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State laws direct that no one shall follow behind, or park within, 500 feet of fire apparatus which is responding to, or working at, a fire.

VERY RECENTLY in a neighboring city a great loss of time and property was caused by spectators blocking streets so that fire apparatus could not get to the fire or hydrants.

Almost everyone likes to see the fire department in action, but remember when you see it or hear its sirens on the streets, pull over to the curb if you can or at least stop so that they may pass with-

out hindrance. Remember there may be a life at stake.

IF YOU ARE at a fire be sure you leave a lane of traffic open for additional fire apparatus. Don't park near hydrants rendering them useless. Keep in mind that it could be your home, and you would want the fastest and best service possible.

So, "Play It Safe!" When you see the fire apparatus coming, **GIVE US ROOM.**

Prepared as a public service by members of the Birmingham Fire Dept.

**Temperance Councils
To Meet at Lunch**

Attending the Dec. 11-12 meeting of Temperance Secretaries Council, will be George K. Ringe, 16252 Kirkshire. Ringe is temperance secretary of the Ferndale Seventh-day Adventist church.

Others from the state will meet for counsel and instruction with Elders W. A. Shaarenberg, of Washington, D. C., and John Hancock of Berrien Springs as featured speakers. A new sound film "Drug Addiction" will be shown. The council is under the sponsorship of the American Temperance society.

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SOMEWHERE IN KOREA (FHINC)—Marine Sgt. Jack D. Schell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Helmer Brodin, 540 Troywood, Troy township, is awarded the Good Conduct Medal by his commanding officer, Marine Maj. Fred J. Gilhuly, at an air attached to the Wing's headquarters squadron. (Official U.S. Marine Corps Photo)

NATURE NOW

**Science Books Will
Help Nature Studies**

By LYDIA KING FREHSE
Special Writer for The Birmingham Eccentric

With the holiday season so near at hand, I hope many of you will be looking for a nature book to add to some child's Christmas list.

During the last 10 years nature education has received a tremendous impetus from a flood of beautifully written and illustrated children's books.

Until the child is able to read for himself, the illustrations are more important than the text. Some of the best are:

Life Long Ago, Carroll L. Fenton; **Field Guide to the Birds**, Roger T. Peterson; **Near Horizons**, (Insects), Edwin Way Teale; **Trees and Their Story**, Dorothy Sterling; **Nature Notebook**, Robert Candy; **Minerals**, Herbert Zim; **Snakes Alive**, Clifford Piker; **Rocks, Rivers and The Changing Earth**, Herman Schneider; **"The Stars"** (a Mrs. Frehse animal. It is only a small step from the child's sensory world of sound and sight, of touch and taste, to the acceptance of a dog, a cat or a rabbit as a fellow creature.

IT IS THEREFORE logical that a child's first book should be an animal story. Animals are the actors on a plant-filled stage, so plants come easily into the child's consciousness.

As his out-of-door experiences increase he will attach both of these to the world in which he lives. He will approach the field of natural science not only through the books he reads but by way of many other avenues of experience. We can hope that through them all he will find his rightful place in the pattern of evolving life.

CHILDREN VARY greatly in their reading tastes and interests as well as in their understanding at the different age-levels. Therefore you might like to spend some time browsing in your library or book store to find just the right book.

Here are some suggestions for you in answer to an oft-repeated request. The facts in these books are checked for scientific accuracy. They are written and illustrated at various age levels. Many contain general nature facts presented through an out-of-door experience. As the child grows older he begins to define areas of special interest and so needs identifying books in separate categories.

FOR YOUNG children: **Another Day, Marie Ets: It is Night**, Phyllis Rowland; **Song of the Seasons**, Addison Webb; **Let's Go Outdoors**, Harriett Huntington; **Billy Goes Exploring**, Dorothy Sterling; **Hop, Skip and Fly**, Imengarde Eberle; **The Air Around Us**, Margaret Friskey; **The "What's Inside" Series**, Herbert Zim; (Separate books on "Earth", "Plants", "Animals", written in two sizes of print—thus extending age-level interest).

FOR JUNIORS: **The "What Is It" Series**, Anna Pistorius; (Separate books on Animals, Wild Flowers, Butterflies, Birds.) **Basic Science Education Series**, edited by Bertha Parker; (Separate paperback books—covering every major area of Natural History.) **The "First Book" Series**, (Separate books by various authors—on Bugs, Trees, Snakes, Birds, Rocks.) **Junior Book of Insects**, Edwin Way Teale; **Junior Book of Birds**, Roger T. Peterson; **Green Magic (plants)**, Julie C. Kenly; **Rocks and Their Stories**, Carroll L. Fenton; **The Stars For Sam**, W. H. Reed.

new way to see them), H. A. Rey. You may be entertaining one of these unwares. On the other hand your child may not possess the qualities of mind and heart which will make of him a great scientist. But if you have opened, for any child, the door which leads to an appreciation and understanding of the world in which he lives and of his place in that world, you have already given him a priceless gift.

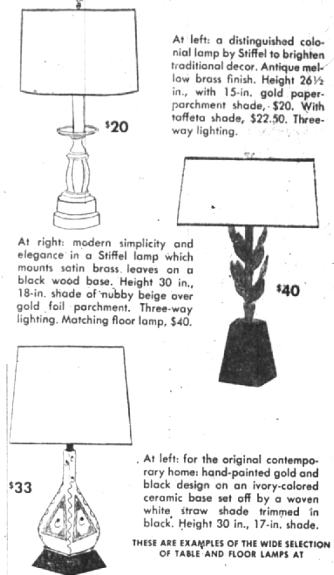
HERBERT ZIM whose name appears in the above lists is one of the younger scientists who has already distinguished himself as a teacher and writer.

He says, "I am more interested than ever in young people who want to become scientists, because we need scientists more than ever. We all have to think and act scientifically if we want to solve the tremendous problems that face us." The great scientists of tomorrow are among today's children.

With 160th Regiment

40TH DIV. KOREA—Army Pvt. Thomas A. McKinley, 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. V. J. McKinley, 156 E. Frank, recently arrived in Korea for duty with the 40th Infantry Division. Private McKinley, assigned to the division's 160th Regiment, entered the Army last May.

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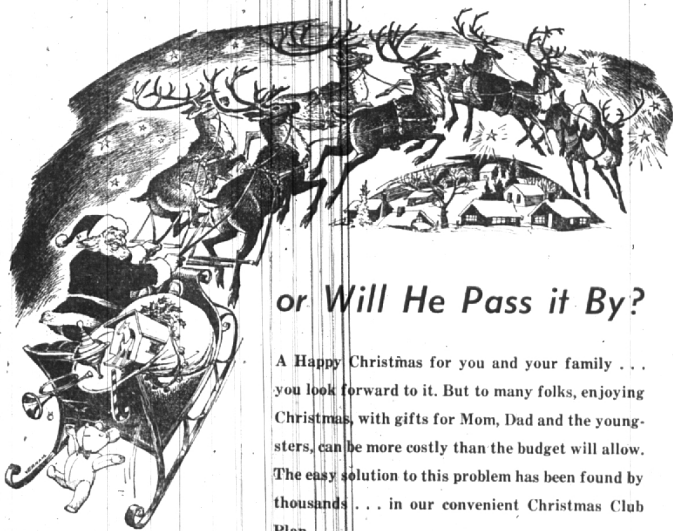
At right: modern simplicity and elegance in a Stiffel lamp which mounts satin brass leaves on a black wood base. Height 30 in., 18-in. shade of nubby beige over gold foil parchment. Three-way lighting. Matching floor lamp, \$40.

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