

Around-About Bridgeport

By WILLIAM LAMALE

Something besides television and drive-in movies seems to be altering the leisure habits of the nation. Maybe it's those milk bars with frozen confections mushrooming on every corner. At the very least they've altered the motoring habits of Americans, notably so when there are kiddies in the family.

No longer is it possible to drive an uninterrupted course across town or even through the quiet suburbs. Kiddies on the back seat insist on a route they know perfectly well will take them within shouting range of the Cold Cow, one of those new milk bars made up of white enamel, glass and stainless steel trim, and set off by blinking neon signs.

Some fathers regard these gaudy dispensers as a hazard to peaceful family travel, and take all sorts of detours, and try all sorts of subterfuge, to make the kiddies forget about stopping at a Cold Cow.

Others have simply given up trying to disregard such attractions and visiting the Cold Cow before and after the movies, on Sunday afternoons, and on Saturdays after dancing school has become an established part of the daily pattern.

The spectacle of tots leaning out of the windows of parked cars, so that melting cream can safely drip down, has become universal, together with the call, "I want hot fudge, daddy!"

These stops at the ice milk places have been denounced for ruining appetites for dinner, missing favorite television shows, interrupting homework lessons, and lousy appearances at the dancing school.

AS SOON as the car stops in the wide gravel parking area surrounding the Cold Cow, the kiddies scramble to get out and race for the drinking fountain.

Their father steps patiently behind the line at the window of the Cold Cow, calculating his order and digging out the change.

It is easy to understand why the tots are so eager to stop, the man in the white jacket and starched cap turns out a creation that has captured the juvenile imagination like the double-dip cone did. Velvety smooth helpings of frosty confection fill the paper cartons.

He heaps the stuff to a peak and adds a curlicue. Then he presses a tag and floods the surrounding area with chocolate, strawberry hot butterscotch or pineapple, and burles it in whipped cream. For another nickel, he sprinkles on crushed walnuts.

If you look at his creation through half-closed eyes, it does look like a rock-strewn mountain top rising above a sea of clouds. Well, the father tries to get the

ADA DEMANDS IKE FIRE MRS. HOBBY

WASHINGTON, June 26 (AP)—Americans for Democratic Action (ADA) charged Secretary of Welfare Hobby today with "fantastic fumbling" of the polio vaccine program and called on President Eisenhower to fire her.

"The inefficiency of Mrs. Hobby's administration is equalled only by its inhumanity," declared ADA Chairman Joseph L. Rauh Jr.

ADA made public a caustically worded letter to Mr. Eisenhower in which Rauh said Mrs. Hobby and her department had "abdicated responsibility" in the fields of health and school aid and social security.

"Mrs. Hobby's negligence in the Salk vaccine program is typical of a two-year record of evasion of the tasks for which her department was charged with responsibility," Rauh said.

ADA is a self-styled organization set up to advance principles of the new deal. Rauh is a Washington lawyer.

In place of Mrs. Hobby, he wrote the President, "the country needs someone who lives in the real world, where people seek compassionate and imaginative aid in their quest for health, education and welfare."

After accusing Mrs. Hobby of mishandling the vaccine program, Rauh added:

"Even more appalling is Mrs. Hobby's crude attempt to escape public disfavor by indulging in the ordinary barracks type of buck-passing. Her first failure was in failure to take responsibility. Equally incredible is her serene denial that the responsibility and the failure were hers in the first place."

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Finally the great spoon-swapping phase of eating at the Cold Cow occurs. The man behind the counter, it appears, put a red spoon in the butterscotch cup, and a green one in the pineapple. After some heated negotiation, these spoons are finally exchanged and the conversation again turns to what will be on television when the family gets home.

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Then the little group heads home, father still enjoying the flavor of his walnut sundae, and the kiddies exhibiting traces of cherry and butterscotch syrup on the chin. Their hands are sticky, too.

PLAYGROUND FUNDS SOUGHT

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6:00-7:00 NEWS AND SPECIAL FEATURES

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7:00 MORNING SHOW: News and entertainment (2)

10:00 GARRY MOORE SHOW: Jack Redmond, talk golfer, guest (2)

10:00 DRING DRRNG SCHOOL: Nursery school of art (4) (8)

11:00 HOME: Interview with Dr. Harvey F. Olson, scientist and demonstrator of Electronic Synthesizer, showing how it can produce any musical sound; other features (4)

12:00 NOON: CLOCHER: Jim Clocher, news anchor (2)

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