

Never forget that most professional fishermen are equipped with the very habit of entering verbal defenses of the virtues, yet in actual practice often admit they do so with all the ease of water flowing off a duck's back.

## Sportsman's Show To Be Held at State Fair Aug. 29-Sept. 7

A free Sportsman's Show is expected to be one of the major attractions of the Michigan State Fair, August 29 through September 7.

The public will be invited to use an 80 foot casting area and a large archery range at no charge. The idea is to get people interested in these sports.

And there'll be daily demonstrations by nationally known experts of casting, archery, the use of firearms and other sports equipment.

Bleacher seats will be provided for those who just want to watch. The show is being organized by the Detroit Sportsman's Congress in the name of all the sportsman's organizations affiliated with the Michigan United Conservation Clubs.

A feature of the show will be a specially designed exhibit of upland game and deer conservation, farm planting and game habitat. It will be sponsored by Michigan State College and the Michigan Department of Conservation.

Through conferences, displays and other ways a great emphasis will be placed on improving hunter-warner relationships.

## Local Kiwanis Has Final Outdoor Session

The Birmingham Kiwanis club will resume its meeting in the Club House beginning Tuesday, Sept. 6.

The final of the summer series of backyard picnics was held this week at "Uncle Tom's Cabin", the West Lincoln home of Tom Ward, with the Ward boys serving as the black-face waiters for the southern fried steak dinner.

Guests of the club included Frank Riley, Ed Wallich, James Jennings, Richard McDonald, new business partner of the club's past president Kenneth Hoover, Lewis Zahn and Colin Campbell.

## Building Permits Issued LAST WEEK

TOTAL VALUATION	16	\$112,300
Residences	Number	Valuation
Garages	8	6,050
Alterations	750	

Mo.	Permits	1951	1952	Per-
Feb.	63	1,074,415	623,100	45
Mar.	63	489,850	518,800	52
Apr.	52	748,155	496,015	54
May	115	843,849	482,965	57
June	17	788,086	910,570	110
July	101	855,465	1,504,000	104

made electrical work mower, made from odds and ends and a 25-year-old electric refrigerator motor.

A modest man, Lee shrugs off his accomplishments with the comment, "Many research people are philosophically and artistically inclined."

But he never forgets to give the highest of praises to Mrs. Lee, his co-inventor.

"She works right along with me in the foundry," he said. "She has tolerated all this business very cheerfully and has given me inspiration throughout these years."

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At the present time, Lee is designing a new valve for the molding machine he invented.

On one side of the room are easy chairs and a table where the visiting foundrymen come to talk over their problems. On the wall is a small blackboard (there is one in the foundry, 460) with the heading at the top, "T.O.G.I." Decided, it means, "Things to get and do."

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WILLIAM J. SCRIPPS JOHN P. ST. CLAIR WILLIAM H. BREECH United Foundation officers map out fund drive. (Eccentric Staff Photo)

## Breech to Lead Local UF Campaign

Appointment of William H. Breech, president of Great Lakes Tractor & Equipment Co., as general campaign chairman of the 1952 fund raising program of the United Foundation's Birmingham-Bloomfield-Franklin division was announced today by John P. St. Clair, advisory committee chairman.

He also announced that William J. Scripps would serve as co-chairman of the campaign, which this year will run from October 14 to November 6.

Active in community affairs, Breech is a director of the United Foundation and has taken a prominent place in previous Torch Fund drives.

Organization plans for the campaign, which annually draws the active collaboration of hundreds of residents who serve on teams and committees, are well under way, Breech said. He reported the appointment of chairmen of nine key committees.

In addition to acting as co-chairman, Scripps is special gifts chairman.

Mrs. J. Rowland Quinn is campaign director.

Dr. J. B. Hassberger has been named chairman of the business and industry committee. Mrs. Paul L. Penfield is Birmingham residential chairman; Mrs. J. Hawley Otis, Bloomfield residential chairman; Mrs. Bernard F. Magruder, residential chairman of Franklin; and Mrs. Luther E. Lawrence is Wing Lake chairman.

Mrs. William M. Milligan has been appointed chairman of the speakers bureau, Mrs. Robert R. Nadal will serve as chairman of special tours. Elmer L. Sylvester heads the promotion committee and Howard E. Hallas is public relations chairman.

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While it is true that the fire department, during the winter months, visits and inspects every hydrant in the city at least twice a month to check for frozen hydrants, they do not patrol in the summer time. Often, for one reason or another, a hydrant may start leaking. The leak of the hydrant will usually cause the earth around it, in the parkway near your home, to become very soggy and present an unsightly condition.

IN ADDITION, a leaking hydrant causes an unnecessary demand on the water supply of the city. The loss of this water to the city and the underground supply only hastens the day when another source of supply will be necessary. While it may seem remote, the depletion of this underground supply will affect every resident in a financial way sooner or later, unless strict conservation is practiced.

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## 'Lee Hobby Foundry' At 938 Lakeside

By RUTH ANNE SILBARI, Special Writer For The Eccentric

In its historic past, Birmingham in the middle 1830's was known as a foundry town. It was named, in fact, for the city in England where foundry operations were extensive.

Today there is little left of our early heritage in the way of foundries—except a most complete one known to few people: "The Lee Hobby Foundry," owned and operated in his backyard by Ralph L. Lee, 938 Lakeside.

This foundry has come about because of Lee's long time interest in foundries and the problems connected with foundry methods.

His grandfather being a foundry man, and his father, too, for a while, Lee as a young man combined his engineering knowledge with practical foundry experience. Even though in later years he ended up in the public relations department of General Motors Corporation, his interest in foundries has carried on.

The Lee Hobby Foundry is primarily for research into foundry problems. Though small, it is complete in every way and has been visited by foundrymen from all over the country.

IT IS, Lee said, an accumulation of 35 years, adding to the foundry little by little.

"I never splurged on this," he said. "I never bought everything I needed or thought I needed all at once. If necessity is the mother of invention, then you get what you need when you need it, and don't end up with a lot of equipment that you never use."

Lee works with many metals—iron, aluminum, brass, copper and bronze. In his foundry is a pattern shop where Lee makes his patterns from wood.

There are two furnaces in the furnace room, one "cupola," not much larger than a hot water tank, for melting iron, the other furnace for melting the non-ferrous metals like brass.

IN PROXIMITY to the furnaces is the "Lee Pack Molding Machine," which Lee invented and developed. It is designed to provide a new method for molding by preparing the mold through the use of compressed air. This machine is part of the experimental stage and patents for it already have been secured.

Although "Plant No. 1," which Lee calls his foundry, is for research on foundry problems, many ornamental things have been made for the home.

Ash trays, (Lee got the pattern from a rubber leaf coaster), pin-up lamps (by the bushel, said Mrs. Lee), letter openers, handsome picture frames of scroll work, design, trivets and many other useful and decorative things have

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