning standings when he clocked 59.2 seconds in the 100-yd. backstroke. Muske also placed first in the 200-yd. individual medley race with a time of 2:13.9 seconds.

Another first was achieved by Steve Bachorik, 11, in the 100-yd. breaststroke with a time of 1:06.6.

In diving, Gary Zenz, senior, was awarded a first and a third place standing with a total of 22 points. Zenz is not Dearborn's regular diver and Wednesday night's performance was his first.

The last event in the meet was the 400-yd. freestyle relay. A team of Ewalt Schultz, Pete Tippit, sophomores, Kurt Odmark, junior, and Dan O'Brien, senior, clocked in with a second place time of 3:47.8.

Wrestling Season Wraps Up; Kokas Advances to State

Dearborn High grapplers failed to take the regional held in Belleville last Saturday, but Andy Kokas, junior, came in second in the individual weight class, 133 lbs., making him the only DHS man qualifying for State regional competition. He has a record of 25-2.

State regionals will take place in Lansing today and tomorrow. Competition will be tough as Andy will be competing with 16 other wrestlers from Michigan.

Andy was one of five wrestlers to take part in last Saturday's regional. Their qualifications were determined by the John Glenn Regionals held Feb. 2.

The other four participants were seniors Brent Bierwirth (112 lb.), and Gary Kohlhaas (120 lb.) finishing second, juniors Dan Secrest (127 lb.), and Dave Nichol (145 lb.), coming in first.

Coach Ed Anzi commented that Dave's performance was "outstanding".

A Feminized, Half-Dead Society Lacking A Pinch Of Chivalry

Can you imagine a knight in shining armor mounting his steed and riding to your castle?

Don't be ridiculous! But only 400 years ago, in the cities of Europe, this was one of the conventional methods of dating.

What has happened to chivalry--the code under which a man was gallant, courteous, and valiant? The time has passed when a man's word was an oath of loyalty.

Perhaps one of the reasons that that ancient code of conduct no longer prevails, is because the male is no longer the dominant force in the universe.

Today, the woman is much more than a homemaker. She competes with people, and has become a rival to her mate. She is no longer put on a pedestal, because she has proven herself equal to man.

Only a few years ago, it was common to see a man give up his place

in line for a lady. It was not even surprising to see an adolescent show courtesy to an elderly person.

Times have changed. An example of ourselves changing is shown here at DHS. When was the last time you saw a girl helped with her coat? When did you drop your books and have help in picking them up?

If a student drops his tray in the lunchroom, he expects no help from anyone. Instead, he is embarrassed because he knows his friends will go into hysterics at the sight of this unfortunate situation.

However, chivalry cannot be applied only to men or to boys. It applies to everyone's courteous and thoughtful actions. That is, not going along with the "crowd" by laughing at another person's misfortune.

Chivalry and courtesy have become things of the past. They will not return until people treat each other as they would like to be treated.

Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

What does the smutty, filthy-tongued underground "newspaper" really say about its writers and its publishers and its distributors?

It says, "I want to use the right of free press given to me in this free land to say that this free society is sick and to say, "Notice me, notice me, notice me, --I am sicker. Help me! I am drowning in my own sickness!"

Mr. Arthur Brown
DHS Physics Instructor

To the Editor:

Hasseling students about their dress or hair seems to have become a commonplace occurrence at DHS.

One guy, particularly, seems to be getting the short end of nothing. His hair is longer than usual, in fact, quite long. However, he is a member of National Honor Society, a straight A student, president of one of the more active clubs in school and last year he won a scholarship to Interlochen for his singing abilities.

It certainly appears that this student has, in no way, conducted himself in any manner that could be degrading to the school. In fact, he has contributed more to Dearborn High than others whose hair is relatively conservative.

So, I'm asking, who's throwing the bull around that says one's appearance affects one's conduct in school?

When are certain members of our faculty going to learn that what's inside a person's head is what matters and not what's outside?

Name Withheld on Request

Coach Al Harris forecasted, "Prospects for next year are very good because we will only lose four lettermen; the rest of the wrestlers are sophomores and juniors."



Photo by Dave Jones

GETTING in shape for the spring track season are (l-r) juniors Tom Higgings, James Zurowick, Thom Georgeoff, and Lewis Walters.

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