

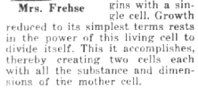
# NATURE NOW Life Blooms Anew As Spring Comes

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"Spring is the time to ask questions of nature for her answers are affirmative"—so writes Donald Peattie—dean of American naturalists.

This avows among other things, that spring is the time when life experiences its greatest period of birth and growth. The flower must bloom, the seed must set, the egg must be hatched, the young must be reared—all this must be accomplished during the spring and summer months when we have our longest days and shortest nights.

During this period of maximum sunlight, the earth responds with abundant food creating the most favorable season for growth.



Mrs. Frehse

All life begins with a single cell. Growth reduced to its simplest terms rests in the power of this living cell to divide itself. This it accomplishes thereby creating two cells each with all the substance and dimensions of the mother cell.

THIS IS at once, the most miraculous, the most immense and the most universal activity in the world. On any day you may see it demonstrated simply by observing a drop of pond water under a powerful microscope.

Here you will see life in its simplest forms, more bits of protoplasm done up in tiny parcels called cells, dividing and redividing themselves to make new individuals. Unless you are a biologist, you may not be able to distinguish the plant from the animal forms, but in a sense you have witnessed the simplest kind of birth and growth.

Cells differ widely in size and shape. They may be columnar, flat, spherical, long or thin. They may be as small as a single microscopic virus. They may be as large as the yolk of an ostrich egg.

They may function as simply as an amoeba. They may combine by the billions to form a highly specialized human body made up of tissues and organs.

GROWTH in every living thing involves a complex series of changes. As with many another life-process, the scientist can point out the chemistry involved; he cannot explain the impulse which prompts it. The cell has an affinity for food from which it is able to synthesize new protoplasm. Thus it renews itself.

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## 'Art' To Be Topic Of U-M Speaker At AAUW Lunch

Michael P. Church will be guest speaker for the luncheon meeting of Birmingham branch of AAUW at 12:45 p.m., April 1, in the Birmingham Community House. Church is supervisor of special projects for the University of Michigan extension service.



MICHAEL P. CHURCH

LOCALLY, Church studied at the Wicker School of Fine Arts, Cranbrook Academy and Wayne university. In addition, he attended the University of Michigan for two years and was a pupil of Nicholas Marcino of New York. He is a member of the Michigan Academy of Fine Arts, Michigan Arts Association and is on the board of the Ann Arbor Art Association.

Past activities of the speaker include being puppeteer for the Detroit reception department, staff member of the National Music camp at Interlochen, a delegate to the White House conference on Child and Youth in 1951 and a Buigne, Donna Knappertz, Carolyn Shattuck, Nancy Kanell, Jerry Mills and Marion Dombrowsky.

### Musical Program

A brief program of instrumental and vocal music is planned for the April 1 session of the Junior League Musicale, when it meets with Mrs. Henry Gassaway, 3545 Woodale, at 7:30 p.m. Taking part will be Betty Baker, Nan De Buigne, Donna Knappertz, Carolyn Shattuck, Nancy Kanell, Jerry Mills and Marion Dombrowsky.

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**Concert Highlights  
Alumni Dinner Party  
Planned for April 5**

The annual Albion College North Woodward Alumni association dinner will be held this year at the First Methodist church, Royal Oak, at 6 p.m., April 5.

Approximately 400 Albion Alumni in this area have been sent cards for reservations and are urged to help the committee in charge by returning them.

Program for the evening will be presented by the Albion college a cappella choir in the sanctuary of the church at 8 p.m. The choir of its annual spring tour under the direction of David Strickler, will bring to its audience for the first time in its 20 years of concerting, an all sacred music program.

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They are J. G. Carmichael, president; Don A. Sprague, vice president; S. L. Ferguson, treasurer; and G. B. Helmrich, secretary. Directors include Hi Dawson, R. G. Davies, John C. Evans, A. C. Yost and Dr. S. H. Seaburger.

Plans are now underway for their annual dinner dance to be held at the Birmingham Country club the early part of June.

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