



**Play it Safe!**

Have you ever stopped to think when you burn your papers, rubbish, leaves and etc., whether you are endangering neighboring property, or, perhaps even your own property?

Every year numerous trees, fences, shrubbery and occasionally a garage or some other small building is burned here in the City of Birmingham by unwatched rubbish burners or burners too close to other buildings. There have been more fires and complaints from

rubbish burning in Birmingham this year than any other year.

Make a survey of your rubbish or trash burner. Is it too close to your garage or someone else's garage or fence? Is there high grass around it that might catch fire and burn someone's trees or shrubs? Is there a high wind blowing that would tend to let the fire get away from you? If so, see if there isn't a better location for your burner that will be safer for all concerned.

**IF YOU HAVE** domestic help who burn papers outside make sure they watch the fire until it is almost out. If you are going to burn grass, trash or brush, do not own the property on which the burning is to be done, come into the fire department and get a burning permit. It is required by city ordinance. Remember, a little thought and consideration may save you or your neighbor a visit from the fire department. **PLAY IT SAFE.**

Birmingham Fire Department

**Alternate Delegate**

An alternate delegate from Michigan to a national professional convention in St. Louis, Mo., Sept. 5-11, is Dr. N. W. Burkan, 719 Westwood.

General news deadline is 4:30 p.m. each Tuesday.

**SHEET METAL WORK**

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Federal 2-9267

**NATURE NOW**

By LYDIA KING FREHSE

As I sit at the rim of the lake, I drop my hand into the shallow water. Its smooth coolness slips through my fingers. A light wind ruffles the surface, and it answers my mood with its soft undulating murmur. The sun shines on an iridescent beetle crawling on the wet sand. A leaf floats idly by. A grey gull circles the small boat in the bay, drops from the sky and returns swifter than sight. Were it not for the silver streak in its beak, one would doubt that water and bird had ever met.

But it is the voice of the water that speaks to me. Of all the substances that make up our universe, water is one of the simplest and most changeful. Composed of two parts of hydrogen and one part of oxygen, it covers three-fourths of the earth's surface, makes up 65 per cent of our human bodies and is the great solvent through which all life is fed. Every process in the living body goes on only in its presence. It may be a bank of clouds, thin ice to skate on, a drink of cold water or a rainbow reflecting all the colors of the spectrum.

It is the waterfall that powers the turbine to generate electricity to light a thousand cities. It turns the giant wheels of industry.

**UNDER MAN'S** controlling hand, its course has been diverted to make a green and productive garden of millions of acres of arid land. It has ever been a potent agent for sculpturing the continents and it never ceases its work of giving new shapes to the land. The continents themselves are only an intruder in the limitless reaches of the sea.

But water can take as well as give. In a night its untamed force can destroy what has taken a century of man's patient labor to build.

Life was cradled in water. Put a drop of it under a high-power microscope and anyone can journey back through the dim miles of creation to see there magnified the simple-celled forms which represent its earliest beginnings. There they are, both plant and animal forms, living together in their small identities, mere bits of protoplasm revealed in their fantastic shapes and habits, afloat in life's sustaining fluid, water.

**NO MATTER** how we spend it, water is a constant factor in the universe. It changes its form but it is never lost. Like a giant wheel it moves from earth to sky and sky to earth, then back again in a never-ending cycle. It cannot be still.

The dew, the rains, the streams, the restless sea are forever moving and lifting it. It is as the mercy of capillary action and evaporation. Plants raise millions of gallons of it from earth to leaf, where it is diffused into the atmosphere. The air takes up all it can hold, great clouds are formed and when the saturation point is reached and they can carry no more, rain falls drop by drop. After the thirsty

earth has drunk its fill, water repeats its journey; sucked upward by the hungry plant, lifted into the air by the flaming sun. Locked within this endless journey in function all the complicated chemistry and necessity for the production and maintenance of the life process.

**WATER HAS** many moods and it speaks to each in a favored voice. For one, only the chartless track of the sea will suffice, where he can be alone in a world of water and sky. Another hears a song in a spring-time pasture where a brook makes its way down hill over smooth, round stones. Yet another must seek out a hidden waterfall where a dipper bird flies through the slender cascade of a mountain stream. And, some would choose the deep

**LEGAL NOTICES**

**CITY OF BIRMINGHAM, MICHIGAN NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNERS**

The City of Birmingham, Alabama, Park, Brookside and Ravine. The City Commission of the City of Birmingham will meet Monday, September 8, 1952, at 2 p.m. in the Municipal Building to consider the application for the installation of certain improvements of the alley between the blocks bounded by Park, Brookside and Ravine, described herein and for which petition was filed with the creation of a special assessment district for the improvement of a double seal coat to the existing roadway for a 12 ft. wide strip of the public alley, herein described. The improvement consists of a small area of gravel to shape up the alley and the application of seal coat to be guaranteed for one year. A special assessment district to defray the cost of this construction and said special assessment district shall consist of the following described property:

Assessing District No. 22, a Replat of Residence Park Subdivision, A Replating of Lots 27 to 27 inclusive, Lots 27 to 24 incl., and parts of Ravine Road & Court bounded by Residence Park Subdivision, C. E. Jones Sub., & Part of Lot 28 and all of Lots 13-14-15-16-17-18-19-20-21-22-23-24-25-26-27-28-29 of Oak Grove Add., City of Birmingham, Oakland County, Michigan, as recorded in Liber 26, page 23.

Notice of Hearing: A hearing will be held at the City Clerk's Office, 150 North 20th Street, Birmingham, Michigan, on Monday, the 23rd day of September, 1952, at 10 a.m. thereafter, the commission may be heard at which time and place any person in any manner interested in said subdivision, or in the Township of Southfield, or otherwise interested in the immediate adjoining premises, to that part which is proposed to be vacated may appear and oppose the same.

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Oliver H. Benson, City Clerk  
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river with its ships that pass but never meet. And there are those who would spend happy days drifting down-stream in a canoe dropping a fly into a pool, silent and dead.

But it is the blue coolness of a northern lake that I love best, when on a sunny summer noonday the wind has whipped-up a froth of little whitecaps that ride hobbling in to meet me. I have gone to sleep and awakened to its changeful tones for half the summer of my lifetime. All the varied activity of these days and nights together make a piece of life I should not care to lose.

**MAN HAS** never completely freed himself from the water. If for a brief time he can leave his

towns and cities he returns to it. He comes for something more than to swim, to fish, to ride a boat. Whether or not he knows it, he comes also to expose himself to its healing ways, and to re-live by its side the long vistas of time in which his own existence has occupied so brief a moment.

And when the harvest moon spreads a thin layer of gold over the water's rippling surface, he can do no more than to stand mute on its silent shores. On such a night Earth is a small and lonely thing in the infinite spaces of the universe.

In the end all water gives up its identity and is lost in the great allpools that lead to the sea. Tully it carries with it the residue of the same life to which it gave birth.

**"Once-a-time..."**

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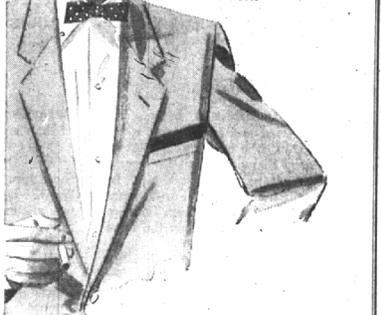
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