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Red Cross Has New Water Safety Group

Mark Smith, Birmingham, chairman of Water Safety of the Oakland County Chapter American Red Cross, announces that a new water safety committee has recently been organized. Plans are already under way for an instructor's course as well as the regular summer program of the chapter. Membership of the committee which is representative of various parts of the county consists of the following: Mrs. Helen Adams, Commerce Township; Ohio Irons, Clarkston; Bradford Kempton, Birmingham; Mrs. E. M. Gladden, Pleasant Ridge; Howard Werdien, Royal Oak; Clarence Gross, Hazel Park; Edwin Foster, Stuart Richter, A. J. Zimmerman, A. B. Casey, Clarence Will, Pontiac.



Bits of Birmingham

Birmingham horse racing enthusiasts are already talking about a possible late spring meeting at Northville. The most talked about date thus far is the week of weeks, starting May 25. Manager Sam Weidick told a local racing fan that Northville has about 125 horses stabled at the big race track barns and that quite a lot more will be on hand for the spring racing. Another racing meet is planned for later in the year. Last year Birmingham fans were seen at Northville nearly every day. This Wanderer is told, when 68 days of racing was carried on Northville Downs, as the track is known, features trotting races.

Incidentally, this beautification of Quanton Lake with its hoped-for effects comes so close to Birmingham's annual "clean-up" painting, let-up campaign that it could be called part of it. The dates for the drive are May 6th to 11th. You townspeople might get out a pad and pencil today and start listing those "dirty housecleaning" projects that you yourself can do around your horse and property.

Talk about rapid circulating of a petition! Last Thursday noon Mrs. Vernon S. (Gertrude) Keener, 1199 Halloway, agreed to circulate a petition for Kim Sigler for Governor on the Republican ticket. By 3:30 o'clock that afternoon she had obtained the names of 20 voters, and came into The Eccentric office for another petition. "The folks I asked to sign Sigler's petition were, with few exceptions, quite eager and willing to do so," she said. "I'm sure that Mr. Sigler will find that plenty of Michigan voters support him in his efforts to clean up Michigan's government."

Overseas Guest Says People There Appreciate U.S. Aid

The Arch Blacks, of 10380 Rainbow drive, Birmingham, recently entertained a friend from Holland for a number of days and heard him tell how much people of his native land appreciated the many gifts from America to people in need in Holland.

In relating the experience Mr. Black stated:

"Fred Heuneman, an old business acquaintance of mine from Holland, has been visiting us at our home and while there related to me the hardships that the Hollanders underwent during the occupation by Germany.

"He flew from Holland to New York; then to Detroit and Birmingham to visit me. He has now returned to New York but before leaving wrote me the following: 'I don't want to leave Birmingham without thanking all the American people for their wonderful gifts that they have sent to Holland. I now am speaking in the name of my whole country. You can't understand what has happened and what we have suffered in Holland during the war, but now we know that the color of your flag and ours is just the same—white and blue. God save America, and we are proud of your friendship toward us.'"

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Andy Merrill, Birmingham, was called back to his former home club at Massillon, Ohio, last week to give the address of the day. The manager of White Chapel Cemetery spoke on "The Cemetery and Its Obligations to the Community." Andy says his old club gave him a royal welcome and that he enjoyed the opportunity to visit with his many friends.

Harvey Vachon out at the Sly fruit farms on West Maple road, says that Birmingham orchards appear to be showing signs of a fine fruit yield this season. Most orchards in this section, he declares, have escaped serious damage thus far during the April cold days. Orchards that were well cared for last summer seem on their way to a heavy yield and if frost do not ruin any more damage we should have "fruit of quality and in good quantity for this summer," Harvey told this Wanderer when the letter was out by the fruit farm last Friday.

At long last, Quanton Lake is to get its face lifted by removing the scum that has covered large parts of it. This is indeed welcome news to those civic-minded Birmingham citizens who have winced every time they drove by this ex-

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Local dentists this week were in attendance at the 89th annual convention of their State Society in Detroit. More than 2,000 from Michigan were present to hear various discussions on the practice of dentistry.

Funny thing happened at the Eccentric office one afternoon last week. An out-of-town chap came in to see G.R.A. and his conversation was in a voice loud enough to be heard a half block away. G.R.A., knowing that many hard-of-hearing people speak in loud tones, assumed that his visitor was so afflicted, and he, too, spoke in like tones. They carried on a conversation for a few minutes, and as the out-of-towner left, he said: "By the way, are you hard-of-hearing?" G.R.A. said he wasn't, and the chap laughed and said: "Well, neither am I, but I thought you were so raised my voice." Whereupon G.R.A. exclaimed: "To make up for it, let's close our conversation in whispers, eh?"

Birmingham boys over at Ann Arbor, Saturday, surprised the Detroit Hockey Relys declared Yost Field House was so full of boys there seemed hardly room to turn around. Sixty-five school sent 825 boys, they said, and there was a constant round of close races and other events in the day-long carnival of sport. A total of 150 races were run off.

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