

Wing Lake—Foxcroft Tiny Tots in the Swim

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(Editor's note: The Birmingham Eccentric introduces Margery Stecker, 5975 Wing Lake road, a new member of its correspondent staff. Mrs. Stecker will report the happenings of the Wing Lake-Foxcroft area.)

WING LAKE-FOXCROFT—Joan Carter and Susan Fraser, Worlington road, and Nancy and Patricia Dunham of Thurber are singing rhapsodies over their tiny tot swimming class at the YMCA in Pontiac. Held 4 to 4:45 p.m., the current classes of ten tots to a group are filled to capacity. However, the physical director, Bernard Walters, will start another class on May 10 if popular demand warrants it. As the water in the 20 by 60 foot pool is 40 inches deep at its shallowest end, the boys and girls must be at least 50 inches tall for enrollment.

Fore-warning to mothers: You can't watch your chicks from the balcony overlooking the pool. Bernard Walters found that the presence of parents disrupts the class discipline.

Mrs. Thomas Carter, mother of Joan, claims that anxious mothers exiled to the YMCA Squeeze-Inn restaurant, nervously twiddle their thumbs while offspring are busy emulating Esther Williams or Johnny Weismuller.

Ellsworth Kramer, president of the Foxcroft Improvement Association, states that tentative plans for a community masonry barbecue on the commons have been approved. Architects' drawings will be presented to Dr. Gracey for final approval.

Plans for a shelter to accommodate folks preparing meals at the barbecue are now in the discussion stage.

The Gordon Andersons, Crabtree lane, are taking a motor trip through Florida for a family outing of two weeks.

Holding the home fort in Detroit while his wife and children are relaxing in Florida, Lawrence Collins enjoyed his dinner date at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Carter, Worlington road, April 14.

The Wing Lake Farm and Garden Club has planted six flowering Hops crabtrees on the south side of the park area, near Wing Lake road. The trees will be transplanted to more appropriate settings as soon as the mechanized work planned for the area has been finished.

Mrs. Harvey Sanderson, Scout leader of Troop 310, reports that the Girl Scouts employed a lot of ingenuity filling Easter baskets for children who might have been overlooked by the Easter bunny. Their distribution was handled by the Family Service in Birmingham. The girls eliminated all but a little candy in favor of stuffed animals and amusing games.

Plagued with innumerable grass fires, the Bloomfield Township Fire Department has asked this column to print a warning to residents of this area. When burning trash outdoors, use a container with a lid. The fire department is concerned that one day firemen will be out quenching a grass fire while, elsewhere, some one's home burns down.

Mrs. Fred Keller (reported back in last week's column from a trip to the Hawaiian Islands) wants her friends to know that teaching them surf boarding is out of the question. However, the tamer sport of outrigger canoeing captured her enthusiasm. "We paddled out a half mile beyond the breakers," she explained. "Then the guide paddled rapidly toward Waikiki Beach until a roller caught the boat and carried us on its crest to the shore."

Fred Keller particularly enjoyed their plane flight past Diamond Head to the island of Hawaii, where they circled around the mountain, Mauna Kea, Mauna Loa and Hualalai.

It's a good bet that most people believe Honolulu is in the island of Hawaii. Not so! It's on Oahu, one of a group making up the Hawaiian Islands, reports Keller. Gifted with native Hawaiian shirts, son Robert Haefner, and son-in-law, William Spinning of Birmingham will soon be adding color to the local golf courses.

Mrs. H. Carter, president of the Foxcroft Farm and Garden club, will be attending the Michigan annual council meeting of the Woman's National Farm and Garden Club in Plymouth, Mich., April 28. Plans will be discussed for the National convention to be held at the Sheraton-Cadillac Hotel, May 18 to 22 inclusive.

Mrs. and Mr. Joseph Howell, Crabtree lane, report a wonderful three weeks drinking up the sun-

shine at Belle Vista Beach, St. Petersburg, Fla., and visiting old friends, the Harold Ebberts of Clearwater, Fla., former residents of Birmingham.

Back from a three month's visit shared with his grandmothers in Florida, (Mrs. Lawrence DeLuce of Miami Shores and Mrs. S. A. Carter, Boynton Beach), 5-year-old Stanley Carter solemnly informed his mother on Crabtree lane that from now on he is going to take care of his year-old sister, Terri, his collie, Misty, and the family's garden.

The Foxcroft Farm and Garden Club plan to use the proceeds from a recent sale of 12 flowering crabtrees to beautify their area.

Stanley Jesson, home from Albion College to spend Easter vacation with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. Stanley Jesson, 6310 Telegraph, hosted a reunion of friends from last year's class at Bloomfield night.

