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Personally, I think that the man or woman who can sit and listen to the arguments of others, while holding his own convictions, will be in a position of supremacy when an argument is going on. Folks who do all the talking do less thinking—at least that's what I have found to be true.

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G. A. Florez Gives Address at Lansing Advertising Club

Genaro A. Florez, 287 Suffolk, president and chairman of the planning board of Florez, Inc., Detroit, last week addressed the Sales and Advertising Club Lansing at a meeting held at the Hotel Porter, Lansing.
Florez is nationally known for his efforts to promote the cause of thousands and comprehensive training of retail salesmen engaged in the selling of motor cars and related items, household appliances and other specialty products.

Barnum Baseball, Track Dates Set

First baseball game of the Barnum Junior High spring sports program will be played at Barnum tomorrow at 4 p. m. in competition with Berkley, according to Coach Fred Gibson. First game of the season, it will also be the first of the Little Oak League games.
A year Barnum finished in third place in the League.
Other five games scheduled for Barnum will take place at 4 p. m. with dates, places and teams opposing as follows: May 1, Royal Oak at Royal Oak; May 6, Cranbrook at Cranbrook; May 7, Hazel Park at Cranbrook; May 14, Ferndale at Ferndale; and May 21, Cranbrook at Cranbrook.
Likely prospects for the team, according to Coach Gibson, include Charles Ganley and Charles Olin, pitchers; Tom Tracey and Russell Quilbot, catchers; Dick Mott, Gordon Crawford, Pete Plumstead, and Harry Wall, infielders; and Bill Humphries, Ken MacQueen, Tom Maxwell and Bob Gouldman.

Another group of boys working out daily is composed of Al Fremont and Paul Huffman, pitchers; Jim Lottins and Don Halpin, catchers; Jack Barton, Charles Betts, Eugene Hays, Alfred Kibbe, Paul Phillips, Fred Armstrong and Aland Abbott, infielders. Outfielders are Frank Weaver, Rex Milroy, Bob Hardy, Gordon Shira, Harry Frantz, Bob Heugh, Frank Colby and Richard Dean.
The track schedule for the spring season has also been announced by Coach Harold Noble, and will start with a meet with Ferndale Wednesday, May 7, at 8 p. m. at Barnum.
Other meets are scheduled for May 12, Barnum-Berkley-Ferndale at Ferndale at 8 p. m.; May 15, Hazel Park at Hazel Park at 4 p. m.; May 20, intercollegiate meet at Barnum during gym periods; May 23, Little Oak League meet at Cranbrook at 3:30 p. m.; and May 27, the Junior Olympics at Barnum at 2 p. m.

Former Baldwin Student Now On UD Golf Team

A 22-year-old freshman with a mean putting eye will be the golfing find of the season at the University of Detroit.
Dick Buchler, a war veteran and graduate of Baldwin High School, Birmingham, will join the No. One spot on the Titan varsity this week end against two tough foes. Tomorrow the Titans will face Indiana of the Western Conference at Bloomington, Ind., and then journey to Indianapolis Saturday to face Butler. The Titans, victors in only one of five previous matches with Indiana, will be facing Butler for the first time.
Buchler jumped into prominence on the Titan squad last week when he filled the No. One spot against Toledo, Northwestern and Loyola of Chicago.
Wins Two Intramurals
A fortnight ago he shot a 40-39-79 over a soggy, wind-swept course to con the Fisher trophy, the University's spring intramural prize. Last fall under better weather conditions, he turned in a sparkling 73 to win the William Kelly Joyce trophy, the school's other intramural golf feature.
The freshman ace captained the Northwestern (Detroit) High School links team in 1942, before transferring to Baldwin High. The son of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Buchler, 18467 Pinehurst, Detroit, he is majoring in marketing at the University of Detroit.
John Povitz, Don Paget and Al Kiefer will join Buchler on the Titans' line against the Indiana schools this week end. Povitz was runner-up to Buchler in both the Fisher and Joyce tournaments, while Paget and Kiefer were co-captains of the Cooley (Detroit) High School golf team that won the Detroit Metropolitan league medal championship in 1943.

