

Spring Arrives (?) At Birmingham Home

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Spring isn't the only thing that's in the air. The very presence of spring there brings out many an odd item of thought and actual being.

Take Mr. and Mrs. Birmingham for example. The other evening Mrs. Birmingham couldn't find Mr. Birmingham anywhere. Strange noises finally took her to the basement where she found her erstwhile husband whistling through his teeth as he dragged lawn tables and chairs out of dark corners.

A few cans of paint were spread around the workbench and the spraygun was scattered among them, tastily decorated with bits of rags.

"We can start using these pretty soon," he grunted.

HE TAGGED her up the stairs and when she finally finished the dishes and went into the living room to relax, she stumbled over two golf bags, one tennis racket, a fish basket and a pair of waders. Mr. Birmingham and young Master Birmingham had their heads together and were examining some dry flies under a magnifying glass.

"Mothee!", Mrs. Birmingham heard them mutter.

She sighed and sank into her favorite chair and reached a languid arm toward the TV set.

"It's a breath of spring you're looking at," the announcer glowed. Behind him a little boy and girl played on a wide, wide lawn, wearing the latest in Small Fry summer togs.

Mrs. Birmingham started as though stabbed with a pin. Her arm snapped out, the screen darkened and she dashed up the front stairs like a football hot shot heading for a touch down.

NO ONE noted her going, no one noticed the slamming of doors and other odd noises which floated down to them. They hardly noticed her call for assistance, but finally little Miss Birmingham closed her book and drifted stairward.

In a moment the two picked their way carefully down again, arms

loaded with a gay assortment of clothes.

Mrs. Birmingham called her brood around her and with many a frown and mutter, tried summer play clothes for size. Two piles grew at her sides, those which would fit and those which had been left far behind in the upward thrust of lively young bodies.

Mr. Birmingham looked bored stiff as his sons were removed from his immediate presence to try on the Hollywood shirts and have shorts held against their posteriors.

WHILE THE process dragged on he grew more disgruntled and strode over to his desk. Some well-thumbed road maps and camp folders were finally unearthed from the bottom drawer. With black looks at the still-to-be-examined heap of clothing, Mr. Birmingham pointedly began marking maps and folders, letting a wide smile spread across his face.

The kids squirmed. Mrs. Birmingham muttered dire threats if they didn't stand still, and continued to methodically sort through the pile of gay raiment.

FINALLY THE last garment had been inspected, held against a protesting youngster and placed in the pile for future wear or donation to some welfare group.

The kids had been shooed off to bed. Mr. and Mrs. Birmingham settled down with cups of good strong tea.

The comedy they had been watching faded away, the commercial passed, and the news came on. With a very toothy smile, the announcer gleefully reported an approaching cold wave, with sleet and snow.

Mrs. Birmingham sighed, gathered up the gay spring clothes (in one pile again) bade her husband goodnight and sadly headed for the stairs.



PICTURED on the grounds of the Sheldrake Hotel in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, are Mr. and Mrs. Barnard A. Goode, 2120 Redding road. They arrived home Monday following a month's vacation. Mrs. Goode stated that her only regret is "Michigan weather is not going to permit me to keep my suntan."

Honor Student at Alma

With a point average of 2. Marilyn Robertson, 748 Waddington, has made the honor roll at Alma

college, according to Prof. Molly Parrish, college registrar. Miss Robertson is a member of the Athletic board of control and the Kiltie Lassies, and was on the honor roll last semester.

Seen at the Symphony

Birmingham residents seen at the contributors' concert of the Detroit Symphony Sunday afternoon included Dr. and Mrs. Robert Hart, Mr. and Mrs. Harold H. Corson, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Stanton, Mrs. and Mrs. Herbert Gardner, Mrs. John Abbott and Mrs. Orren Mohler.



RUTH H. OLDBERG

Engagement Revealed at Boston Party

Engagement of Ruth Hannon Oldberg to William Kinsel Downey was announced in Boston, Mass., on Friday at a party planned by her roommates.

Ruth is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Oldberg, 762 Puritan, Bill's parents are Mr. and Mrs. William D. Downey of Abbey road.

The bride-elect was graduated from the University of Michigan in June 1953 and is affiliated with Kappa Gamma. Now residing in Boston, she writes advertising copy for Mervons. Her fiance attended the University of Michigan and is a Psi Upsilon. He flew to Massachusetts for the announcement party.

A spring wedding is being planned.

City Will Have Own Town Hall Series In Fall

Starting in October, and running for eight months each year, Birmingham will have its own Town Hall Series.

"Birmingham Town Hall", as it will be called, is under the sponsorship of St. Anne's guild, St. James Episcopal church, and will replace the now famous Doll Tea which the group has sponsored for nearly 15 years.

"We have all enjoyed the annual Doll Tea," Mrs. T. Norville Hubbard said, "but at a recent meeting we wondered if Birmingham wasn't ready for something bigger and broader than that."

About six or eight weeks ago the active plans for the Town Hall began to form, with the name being chosen last week.

Mrs. Hubbard added that full details had not yet been worked out, but that it has been decided to have a program each month, October through May, in one of the two theaters here.

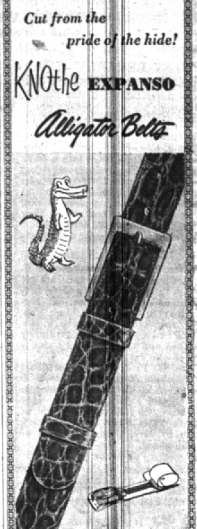
"We DON'T know, yet, which place we will be able to have nor do we know what speakers we will be able to schedule. We want to set up programs that will be educational, stimulating and above all, interesting."

Officers of Birmingham Town Hall will be officers of the guild, Mrs. James S. Moon, president; Mrs. O. F. Pearson, secretary, and Mrs. Charles B. Kass, treasurer.

Others taking an active part in formative plans are Mesdames George H. Cary, Ben Ragland, T. Norville Hubbard, Charles Renfrew, Warren T. Olson, Robert F. G. Copeland, Urban U. Woodhouse, Harold J. Kennedy and Edward E. Gower.

Mrs. Hubbard emphasized that

the Town Hall would be a non-profit organization, with all funds being used for charitable purposes.



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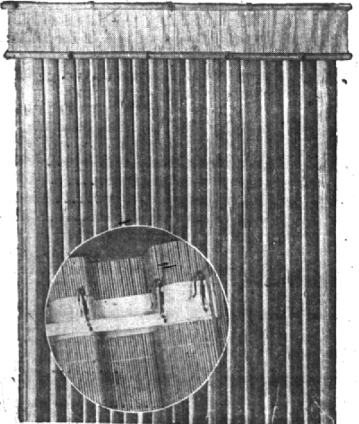
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