His sister, Jo Jesson, is still reviewing the highlights of a motor trip with Mrs. Bruce Coulter and daughter, Mimi, Lone Pine road, to the well-known horse farms in Lexington, Kentucky.

While visiting the Calumet, Dixiana and Faraway Farms (celebrated for that gallant race, Man-o-War) they had the added pleasure of watching mares and their foals frolic in the blue grass pastures.

Before turning homeward, they attended a race of some of the finest thoroughbreds in our country at the Kenneland racetrack.

Mrs. Frank Labadie is counting on home owners to direct their spring purchases of annual flowers to the Wing Lake Farm and Garden Club's plant sale to be held as soon as favorable weather prevails. Proceeds from the sale will go toward improvement of the park area.

Supervising a Girl Scout "cook out" at Dodge Park on Cass Lake, Mrs. Douglas Poelny, Mrs. Harvey Sanderson and Mrs. Thomas Carter, announced somewhat wearily, that a good time was had by all.

Attending the outing were Gail Reilly, Susan Woodhouse, Carolyn Whittlesey, Barbara Stacey, Wendy Sanderson, Amy Knight, Sandra Kovach, Nancy Knight, Keren Cager, Julie De Vries, Marilyn Carter, Mary Jocelyn and a certain Mr. Blooch, a snub-nosed puppy with his button eyes.

Cooking their meals of scalloped potatoes, hot dogs and beans in coffee cans set into the fire, the girls had a hilarious time with Mr. Blooch racing helter-skelter over their plates, grabbing hot dogs at random. And Gail Reilly added to the fun by burning approximately one dozen marshmallows.

After playing baseball, blazing a trail in the woods and hiking about, the girls piled into cars for the homeward trek—with a tired Mr. Blooch, having completely demoralized everyone with his antics, sound asleep.

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park area. Date of sale will be announced in this column.

Mending Basket Overflows; ARC Is Seeking Help

The American Red Cross "mending basket" is overflowing and threatening to bury those volunteer workers who keep things ship shape for hospitals, veteran homes and for persons who suffer clothing loss through fire or other disaster.

Mrs. Sheldon R. Nobel, service groups chairman, said today that while these workers do a magnificent job, they are badly in need of help.

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Pierce PTA Lists 1954-55 Slate; Doctor Is Guest

Heading 1954-55 activities for Pierce PTA will be Charles Mason, newly elected president.

Other officers are John Nell, father vice president; Mrs. Joseph Hengleman, mother vice president; Miss Margaret Cameron and Miss Margaret McArdle, teacher vice presidents; Mrs. John Mead, secretary; George Murphy, treasurer; Mrs. Clinton Newman, historian and Robert Walker and Mrs. Jack Thatcher, council delegates.

Dr. Harry Cleveland Myers, psychologist and editor of "High-

lights for Children," spoke on "How to Help Your Child Succeed at School."

HE TOLD the group that the time to start helping a child is when he is still a baby.

"The atmosphere of the home and knowing that his parents care how he does in school helps a child," Dr. Myers said.

He recommended teaching self-reliance by letting children entertain themselves and doing things for themselves.

Regarding reading, Dr. Myers said one of the greatest helps is for parents to start reading to their child before he is two years old.

Society deadline is 3 p.m. each Tuesday.

Hostess to Sisters

Past Chief, club of Pythian Sisters Temple 94 will meet with Mrs. Irene Gifford, 951 Ruffner, at 8 p.m., Friday, April 30. Assisting as co-hostesses will be Mrs. Ewin Weaver and Mrs. Theodore Kelly.

Have You Met . . .

Former residents of New York City, N.Y.? They are Mr. and Mrs. John B. Murphy and children, Peter Mitchell, age 2½, and Norman Mitchell, age 10 months. Murphy is assistant divisional merchandise manager of the J. L. Hudson company at Northland. Affiliations are with Phi Gamma Delta and Kappa Kappa Gamma.

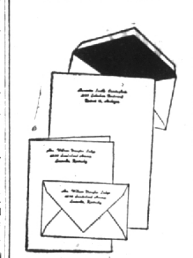
Fashion Plans Made By Starr Auxiliary

Chairmen and committee luncheons have been occupying the time of members of the Starr Auxiliary to Starr Commonwealth these past weeks. Final arrangements are now being made for the group's April 29 fashion show and tea to be presented at Crabtree.

Among Birmingham members in the middle of preparations are Mrs. Earl Foust, Mrs. Carl Barton and Mrs. Haven F. Doane on the ticket committee; Mrs. Arthur Raich, tea table; Mrs. Roland Nelson, patrons committee and Mrs. William Yeager, hostesses.

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