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**Service Awards
Are Presented to
Three B'ham Men**

Three Birmingham men received service awards from the Shell Oil company at the 1956 award luncheon last week in Detroit.

A. E. Martin, operations assistant-engineering, received a diamond-studded clasp and gold watch for his 25 years service with the company. Martin is the third man in the Michigan division to attain the 25-year mark. He lives at 20477 Oak Leaf Lane.

Paul J. Turner, district/development representative, was given an emerald-studded tie chain for 20 years service, and V. R. Storey, division Shellman manager, a ruby-studded tie clasp for 15 years with the company.

Turner lives at 840 Ridgedale, and Storey at 1856 Humphrey.

**W. Bloomfield Appeal
Board Denies Request**

The West Bloomfield Township appeal board last week turned down the request of the Franklin Products company of Orchard Lake avenue for an addition to its building.

The board said the request was refused because the building was in a "non-conforming" area.

**June's A Wonderful Month!
Just Look What It Brings!**

By Alice E. Morgan

Well, this week brought us Memorial Day and then—June. June is a wonderful month. It ushers in the first day of summer, brings us June brides, June graduates and June bugs.

The month reveals its name from June, famed Italian goddess. She was the goddess of marriage, and therefore, the June bride. But how does it happen that school closes in June?

We've never been able to find any explanation for that but we have a suspicion that many years ago, in a rustic log schoolhouse, perhaps, some poor teacher became so thoroughly sick of small boys with their pockets full of fireworms, that she just closed the doors and stayed away until fall, when it was too cold to fish any more.

NATURALLY, other teachers heard about this and thought it a wonderful idea and went forth to do likewise. Thus, when a boy or girl finished school, and school finished in June, he or she became a June graduate.

Now we come to the June bugs. What about them?

You have seen a belief that for every July man must also reap some sorrow. It keeps life balanced, motion through the next few weeks, burning up energy and building up health.

They just about drive the family dog into a bad case of fits. Yes, sir, an evening spent with a lot of June bugs is certainly a counter-balance for joy.

You rejoice that daughter has such a nice husband and cozy little home. You're quite happy that Second Daughter finally did get enough math and science needed under her pretty blond curls to make the grade from high school to college.

YOU ARE CONTENT that Junior just came through the next few weeks, burning up energy and building up health.

They just about drive the family dog into a bad case of fits. Yes, sir, an evening spent with a lot of June bugs is certainly a counter-balance down the back of your neck.

**21 Inspectors Named
for School Election**

At a special meeting of the board of education last week, the following were named inspectors for the annual June 12 school election:

Colgate Cobb, Martha Wilson, Pearl Lamb, Gladys Chissus, Louise Barden, Myrtle Taylor, Mary Lewis Fletcher, Bell Moore, Louise Fowler, Ora Richards, Minnie Crouse.

Elsie Bender, Mary Glass, Mary W. Curran, Jennie Masters, Aggie Deer, Winifred Burkman, Dora Dahl, Pearl H. Collins, Mabel Schultz and Lillian Moore.

Final Meeting

The regular meeting of the High Twelve club this week was postponed due to the Memorial Day holiday.

The meeting next Monday evening will mark the close of their activities for the summer.

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Southfield Twp. News
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Music Festival

Over 300 children presented a music festival in Annie Lettrup school Thursday under the direction of Miss Louise Ware and Miss Tricie Moore, vocal music instructors.

Storm Damages

Two homes in this area were struck by lightning during Wednesday night electrical storms. At 9:15 the home of E. H. Wright, 17560 Avilla, was struck, causing a roof fire. The fire was extinguished by the Southfield township fire department.

The second storm at 11:25 p.m. Dr. Mac Letchies home, 3907 Robina was struck by a bolt. It knocked off chimney blocks, came through the second and first floors and struck a lamp which exploded.

Woodwork and floors were scorched. No estimate of damage was available.

**Two Storms Cause
Little Damage Here**

Birmingham escaped the brunt of two severe thunderstorms which lashed this area last Wednesday afternoon and night.

Fire Chief W. W. Griffith reported a fire investigation call at 2:55 p.m. to the Kneff home, 1208 S. Baden, after lightning punched two holes in a bedroom wall. Griffith said a small amount of damage was done to the wall, but no fire resulted.

Walter E. Fauser, local Michigan Bell manager, reported nine cables were knocked out in the telephone system. About 400 phones were out of order for a short period, but all were restored by noon Thursday, he said.

FROM THE DPW came a report that several trees were damaged by high winds. No serious water hazards from over-loaded sewers were recorded.

The Detroit Edison company said their lines escaped attention of the storm almost entirely. Their most serious trouble came about 9 p.m. when a power line in the Squirrel road vicinity was hit by lightning.

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Theme of the program was music and dancing from all countries. Children from first through the sixth grade took part. Charles Deeg announced the numbers.

Summer Recreation

Summer recreation program will begin July 3 when buses will take children from nearby schools to Rouge park for swimming; leaving at 9 a.m. and returning at 3 p.m. Other activities include baseball, horse-shoes, ping-pong and handicraft. All will be supervised on the school playgrounds.

The regular Friday night basketball and dance programs will continue throughout the summer. They are scheduled for 7 p.m. in the Annie Lettrup school auditorium. Robert E. Hall director of Southfield Township Recreation program, stated.

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