

CHATTING....

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HAIR... THE admen are right—what a difference its style, quantity, quality and colour make to anyone's appearance!

I'M SURE THAT any one with a teenage boy in their household will understand why I might seem somewhat preoccupied with the subject. I'm willing to bet there have been more arguments and clashes of the generations over boys' hair styles, since the advent of the Beatles, than over all points of contention between parents and teenagers put together.

WHY GET INTO such a lather over something so unimportant as a haircut—or lack of it? It's a good question, and just for a change, I'd like to say a few words about it from a parent's point of view.

We're already too familiar with the teen's side—he has to express his individuality (?), it's the fashion, his psyche must not be damaged by too much opposition, and so on. Guess the brainwashing isn't such a bad thing either, because in spite of ourselves it does help us to adjust to something we seem strangely powerless to change, and keeps it from getting completely out of proportion. Because at times, especially when first your erstwhile clean-cut lad succumbs to the shaggy locks look, the question of hair threatens to do just that.

I DON'T SUPPOSE the kids will ever understand why parents get so riled up over this particular fad—and they never will—until they become parents themselves. How can we convey to them the deep outrage we feel when they deliberately make themselves look sooty, unkempt, and hippie-like? I wonder if anybody has ever thought about the damage this does to a parent's psyche, after they have spent sixteen or more years concentrating on how to teach the boy to make the best of himself in every way? Consciously or unconsciously, this is what makes long hair in all its variations such an affront to most of us. And I guess that's why it has caused repercussions in family life much too heated for what is, after all, a superficial matter.

As well, there's relief in sight—I think we're over the hump of the hair crisis—at least as far as the boys are concerned. No doubt it will be the girls' turn next. As a parent,

I've found you are never quite home free from these minor vexations. Certainly, parents who went thru "hair-do" arguments with teenage daughters when the unattractive bouffant styles were the rage, thought they'd be Scot-free in the hair department when it came to raising a boy. Ha!

MOST OF TODAY'S hair styles for teenage girls I find quite attractive. They also have the advantage of being a lot easier to look after than the hair styles in vogue when I was a teenager. I used to set the ends of my hair in dozens of pin curls every night. These were lovingly combed out the next morning into a wide circle of fat sausage-like curls. Straight hair? We wouldn't have been caught dead with it! And as for tinting, bleaching or dyeing—only a few dazed, and would never admit it except to their very, very closest friend. Wigs for fun and improvement were unheard of. Fun all for these Mother Nature's helpers-outers. If they make you look better, they make you feel better.

BUT STYLE is a funny thing. In spite of yourself, the eye does become accustomed to what at first seems downright ugly. I have to admit to a sense of shock every time I look over old snapshots taken while wearing hair-style and clothes I thought were a bit of all right at the time.

JUST HOPE I can be a bystander when the kids of today have a session of reminiscing over their school-day pictures. Should be good for a few chuckles, eh?

Sorority Discusses Influence of Music

The Zeta Alpha chapter of Beta Sigma Phi sorority held their second meeting of the new year at the home of Mrs. Mary Ellen Bridge, 207 Delrex Blvd. recently.

A pot luck supper preceded the business meeting during which plans were discussed for a bridge and dessert in Holy Cross auditorium February 25.

The program for the evening given by Mrs. Vicki Owen was entitled, "Music's Influence on Our Lives".

The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Rennee Lewis, 214 Delrex Blvd.

Membership, Circulation Reach Record At Library Last Year

It was another year of fantastic growth for Georgetown's bulging-at-the-seams library according to 1968 figures just released.

The new statistics show a sizeable upsurge in both membership and circulation and somewhere on the crowded shelves room was found for an additional 1,207 books.

Actually 2,113 new books were added to stock, but the 906 were listed as lost or discarded during the year. The total number of books in stock inched closer to 20,000 rising to 19,239 with every chance of reaching the 20,000 level sometime this year.

Membership rose by 1,571 to 6,149 which includes 1,062 non-Georgetown resident members.

Circulation swelled by 23,107 hitting an all time high, 132,661.

The new figures also indicated a slight shift in reader preference. Books dealing with useful arts were most sought after in 1968, taking that honour from biographies.

Membership

Adult Town 2,230

Junior Town 2,857

Adult NRM 283

Junior NRM 779

Total 6,149

Periodicals, approximately 3,000

Books in Stock

Adult Fiction 5,096

Adult Non-Fiction 7,420

Adult Reference 356

12,872

Jr. Fiction & Non-fiction 6,227

Junior Reference 140

6,367

Grand Total Library books 18,239

New books added to stock during 1968 2,113

Books borrowed from other libraries 80

Books lost and discarded 906

Adult Circulation

100 General & Philosophy 1,582

200 Religion 536

300 Social Science 2,579

400 Language 207

500 Pure Science 1,622

600 Useful Arts 3,908

700 Art and Recreation 3,183

800 Literature 1,924

900 History 3,149

910 Travel 2,775

920 Biography 3,773

Total Non-Fiction 24,813

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