

Discovering in their endless cycle are the seasons... beyond the control and manipulation of mankind. Soon this summer will be a memory, faded into the presence of a coming autumn; and autumn's color shall pass into the white sweep of winter... to emerge into spring and summer. Do you enjoy the changing seasons?

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Here are some attractive listings—each is a bargain in its own right.

1. A grand old house for remodeling at Pine Lake. 275 ft. of shore line and a depth of more than 1,000 ft. to the Pine Lake Country Club. A gardener's house that could be made into a nice guest cottage. The land alone is worth the price\$27,500.
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The assessment roll for the improvement of the southern portion of the Quarton Lake Estates subdivision by the installation of a storm sewer along West Maple avenue, will be reported back to the city commission next Monday evening, Aug. 18. Property owners interested in learning the amount of their respective assessments may obtain the figures at the meeting.

Reason for not putting through the improvement of Holland street, from Adams to Torrey, prior to this date has been explained by City Manager Donald Egbert. "We wanted to include in the improvement that portion of Holland east to Eton road. Now that this has been accomplished, it should result in a lower unit cost for the whole street," he explained. He added that the project will get underway shortly.

It's been a little warm this week, too, hasn't it?

While it is not unusual to glimpse an Ontario license plate around these parts, other Canadian auto tags are not often reported. This Wanderer noticed along Woodward avenue Monday

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afternoon a Saskatchewan motorist headed toward Detroit. Maybe the fellow should have stayed up in Northern Michigan and enjoyed cooking Lake Superior breezes rather than venture into Southern Michigan heat and humidity.

How do you spell "astrachan"? You know, like in astrachan apples? A local woman asked of a Birmingham grocery clerk over the phone. Three pounds for 23 cents, immediately came back the response. The surprised woman repeated her question. "Just a minute," the clerk asked. A couple of minutes later he came back to report: "Sorry, but he's not here." The woman hung up the phone and said to herself, "Maybe it's the heads."

Members of the Birmingham Lions Club this week got a figurative pat on the back in a letter which Mrs. Gladys B. Hale of San Francisco sent her mother, Mrs. R. D. Bird of 627 Purdy street, Birmingham. Said Mrs. Hale, "You mentioned the Lions' International Convention in your last letter. There was a little confusion at I have ever noticed at any convention of that size. I saw no rowdiness and they seemed to be a grand bunch of men and women. They had a parade on Monday that went past our hotel and I sat in the lobby and saw it all. It was grand and so colorful. I almost ran out in the street when the Michigan delegates marched past—I saw 'Birmingham on one of the men's hats—but thought better of it. The whole convention was one the Lions can be proud of, and I have heard much favorable comment from so many people."

Dr. John H. Springman, assistant superintendent of Birmingham schools, reports to this Wanderer that in the past ten days he went from the ice box into the fire, then back in the pan. "We

Mrs. Springman, myself and another couple—left the cool, invigorating climate of Colorado and drove through the heat wave in Nebraska, Iowa and those other plain states. In Western Nebraska the official temperature was 107. Just imagine the heat on the road, though," Springman explained. "Then back to Birmingham into this humid heat. But we're thankful it's not Nebraska or Iowa, however."

Fifteen boys of the Pierce School safety patrol attended the Tiger-India double-header at Briggs Stadium last week. Accompanied by Mrs. John Giegge, Mrs. Walter Mansfield and Pierce Principal Malcolm Ferguson, the boys reportedly ate an unbelievable number of hot dogs, many bars of ice cream and drank untold gallons of pop. After all, what's a ball game without dogs, ice cream and pop? This Wanderer would like to know.

At the August meeting of the board of directors of the Retail Merchants Association, held last week, the members discovered, much to their enjoyment, that they didn't have any bills to approve for payment. That bit of information, this Wanderer feels, compelled by the "man bites dog" news classification.

The Torrance Oil Co. has already anticipated that a certain number of residents will try to call the phone number of the oil truck in which a radio-telephone has been installed recently. Especially when the cold weather rolls around and the householder finds his oil supply running low. "That's why the phone number will be as secret as the combination of the safe in our office," owner Bill Torrance declares.

Another picture from an Army public relations office showing John A. Gillespie, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur W. Gillespie of 1048 Pierce street, on the firing range at Fort Belvoir, Va. John, a Purdue University student, attended the 6-week ROTC course there. John scored 150 points out of a possible 200 to earn an "expert rifleman" rating. If any of the Gillespies are interested in having the picture, it may be obtained at The Eccentric's editorial office.

Miss Mary Tighe, 519 Hanna street, has been elected to the Alumni Advisory Council of the Detroit Commercial College, according to an announcement made this week. She has also been re-appointed to the academic awards committee. The council is comprised of 27 alumni elected to serve as a board of directors.

According to Jack Andrews, there is no doubt but what City Manager Don Egbert will return to Birmingham with more than his share of good fishing if last week's catch is any indication. Together with another local businessman, Lloyd Dean, Jack went up Saginaw Bay way to visit Don and his

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wife for a day. Says Jack, "From eight in the morning to noon, the four of us caught 126 perch, plus two good sized bass which Don landed. That night for supper we stuffed ourselves on the catch. No, there's no doubt but what Don will return from his two weeks vacation a satisfied fisherman."

The Wanderer again this week is acting as a go-between in relocating another dog. This time it is for the J. W. Boprens of 214 Catalpa, Birmingham, who feel that their English setter would be happier in a home that provided much more rooming space. According to Mrs. Bowen, the 5-year-old dog now has to be tied in the back yard. He is a good watchdog, she says, and is very fond of children. She is interested in the dog's obtaining a good new home and would welcome calls from persons who could offer such.

Even though construction of the bus garage has been halted at Pierce field, this Wanderer notes that a seven-foot cyclone fence is now being erected around the baseball diamond on the area to the north of the school building.

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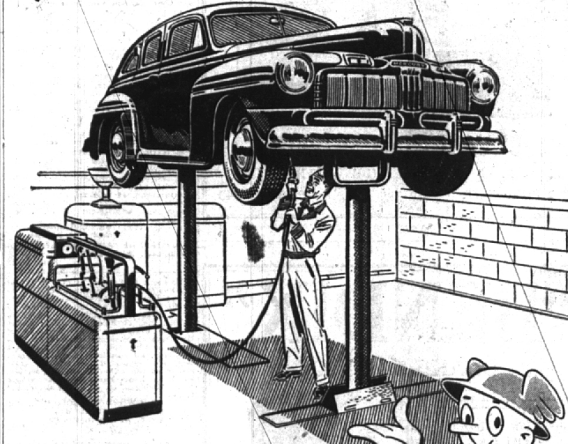
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