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Speedie, Weldrick Road, Aug.  
10; to Mary Lenton August  
7; to Len Sykes August 12;  
Nancy Falconi, Weldrick Road,  
August 12.  
Mr. and Mrs. Orton White  
(nee Judy Todd) will celebrate  
their 4th wedding anniversary  
August 17.  
A miscellaneous shower was  
held at the home of Mrs. Ron  
Todd, July 29, in honor of  
bride-to-be Laurell Meadows,  
who will be married to Roger  
Todd, August 26. Everyone  
had a very enjoyable and many  
lovely gifts were received.

**Highway 27  
Reconstruction**  
Bill Hodgson, MLA York  
North, announced last week  
that tenders are being called  
for grading, drainage,  
granular base and paving  
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**Council On Children Could Combat Delinquency Explosion**

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moral and social develop-  
ment on the other, as demon-  
strated by a researcher Lee  
Charlotte Lee, suggests that  
children may be incapable of  
developing such patterns  
"de novo" or of maintaining  
them in the absence of in-  
tervention by adults or al-  
ready-socialized youth.  
"If adults don't once again  
become involved in the lives  
of children, there is trouble  
ahead for American society.  
New patterns of life have de-  
veloped in our culture. One  
result of these changes has  
been the reduced participa-  
tion of adults in the socializa-  
tion of children. Although  
to date this pattern has con-  
tinued to gain acceptance,  
there is reason to believe  
that it can do harm to our  
children and to our society.  
"We are therefore faced  
with the necessity of devel-  
oping a new style of social-  
ization, one that will correct  
the inadequacies of our con-  
temporary pattern of living  
as it is affecting our children  
and provide them with the  
opportunities for humanizing  
experience of which they are  
now bereft.  
"Moreover, evidence for a  
functional interdependence  
between conceptual develop-  
ment on the one hand, and  
"It is a matter of social  
rather than biological inheri-  
tance. Or, as one of the  
author's teachers Walter  
Fenno Dearborn used to put  
it: "He's a chip off the old  
block—not because he was  
knocked off it but because  
he knocked around with it!"  
"But in either case trans-  
mission cannot take place  
without the active participa-  
tion of the older generation.  
If children have contact only  
with their own age-mates,  
there is no possibility for  
learning culturally establish-  
ed patterns of cooperation  
and mutual concern.  
"In sum, it isn't a question  
of whether or not there will  
be changes in the way in

which we bring up our chil-  
dren, but rather what direc-  
tion the changes will take.  
Shall we continue to drift or  
shall we try to determine  
our course? If so, which ap-  
proaches are both effective  
and feasible? What are the  
forces that shape human be-  
havior and development, and  
how can they be utilized for  
constructive ends?" asks  
Bronfenbrenner in his sec-  
ond last chapter.  
Summing up his final  
chapter, the international  
child life expert provides an  
idea for a possible answer to  
the "teenage delinquency  
epidemic" by action at the  
local community level, which  
well could mean the local  
town.  
"As it stands the needs  
of children are parcelled out  
among a hopeless confusion  
of agencies with diverse ob-  
jectives, conflicting jurisdic-  
tions and imperfect chan-  
nels of communication. The  
school, the health depart-  
ment, the churches, welfare  
services, youth organizations,  
the medical profession, lib-  
raries, the police, recreation  
programs—all these see the  
children of the community  
at one time or another.  
"But no one of them is  
concerned with the total pat-  
tern of life for the children  
in the community; where,  
how and with whom they  
spend their waking hours  
and what may be the impact  
of these experiences on the  
development of the child as  
an individual and as a mem-  
ber of society," says Bron-  
fenbrenner.  
"An enquiry of this nature  
would, we believe, reveal  
some troubling facts which  
in themselves could generate  
concerted action. Accord-  
ingly, an important aspect  
any program at the level of  
the total community would  
be the establishment of a  
Commission On Children  
which would have as its in-  
itial charge finding out  
where, how and with whom  
the children of all ages in  
the community spend their  
time.  
"The commission would  
include among its members  
representatives of the major  
institutions in the commu-  
nity that deal with children,  
but should also draw in  
businessmen, parents from  
all social-class levels; as well  
as the young themselves,  
teenagers from diverse seg-  
ments of the community who  
can speak from recent expe-  
rience. The commission would  
be expected to report its  
findings and recommenda-  
tions to appropriate execu-  
tive bodies and to the public  
at large.  
"Any report of such a  
commission is likely to un-  
derscore the inescapable fact  
that many of the problems  
which beset the lives of chil-  
dren—and the courses of ac-  
tion necessary to combat  
these problems—lie beyond  
the power of the local com-  
munity to control. The de-  
sign of housing develop-  
ment, the determination of  
working hours for industry,  
the programming of policies  
of television networks, the  
training of teachers and the  
new types of personnel need-  
ed to work with the young,  
and above all, the priorities  
of provincial and federal  
spending—all of these fac-  
tors which, in the last anal-  
ysis, determine how a soci-  
ety treats its children, are  
superimposed on the com-  
munity from without and re-  
quire understanding and ac-  
tion at higher levels.  
"Yet our emphasis here is  
on local initiative and con-  
cern. We believe this is the  
place to start, for that is  
where the children are. For  
only a hard look at the

