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**PLAY IT SAFE!**

**Never Trust Electricity, It is Deadly**

Most of us do not presume to be electricians but occasionally we do an odd job about the house which involves a minor wiring operation, changing a plug or installing a fuse.

If you know what you are doing, well and good; but for any undertaking dealing with electricity it generally pays to have a qualified electrician do the work.

There are many hazards involved when dealing with electricity and we are only trying to point out the most common in the following:

(a) If you are working in an atmosphere of flammable liquids or gases, any electrical spark can produce an explosion or very serious fire.

(b) STANDING in water or on a very damp floor, you can receive a shock strong enough to kill. With this in mind, never turn any electrical appliances on or off while standing in water.

(c) Outdoor overhead wires are put there to be reached. Wires fall from time to time as a result of storms, fires, broken poles or public interference. They may fall on you, on a fence, or on a person. When this happens the electricity may be conducted by such objects and carried to a location far remote from the broken wire. During any type of storm, never touch one of these conductors, especially a wire or fence.

(d) DROP CORDS or extension cords cause little or no trouble when new, but in time the insulation begins to crack, especially where the cords are hung over nails or make sharp bends. When combustible conducting material comes in contact with the wires it produces a fire. If a new outlet is needed, call an electrician and have an approved circuit in stalled. It's cheaper in the long run.

(e) TODAY the average home has 40 to 50 different electrical appliances and the older homes were never equipped to handle this required load of current. If you are using fuses of more than 15 amps to keep these appliances operating, you are over taxing the circuits in your house and a fire may result.

(f) You change the oil in your car periodically. Don't forget the electrical motors in your home need attention also.

**PLAY IT SAFE!** If in doubt, call a qualified electrician.

Prepared as a public service by members of the BIRMINGHAM FIRE DEPT.

**Southfield Teacher's Choir Compositions Being Published**

The author of three choral compositions soon to be made available to the public is Don Blodale, choir director of Southfield high school.

Titles of Blodale's works are "Over the Hill", "Time", and "Beautiful Moon".

Blodale studied music at Hillsdale and Western Michigan Colleges before coming to Southfield.

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**PRESENTATION OF THE CHARTER** was made to the JunAch Products company at a dinner last Wednesday night, Feb. 3, by sponsors of the Birmingham Junior Achievement firm, the Birmingham National Bank. Members of the company were dined by their sponsor to mark the observance of Junior Achievement week and to congratulate the teen-age workers on five months of production. Pictured above, from left to right, are John Bolt, Achievement representative; Dick Gaggie, president of JunAch Products; and Herbert H. Gardner, president of the bank. Also attending the dinner were Herman E. Erke and Gordon Walker, the firm's business advisors; Bill Schoenbach, production advisor; and Mrs. Mrs. Edythe C. Peck, sales advisor. (Eccentric Staff Photo)

**Plan Remodeling At Forest Lake**

With a membership list of 50 Lake near the Square Lake road already approved by the Forest Franklin road intersection. Lake Country Club's membership screening committee, work is expected to start soon on remodeling of the club house as a step in reverting the club to private club status.

Last Sunday afternoon a meeting of members' wives was called to discuss interior decorating of the club house.

The newly-formed club has been incorporated and its articles filed with the Secretary of state. The Michigan Corporation and Securities Commission has already approved the club's membership bonds for sale.

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**What the Community House Means to Me**

By Mrs. Florence Rhodes  
399 Baldwin

I count the days until Friday. That's the day of the Senior Workshop meeting at the Community House. I've been going every Friday for three weeks now as long as my daughter and I have lived in Birmingham. She works in Detroit and I go alone so sometimes it gets pretty lonely for me at home by myself.

Those Fridays at the Community House give me something to look forward to all week.

The morning we make handbags and cancer pads for the Red Cross. We make scrapbooks for hospitalized children and some of us knit and best of all we visit. After lunch—always a good one too—we play cards and sometimes have entertainment.

They call the meetings the Senior Workshop but I just call it the old ladies' club. Whatever you want to call it, we have a real good time. It's a wonderful thing to be able to meet people my own age and in a town where I've lived such a relatively short time. Besides, I feel like I'm being useful and doing something really worthwhile.



MRS. FLORENCE RHODES

**Young Adults Club Plans Activities**

Holiday Park in Keego Harbor is the destination of the Young People's Club Wednesday, Feb. 17. Tobogganing, sledding and ice skating are the outdoor activities scheduled for the evening with dancing indoors.

Meanwhile, the club is planning for the fifth in a series of Marriage Counseling lectures given by Dr. Boyd I. Walker, Marriage Counselor of the Detroit YMCA.

The fifth lecture, to be held March 3, will be entitled, "Mixed Marriages—Religions, Creeds and Races."

All young adults are invited to join this club that meets the second and fourth Wednesdays of every month at the Birmingham YMCA. Those interested in becoming members are asked to contact Betty Arnold, 807 Chestnut.

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**AND NOW TO FERTILIZER**

Toward the end of February when there is perhaps, bare ground or a light covering of snow we find many people putting on the first application of lawn fertilizer and even grass seed. It is easy to do, no burning of foliage, it works down into the soil and begins to function as soon as the ground warms up—well before you can walk on the squashy turf.

**ROSES**

We will carry ROSE BUSHES this year—our supply coming from Texas—and we feel that, coming through the Vaughn Seed Co. as they do, we will have as fine a stock as can be obtained. The idea that Texas or Southern grown roses do not do well in the north is fallacious. The health of the root stock and type of graft and particularly the storing and handling of the plants are the important features.

Since we cannot carry but few of the hundreds of varieties we suggest that you check your requirements with us as soon as possible so that if your choices are not in our assortment we can order them direct for you.

**VALENTINES**

Happy St. Valentine's Day to you. If you wish to express your good wishes to someone who is enjoined from eating candy, try a small gift such as:

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- Brass Planter or Watering Pot
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**Self-Employed Businessmen Must Pay Soc. Security**

By March 15, 1954, nearly 600 self-employed owners or partners in Birmingham businesses will pay their third annual social security tax.

All self-employed individuals and partners who net more than \$400 a year, except those specifically excluded by law, must file Schedule C and C (U. S. Report of Self-Employment) yearly with their income tax return.

The self-employed groups specifically excluded by the Social Security Law are: Medical Doctors, Dentists, Lawyers, Certified Public Accountants, Registered Professional Engineers, Veterinarians, Chloropters, Osteopaths, Ministers of the Gospel, Naturopaths, Christian Science Practitioners, Optometrists, Architects, Funeral directors and farm owners or operators.

Reverend A. C. Atwood, Manager of the Pontiac Social Security Office, announced today that a special guide sheet is now available to help self-employed persons in correctly reporting their net income for social security purposes.

BECAUSE SOCIAL security benefits payable to a self-employed person and his family in his old age, or to his dependents when he dies, are based on earnings credited to his Social Security Account, Atwood stressed the importance of correct reporting.

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