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From where I sit... by Joe Marsh

Blue Wins This "Hunt"

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But a fellow comes around Saturday looking for a good dog to photograph for some advertising. And the dog he picks is Blue! Says Blue's happy, friendly face is just the one to attract people's attention. So Cappy gets more money for that picture than his other

dogs will ever take in hunt prizes. From where I sit, that should teach us not to look down on humans, when they act differently than we think they should. For instance, maybe you think tea goes best with food, O.K.—but don't size up wrong the man who enjoys a bottle of beer at mealtime.

Like Blue, I guess we're all "different" in one way or another—but that doesn't mean we don't have our good points, too!

Joe Marsh

FRANKLIN NEWS

By ANGELA DADDON
MAYNAR 6-3401

Fly to Mexico

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Jones are leaving next Tuesday to fly to Mexico. Spending a few days at Mexico City, they will make their holiday headquarters at the Las Americas hotel at Acapulco, returning to their home on Telegraph road March 5.

Hosts and Guests

The Jack Levans, of Garden way, have had as their house guests her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Lewis from Huntington Woods. The Levans have since left for an extensive trip, visiting Florida and California.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Ziegelbauer will be hosts at dinner at their Franklin road home this Saturday night. Their guests will be the Corliss Watsons, the Robert Ganses, the Grover Farnsworths, the John Abbotts, the Carl Finkels and the James MacDonaldis, all from Birmingham.

Ziegelbauer spent last weekend visiting his mother, Mrs. John Ziegelbauer, at New Albany, Ind.

The O. Reeds, of Franklin road, had as their dinner guest last Tuesday Mrs. Thomas Macksey, of Birmingham, who has since left for Sarasota, Fla.

The Alken club, a group of equestrians at the Outland stables, held a luncheon honoring new members at Devon Gables last Saturday afternoon.

Showers

Saturday evening Mrs. Mabel Sorenson and Mrs. Iris Chamberlain were joint hostesses at a linen shower at the Chamberlain home in Birmingham honoring Miss Anna Mary Adams whose marriage to James Deneau will take place March 16. Miss Adams will be honored with another linen shower tonight given by Mrs. Floyd Taylor and Mrs. Dave Taylor at the latter's home. Mrs. Zelma Parker, of Detroit, will be hostess at a miscellaneous shower honoring the bride-elect on Saturday.

HORSE SENSE AND NONSENSE

By ALICE E. MORGAN

AH, SPRING!

'Tis the second of February as I sit here, gazing-out the window and wondering just what earth-shaking topic I can select for this week's column.

About the only thing that comes to mind, handily, that fits the description (at least shaking Birmingham) is the weather. The whole town's been shaking for the past few days, and having been frozen out of my car this morning by Jack Frost's busy little fingers, I am no exception.

The sun is shining beautifully, and I'm hoping it may mean the backbone of the past week's weather has been broken. I just sit and gaze at it when suddenly the horrible fact dawns on me... it is Ground Hog Day and the sun is shining!

HOLY COW! That means the Franklin Community association will be held next Monday evening after the annual election dinner at the Community hall.

Meeting

The Evening Circle of the Franklin Community church will meet at 8:15 p.m. Feb. 16 at the church. Hostesses in charge of refreshments are Mrs. Ed Green, Mrs. Don Tracy and Mrs. Wilbur Schaich.

Associations Elect

Elected to serve as directors of the Woodcreek farms civic association for the next three years are P. G. Schlatterbeck, Reese Hill road; Donald Horton, Wellington road and Watson Kinney of Village lane.

The election of officers for the

Welcome, Neighbor

Mr. and Mrs. Lorne T. Blanchfield have moved from Detroit into their new home on Old Colony road. Blanchfield is with the Twin Pines Dairy company in Detroit.

little beastie can come out, take a look at his shadow, scare himself silly and scot back in for another long nap. It just ain't fair.

Gloomily I dwell on the weather, reviewing the past few days. It was very cold, the snow fell and it warmed up (it did too, the radio said so) and then got cold all over again.

Suddenly a happy thought passes through my mind. It's been so cold and wintry maybe the Ground Hogs are all snowed in and frozen stiff. Maybe he won't get out to see his shadow. Maybe spring will come after all.

Spring. Beautiful season of returning birds, balmy breezes, budding trees and flowers, warm days—rain and mud. And house-cleaning.

STILL, THERE have been several signs of spring around Birmingham lately. Not too long ago a gentleman called into report a couple of robins in his yard. Driving north on Woodward the other afternoon there was a definite change in the color of the willow twigs just south of Bloomfield Hills.

Furthermore, only last week two crows went cawing and flapping their awkward way across town.

And, only this morning, while getting ready for work, a glance at the sky showed eight wild ducks pushing their way over the city. They straggled along like a group of humans out for a walk, and seemed to have no particular destination in mind.

AREN'T ROBINS and crows and ducks supposed to mean spring?

Mother Nature, though, goes berserk once in a while and alls up. Sometimes she has apple trees bring forth blossoms in the fall. Now and then a lilac bush gets lulled into false security and starts to turn green if a warm spell breaks winter's grip for a week or so.

Golly, can it be she's slipped again and all those signs are just misleading? Better not put the snow shovel in back for a lawn mower yet awhile. Look awful silly out some blustery morning, it moving the sidewalk.

MY SUDDEN JOY is shattered again. I can't take much more of this. Life is too grim. Something must come along to bolster my courage, reassure my faith in the seasons and make me feel that surely this weather cannot last too much longer.

My eye roams over the desk beside me. One of the daily papers is there, and casually, to see if that can give me any feeling of security, I pick it up.

Page One—war news, international affairs, industrial problems in our own country. Page Two—mostly run-overs from page one, with a few smaller items based on the same general theme. Page Three—the same but a little less important—but what is this?

AN AD. Yes, sir, just a common ordinary display ad, the kind you see every day in the week. It isn't quite that, though. This ad is a little on the special side.

Y'know, that ad is for spring hats. Spring hats! Faith in the seasons comes rushing back to me. Mother Nature may make apple trees bloom in the fall, lilac bushes bud in the winter and even mess up the time schedules of the robins, crows and ducks, but she can't snarl up the merchants.

If they advertise spring hats and dresses, spring is coming and no number of misguided feathered families can alter that fact.

THE SUN shines brightly again. The Ground Hog probably has dug his way out of the snow. I can just see him now. He sits at the edge of his doorway, sniffing the air. His nose twitches into his eye. He moves, and a dark shape on the ground moves with him. He

glances and sees it is a shadow. He should go back in his den but enjoys that sun feels so good he turns to Ah, Spring!

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