

How swiftly the seasons come and go! The winter one is, it seems to me, the faster the weeks and months speed by. Now this area approaches the return of Spring . . . that wonderful time when all nature is reborn . . . and one's spirits, too.

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MARBLE CHAMPS are quick to act as soon as the ground dries out enough to draw the familiar circles. Here, from left to right, Russell Martin, Michael Isham and Dirk Landis sharpened their eyes on prize agates while Donald Kennedy and Linda Martin watch.

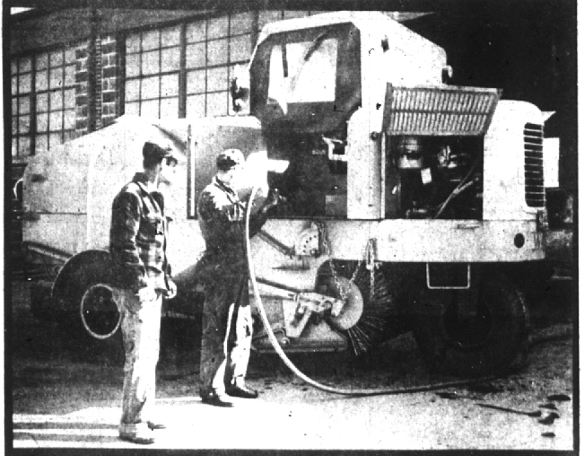


CHOOSING SIDES for a "scrub" game brings anticipation for these boys who abandon the school books every afternoon for a game in a vacant lot on Adams road. Left to right, Jimmy Piggott, Jim Briegel, Bob Nadal and Andy Craig wait for "Eagle Claws" while sad-eyed "Sam" Craig waits to be shooed off the field.



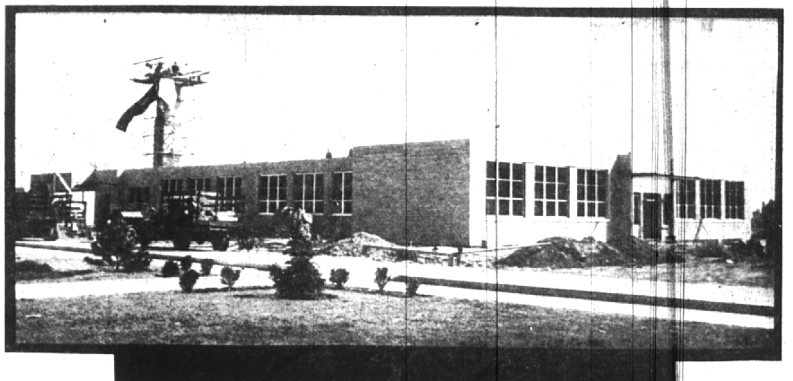
EARLY SPRING means clean-up time in the yard for H. A. Kresge, 1413 Bates who gets a helping hand from his daughter, Linda. Kresge thought he was rushing the season but couldn't resist the spring air.

SIGNS OF SPRING



SPRING TIME also means clean-up time for city workers who turn their thoughts to mud-clogged streets. Here the city's new street sweeper is prepared for long hours of operation by Calvin Snell, department of public works maintenance man while the vehicle's driver, Bernard Flowers, 1188 Smith, looks on.

SPRING WAS FORMAL- LY introduced to this area Monday and the spirit of the season was to be seen by driving down any street in the city. Winter mud and salt deposits were washed from the family car, lawns and shrubbery were cleaned of waste paper and leaves, and women got a head-start on the inevitable spring house-cleaning. Of course, spring is enjoyed to the fullest by the small fry who oil up their baseball gloves, hunt up marble bags, plague their parents for money to buy kites and string and end up with sore muscles and early spring colds. But with everyone, everywhere, the spring bug is too tempting to resist after a dull winter behind closed doors and windows.



SPRINGTIME IS CONSTRUCTION TIME, an important time for area school districts pushed for classroom needs. Above is a progress shot of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs school on Pierce. Church officials hope to have the school completed for September enrollments.



GOLF-MINDED RES- IDENTS will be happy to know that the spring clean-up has also touched Springdale golf course. Mike Beer left takes to the greens and fairways with the fertilizer spreader.



PICNIC GROUNDS (right) at Springdale park are getting a great deal of attention as stoves, barrels and other play equipment are put in shape for the spring season. Right, Robert Gravlin, 1450 No. Woodward, Bloomfield township, welds the paint sprayer to a receptacle.



SPRINGDALE'S golf course will be a tempting haven for male residents faced with annual house-cleaning chores planned by Birmingham housewives. Springdale Professional Bob Fautek looks over the course from the new No. 2 tee vantage point.