A Few Seats Still Left for School Play

Tonight and tomorrow night at 8:30 P. M. the annual all-school play "Kind Lady," a mystery melodrama, will be presented in Baldwin auditorium.
The play is directed by Miss Ruth Hull, assisted by Miss Lydia Habib and Mary Powers, student assistant director.
The heads in the play are Knight Houghton, portraying a gentleman villain, and Ruth Keadell as "Kind Lady" (Mary Hertz).
There will be a few rush seat tickets sold at the door.

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State's Highway Building Program Will Start Soon

With \$34,000,000 worth of new highways and bridges under contract, Michigan Road Builders' Association members are geared for the State's largest construction program in history.
By the end of April, dozens of construction jobs will be under way in southern Michigan, according to Le W. Lamb, newly elected president of the Association. Just as soon as the frost leaves the ground, construction will start in northern Michigan. At least 80 of the 83 counties have work scheduled.
"Despite rising material and labor costs, Michigan motorists are getting excellent dollar value in their new highways," said Mr. Lamb.

Bid Less Than Average
"Low bids accepted by the State Highway Department reveal that Michigan contractors' bidding came out one-third less than the national average on road construction."
"For example, in states where labor costs are substantially lower than in Michigan, the cost of moving earth is 29 to 31 cents per cubic yard, whereas low Michigan bids average 21 cents per yard. Michigan's advantageous position is a result of state contractors keeping organizations and equipment together with large scale work, whereas in other states many state road contractors were forced out of business during the war."

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Think Twice Before Burning Off Weeds and Endangering Bird, Plant Life, Is Advice

With warmer weather again evident in Birmingham and with the winter's frost out of the ground, Birminghamers have already begun to look around at jobs and fields with a view of what can be done to improve their appearance. Birmingham Fire Chief W. E. Griffith warns that before persons burn off the property, they must obtain a permit issued by Fire Marshal George Scott. It is a misdemeanor to start a fire without a permitted permit.
Accidental fires at this time of year are often caused, he stated, by residents sending someone out to start the incinerator fire but not leaving anyone to watch it. Griffith said that the most common cause of grass fires at this time of year, which may have serious consequences.
May Injure Birds
In addition to that, Chief Griffith points out that many birds which people commonly burn off in their yards might be better off if left alone.
Many people, he said, who every spring burn huge areas of vacant fields probably also have nesting birds' nests or eggs or fledglings, as these and other Michigan birds nest on the ground in early Spring.
The question of whether fields should be burned off was discussed recently by Dr. Robert T. Hatt, director of the Cranbrook Museum.
"While many persons in suburban and rural areas burn over fields and meadows with the thought that protection is thus afforded homes and other properties which might be endangered by accidental grass fires, field burning must nevertheless be regarded as a loss to nature and a loss to man," he points out.
Fires Left Unguarded
"Sometimes it is thought that new grass comes up better if the old is burned off, and where orchard or nursery stock is endangered by large populations of meadow mice living in adjacent fields, there is the further reason that a burned field eliminates mice."
"Too frequently, however, the fires are left unguarded or less attended and young trees, large trees, vines and bushes are killed."
The soil itself, he stated, burns to some extent and is impoverished.

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Birds, Dr. Hatt agreed with Chief Griffith, by the thousands perched, basked in their shells or as nestlings. Among them are meadow larks, quail, yellow warblers, red-winged blackbirds, and sharp-shinned hawks. Even the adults of these and late nesting species are set back because of the destruction of cover and food, he said.
"How can the benefits of burning be gained without the losses?" he questioned. "There is no single and full answer, but late summer burning of nesting areas, and ploughing under should all be considered."
Remember, too, that he who starts a fire is responsible if he damages another's property through carelessness."

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