world in which they live—a  
world which we adults have  
created for them in large  
part by default — can con-  
vince us of the urgency of  
their plight and the conse-  
quences of our inaction.  
Then perhaps it will come  
to pass that in the words of  
Isaiah: "A little child shall  
lead them."  
"... what is called for is  
greater involvement of par-  
ents, and other adults, in the  
lives of children, and—con-  
versely—greater involvement  
of children in responsibility  
on behalf of their own fam-  
ily, community and society  
at large.  
"Given the fragmented  
character of modern Ameri-  
can life—its growing separa-  
tion and violence—such an  
injunction may appear to  
some as a pipe dream, but it  
need not be. For just as au-  
tonomy and aggression have  
their roots in the American  
tradition, so have neighborli-  
ness, civic concern and de-  
votion to the young. It is to  
these that we must look if  
we are to rediscover our  
moral identity as a society  
and as a nation," concludes  
Bronfenbrenner in his book  
"Two Worlds Of Childhood".

**In The Spotlight**

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We were very pleased to receive a copy of the  
"Poets of McConaghy" 1971-1972 which contained  
some excellent poetry . . . sorry we can only include  
some of it in this column.  
Cory Byberg wrote "Emotions":  
"As I go through my daily routine  
I experience different feelings, different  
emotions,  
I find new moods every day, every hour . . ."  
Carol Riddell and Patrice Woolnough wrote the  
timely piece, "Dvnes' Team":  
"They beat the States 1-0 and all but  
one they won.  
They went and played at the Philippines  
And didn't get time for fun.  
They came back on March 15 to a very happy  
town.  
They had won the World Championship in  
one great bound."  
"What You See On A Wintery Night" by Linda  
Robinson is a nice thought during this heat wave we  
are enjoying(?)  
What do you see on a wintery night?  
Stars that glow with starry light?  
Or snowflakes that dance, jump and prance?  
Maybe you see trees that glisten with ice  
Or snow fairies' houses of sugar and spice?  
I know what I see on wintery nights . . .  
All of the above and a few other delights.  
(McConaghy Library thanked the poets "who  
have kindly contributed their work to this booklet  
. . . each poet will be awarded a Poetry Tab.") Other  
contributors were: Craig Walker, Diana Mullis,  
Arlena Habert, Tracy Henderson, Toby Hatch, Lee  
Anne Mullis, Angela Majauskas, G. David King,  
Margaret Smith, Kim Brooks, Valerie Shiels, Debbie  
Smith, Diana Girdler, Blair Wood and Lorna Culham.  
I hope they keep up their good work. Poetry  
needs the voice of the young . . .

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