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and Mrs. William A. Sampson 27908 Sunset, Beverly Hills, recently entered the U. S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md., as a midshipman of the Fourth (Freshman) Class.
News copy submitted early necessarily is given preference over late items. So the "Early Bird" usually gets the space.

Access Drive Cost Is Underestimated
A reassessment of \$212.42 against the city and \$30.66 on the Colonial terrace development for additional costs involved in an access drive on US-10 has been approved by city commissioners.
The original estimate was \$7,800, but actual costs totaled \$9,014.22. The state highway department already has paid its \$267.76 share of the deficiency.

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THE COMMUNITY HOUSE is closed for its annual "facelifting." Watching the progress of the yearly clean-up, paint-up proceedings are (left to right) Mrs. Gilbert C. Goode, board member and publicity director; painter William A. Hall; contractor Peter Madigan; and chairman of the Community House board Charles B. Kass. The "house with a heart" will reopen September 2. (Eccentric Staff Photo)

NATURE NOW

By LYDIA KING FRESHE

Walloon Lake

The next five columns will be written from Walloon Lake, one of the several "most beautiful" lakes in a state justly famous for its beautiful waters.
This is the country of the "Ojibwas." Here they left their mark in Indian name and legend. A small remnant of a once great tribe survives to stage an annual festival at nearby Harlow Springs. Here, Chief Ma-ni-si-no, his daughter, Prince, Wa-was-oo-dee and her son, E-pap-gi-bi-no, listen to the best of the home made tom-tom, each hearing something different in its exotic hollow noise.

But where the deer, the moose, and the bear so lately roamed, the permanent and transient summer visitor has taken possession. In spite of his casual clothes and manner, a certain hurried and restless look betray him and distinguish him at once from the native.

He comes in search of many things: change of scene, quiet leisure, seclusion, adventure, sport, peace of soul, forgetfulness. These he shall find in proportion to his ability to receive, for they are all here for the taking.

THE LAKE itself is shaped like a boat. Its 57 miles of fringed and wooded shore-line hiding the homes of many hundreds of city-weary folk. Set like an irregular bowl into a rim of gently rolling hills its blue surface lies 200 feet higher than the level of Lake Michigan.

The rich beech-maple forest which surrounds it represents the climax association of trees for this area. Gray and paper birch, basswood, elm, cedar and hemlock come down to drink at the water's edge and here and there are left a few groups of stately red and white pine. But the land belongs to the mighty beech and maple which dominate the hills.
It is easy, standing silent in the midst of their tall, straight boles to envision the days when much of our lower peninsula was thus



clothed in beauty. They cast so dense a shade, and drop upon the forest floor so thick a carpet of leaves, that the ground-cover has been reduced to early spring flowers, which bloom while the life giving sun still sifts through the bare branches. A few hardy and shade loving shrubs such as American yew and dogwood survive.

BUT the botanist can devote himself to a wealth of more primitive plants which thrive in the dark recesses of the forest; the graceful ferns, the ancient club mosses and horsetails, the true mosses and the liverworts.
And August sets the stage for a host of fungi. Last year in a month's time, I verified some 128 species of these little scavengers who live without chlorophyll and make bright the dim and hidden places of the forest. They are colored every shade of the spectrum, and are cast into every curious mold imaginable.

Man's noisy and crowded ways have long since routed the bear and the moose. An occasional deer still emerges, timidly and under cover of the night, to browse and to drink, and to leave his delicate hoof marks at the water's edge. The opossum and the raccoon, the woodchuck and the red squirrel and his sprightly little cousin, the chipmunk; these all live their pulsing and competitive lives, each searching for his share of the food and shelter of the forest.

THE STRIPED skunk so prized by the trapper for his rich and lustrous coat, sometimes passes by on his midnight snack-hunts, leaving behind his tell-tale and ill-scented trail.
The large snowshoe rabbit mops at it, the herry pyle up over the hill—and nibbles contentedly at his share of the fruit on the low hanging branches, while we pick enough for a pie at our arm's length and level. Here in his seclusion he has escaped the threat of man, and is willing to divide equally with him.

Now, in early August, bird music is on the wane. In our adjoining meadows, the song sparrows muted but still heard. The bluebird's wing is paling and the goldfinch frolics from thistle to fern post, his flight a jerky dip, accompanied by an intermittent song. In the deep woods, atop the hill at our back door, the nuthatch and the peewee are searching for an insect dinner.

WE HAD our dinner last night out under the trees at the lake's edge while a pair of cedar waxwings, nearest of birds, stopped to call.
One evening when we came home from a hike on our favorite woods road, a barred owl was perched on the trail sign, obscuring with his fluffy grey-brown

Building in City Hits Peak During Past Month
Building in Birmingham hit the highest valuation of the year during July, when the 104 permits issued were for construction costs of \$1,564,660.
The 87 permits for new buildings included 54 single family residences, 1841,500; 72 private garages, \$28,800; and 1 church, \$829,000. Alterations to homes, school properties and one business location accounted for \$105,000 of the building program.
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