

Activities Begin For Quarterbacks

The Birmingham Sideline Quarterback Club opens its bowling season at the new Birmingham Alleys next Wednesday evening, Sept. 16. The club is utilizing 12 of the 18 alleys at the new location, and although up to full strength for regular bowlers, will welcome substitute men interested in the club.

Plans are under way to furnish new equipment for the Birmingham High football team, and other

projects of a similar nature are scheduled for the balance of the year.

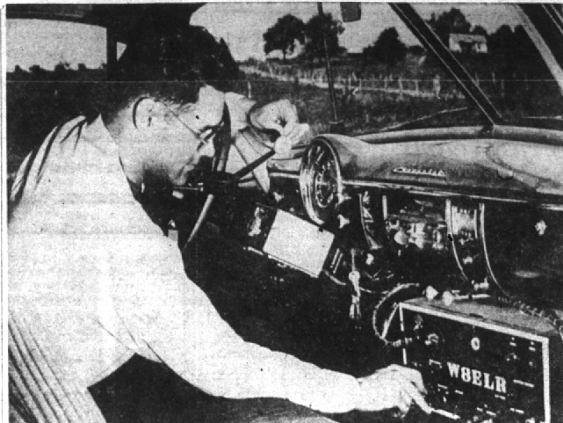
The annual Golf Outing and dinner of the BSGC was held Sept. 1 at North Hills and Oakland Hills. Leading the golfers at North Hills was Ferris Jennings with a gross of 75, net 72, becoming 1953 champ. First place in the blind bogey was shared by Phil Smith and Jennings.

Second in the blind bogey was

Pays 75-Dollar Fine For Reckless Driving

Everett H. Setzer, 42, of 3823 Finch road, Birmingham, paid \$75 in fines and costs Friday after pleading guilty before Bloomfield Hills' Judge A. J. Richardson to a charge of reckless driving.

shared by Tom Morgan, C. M. Stewart, Herk Bolton, Dave Dorman, and Charles C. Dybvig, President of the Club. Dinner at Oakland Hills followed the golf confiding with a short business meeting.



HOWARD ESTES, 492 Rivenoak, an engineer now assigned to the Guided Missile Development Division of the Ordnance Missile Laboratories at Redstone Arsenal, Huntsville, Ala., tunes in his ham radio station, W8ELR, which is installed in the car. Estes is on loan to the Ordnance Corps from the Chrysler Corporation. He is a graduate of the Milwaukee School of Engineering.

NATURE NOW

Insects' Work Ending As Summer Slips Away

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Now in September we come to the end of summer. Carefree days have given way to the routine of school and office and we find ourselves involved again in the maze of our city ways.

Once more we have shared our woods and waters with a host of visitors. The trail of the tourist which reached its peak during the last three weeks of August will continue well into October when nature covers our hills and valleys with a blanket of color.

So it is that Michigan's tourist council reports 1953 as the greatest summer season the state has ever known. It estimates that 2,500,000 visitors and a like number of our own citizens will have spent their vacation within our state.

By summer's end, more than 13,000,000 people will have visited our parks. Many of these have "cramped out" with their families. Together all of these vacationers

will have spent some 600 million dollars thereby placing the tourist trade as second on the list of our state's industries.

This great annual trek to the woods and waters be-speaks the hunger of the human spirit for the earth and the sky, the wind and the water. The urban dweller has not weaned himself from these elemental satisfactions. Give him a day or a week of freedom and he will return to them and their healing ways.

WHAT HAS been a great season for the tourist has also been a banner year for the "bugs". Such insects as the forest caterpillar and the tent caterpillar, the grasshopper and the leaf rollers have eaten their way through acres of greenery. Other pests like the Japanese beetle, the grape berry moth and the cherry fruit fly have destroyed tons of fruit.

A serious phase of insect injury which may rival the destruction caused by direct feeding is the connection of insects with fungus plant diseases. Such killing pests as Dutch elm disease, chestnut blight, smut on corn and ergot on wheat could not flourish without the aid of insects which disperse the minute spores of these injurious fungi.

Altogether the insects of the United States demand as their share 10 per cent of every crop. Their account with the American people shows a total estimated loss of one and a half billion dollars per year.

HOWEVER, if insects are destructive, they are also agents of beauty and usefulness. Once again they have pollinated many of our flowers and much of our fruit. Their busy flight which began before the opening of the first spring flower will not end until the last goldenrod and aster stands brown and empty in the field.

On a warm sunny day an observer-clocked the insect visitors which came to call on a two inch square of yellow flower cluster. They came at the rate of 12 per minute or 5,700 during an eight hour day.

At summer's end, nature becomes suddenly lavish with her paint pot. But she also uses her pigments in subtle ways, here shading a single maple leaf from yellow to red; there revealing the

orange fruit of the running strawberry bush hidden within its crimson colored bark or again hanging a cluster of purple wild grape against a blue October sky.

TODAY FOLLOWING a shaded forest path I came upon the familiar Indian cucumber. It arranges its leaves in two circles on the slender stem one above the other like a cheese and cracker plate. Within the top circle are the two or three purple-black berries. As they ripen, the three crowning leaves underneath take on a deep crimson hue. This sudden show of color attracts the birds who are responsible for the dispersal of the seeds.

No man knows how long it has taken nature to perfect this astonishing device. He only knows that it does insure the future of the Indian cucumber.

THE FALL migration of song birds is now well under way. The bluebird's wing is paling and the goldfinch shortens his jumpy flight. The red-winged blackbirds hover over the marshes with a great fluttering and the warblers leave gradually and silently. Soon the woods will be empty of much of its sound and color.

Autumn will begin in the northern hemisphere on Sept. 23 at 8:07 a.m. Eastern Standard Time when the sun will cross the equator into the Southern hemisphere.

The harvest moon will hang like a copper disk in the evening sky and Venus will shine like a magnificent jewel in the late hours of darkness just before the dawn.

Golf Mart Loss Totals \$2,387

Burglars' haul in the Aug. 26 looting of the Golf Mart, 217 Pierce, Birmingham, has mounted to \$2,387 according to an inventory presented to police by the store last week.

The inventory listed over \$1,000 in jewelry taken along with golf equipment and accessories of almost equal value. The store had previously reported \$38,571 cash stolen.

The Aug. 26 burglary was preceded two months to the day by another breakin of similar na-

ture when \$700 in merchandise and \$300 in cash were taken.

Westminster Guild Meets

Westminster guild of the First Presbyterian church will resume meetings on Sept. 10, with Mrs. Jessie Woodfin as speaker. The 8 p.m. meeting will be at the home of Mrs. L. W. Rosemont, 18389 DeVonshire.

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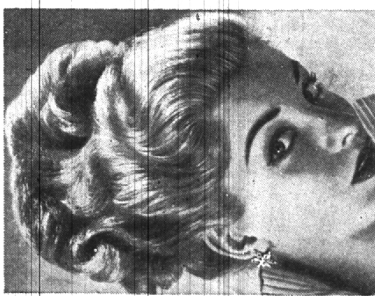
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