



SUN HATS fashioned from the palm fronds caught the fancy of Robert Wolf, Jr., during his spring holiday in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wolf, 1356 Westwood drive. The family is pictured on the beach of Largo Mar hotel where they are vacationing.

Overall Building Activity in Area Continues Strong

Building activity in the Birmingham, Troy, Bloomfield and Southfield area apparently is keeping up the strong pace set last year, a study of March building permits shows.

Last year in the area listed, March building permits totaling \$3,536,000 in value. This year, value of permits issued was estimated at \$4,000,200.

A 50 per cent jump in permits was recorded in Bloomfield township where 70 permits totaling \$1,529,000 were issued compared to 24 permits at \$1,001,500 last year.

In Bloomfield Hills there was a drop from four permits last year at \$138,000 to two this March at \$28,800.

PERMITS in Troy township dropped 50 per cent from 46 in 1953, valued at \$468,595, to 23 this March, valued at \$291,717.

Southfield township building permits dropped from 140 in 1953 to 86 in March 1954. Values held firm with \$1,562,945 estimated last year and \$1,434,503 this year.

Pay for Southfield permits is attributed to the new city of Lathrup Village which issued 15 permits valued at \$282,000. Other permits in the Lathrup area were applied for at the Southfield township offices.

Birmingham's permits dropped from 60 in 1953 to 37 in March 1954. Estimated values decreased from \$469,050 to \$302,000.

Observes 25th Year

J. Arthur Simpson, 607 Oak, manager of the R. A. Donatins & Sons Company plant, Detroit, observes his 25th year, with the printing organization this month.

With time out for the Army in World War II, the new member of the company's 25-Year Club served in a number of departments both here and in Chicago before assuming his present duties in 1951.

Edgewood Course "Dry and Ready"

Edgewood Golf Club on Commerce road is dry and ready for early season play, according to Ernie and George Fuller who have the club in operation with all facilities in operation.

They have also announced that the first handicap tournament of the Michigan Public Golf Association will be held at Edgewood on Saturday, May 1. Roy Iceberg, tournament chairman of the Public association, will be in charge.

Improvements on the course this season include the opening of the newly located tee on the third hole and the automatic water system has been extended to include the entire course. John Stipeak is greens superintendent again this year. The dining room is open to the public and Mary Shanks will again be in charge.



JOHN CHENAULT, 391 Tibury, Bloomfield Village, was among 50 persons attending the annual Municipal Purchasing Conference at the University of Michigan last week. Sponsored by the U of M Institute of Public Administration and Extension Service, the meeting dealt with such topics as municipal insurance and automotive purchasing. Chenault is a member of the Ford Motor company.

DAC Slates Easter Week Dinner Shows

Many Birmingham members of the Detroit Athletic club will attend the club's Easter Week dinner-floor show opening April 17 and continuing through April 24.

Another big festivity on the DAC's April 17 agenda is the annual Fathers and Daughters Party, now a traditional Easter Eve event at the club.

This fete for dads and their daughters, from seven years on up, usually has a capacity crowd of 700. In its regular pattern, it will start at noon with an aquatic exhibition at the club pool, move on to luncheon and conclude with a stage show in the gymnasium.

THE STAGE performance for the girls and their fathers will present the same attractions as will be starred each evening of the floor show week.

Featured will be singer Mary Meade, accompanied at the piano by Ted Grouya; the Quilans, roller skating duo; and Zippy, the chimpanzee.

Among the DAC members of the Birmingham-Bloomfield Hills area

with early reservations for the dinner-floor show opener on April 8, 1954.

John C. Kincaid, the Walter F. Kuckelmans and the Elliott S. Kinneys.

Others who have requested tables for groups or foursomes on other evenings of the show week are the John P. Denisons, the William F. Royers, the John Gordons, the Vance L. Desmonds, Mr. and Mrs. Leo I. Gibbons, the John D. Burkes, the William Beysters, the

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Milburn—And how was he affected? Sally—He smiled in a knowing way and then said: "Brave boy, each of the DAC's show evenings begin with dinner and dancing, with more dancing after the 9:30 p.m. performance."

* Smile a Minute . . . Milburn—Did you tell your father that I had asked you to marry me? Sally (sweetly)—Yes.

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CUB SCOUTS

Minstrel Show Planned by B-8

Members of Cub Pack B-8 at Adams school are planning a minstrel show for the April 13 Pack meeting.

Den-made instruments will provide music for the show with prizes to be awarded for imagination, "showmanship" and "lung power."

Committee officers for next year have already been named and need only the approval of the Adams school PTA, sponsor of the Pack.

Officers include Malcolm Cameron, chairman; Robert Williams, Cubmaster; J. C. Wright, Jr., assistant Cubmaster and program chairman; J. A. Cummins, secretary; Frank M. Gibbons, treasurer.

J. E. Lynch, achievements; Mrs. R. A. Emmett, Jr., publications; R. A. Emmett, Jr., membership; and Mrs. C. A. Harlan, Pack mother.

Cub award winners last month were Jim Emmett, bear, gold arrow and services star; Bruce Bates, Julian Bachus, Chuck Morse, Bill Bramblett, and Bob Kennedy, service star; Andy Cummins, Bob Cummins, and Kicky Wright, wolf badges; Don Beckley, gold arrow; Jim Harlan, silver arrow and denner's stripes; Gary Kaiser, service star; Laddie Orr, assistant denner's stripes; and Tony La-Measure, silver arrow.

"My wife can talk for hours on one subject."
 "My wife doesn't even need a subject."

WE HEARD IT SAID BY—
RALPH W. MOXLEY, Birmingham police chief: "The cooperation of Birmingham merchants with the police department has been responsible for the arrests of several criminal suspects in recent weeks who make it their business to prey on merchants by shoplifting and passing bad checks. This cooperation is an excellent thing. The sooner we can convince these criminals that we are on the alert for them in Birmingham, the sooner they will quit coming to our city to try and work their schemes."

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