

If you read a good thought, or hear one expressed by others, and you feel that the application of it to your own life would help you, why not accept the thought for its own sake value . . . and don't toss it aside because of personalities involved.



LIKE TWO TOM SAWYERS, THESE BIRMINGHAM BOYS ENJOY RAFTS
Pushing and paddling, they often dampen feet in crossing Querton Lake



YOUTH ALMOST UNANIMOUSLY APPROVES WEAR OF BERMUDAS
Casual sports togs seen during non-school hours (All Eccentric Photos)

Outdoor Life Is a Sign of Spring

Rafts, Sports Cars, Gardening Tools Come Into Play

By DOROTHY JEAN ZACK

Sun and wind and rain brought spring to Birmingham and its environs last week, and the populace reacted vigorously.

Men began spreading black dirt on lawns, women took their baskets of garden tools and began spring planting, boys shoved their rafts into lake waters, and girls took to golf and tennis.

Down went the convertible tops and those without convertible cars rolled wide their windows. Jaguar sedan owners like the William Savages of Village road slid back

their car tops and let the wind blow down into the trim foreign car. AND THEN the rains came. Long cool hours and residents in

entire blocks rushed out to sprinkle grass seed in sketchy patches.

Early last week, gardeners like the Robert K. Vintons of Barden lane in Bloomfield Hills hesitated to uncover plants since it was so dry.

The Vintons, who have apple trees on their property, eyed the buds and decided it would be about May 1. "It seems to be slow this year," Mrs. Vinton surmised, reporting she'd done little except pruning as yet.

EVEN THE upper reaches claimed enthusiasts for this feeling of spring air. Airplane jaunts have been enjoyed by the Jack Wrefords of Crestwood drive in Franklin, who flew here several

weeks ago from a Florida vacation. Sunday drives that so many began taking in the spring can be Sunday flights for flying families.

Golfing takes spring hours, and the country club links are having numerous early fans playing these days.

Opening of the mixed grill and the men's grill at Pine Lake country club and the slating of a dinner dance are signs of spring in the westerly Birmingham area.

THE LINKS, where there are 324 members, has from five or six to over 100 golfers a day, according to the manager.

Forest Lake country club's cupholder, Mrs. Kenneth Wagener, is one of Franklin's golf enthusiasts.

She has been out several times practicing so she'll be in top form to hold the cup she won in last fall's tourney.

Sports togs for spring are running towards Bermuda shorts this spring, with blue jeans almost disappeared, and slacks also missing from the fashion scene.

GIRLS LIKE the group shown above are going in for golf and tennis in spring activities. Pictured are, from left, Sandy Skinner, Pat Hefflin, Betty Barnard, and Julie Stubbs.

Less dressy but as practical are the out-of-doors wear for the high school boys shown on their rafts on Querton lake. Though the water occasionally splashed over the rough wood frames, they remained fairly dry. Shown are Bob Broder, (left) and Joe Freeman.

They were attempting to dislodge their rafts from the water-logged trees, after recapturing Bob's floating-away raft. The boys land their rafts on the east shore, by arrangement with a property owner as required by local laws.

Docking facilities out at Pine Lake aren't in yet, and in many yards, the tarpaulins remain over winter-stored boats.



YELLOW IN GARDEN
Daffodils blooming

Flowering Crabtrees Bloom Abundantly Here

With one eye towards the buds on presently-planted crabtrees in Birmingham, the local branch of the Women's National Farm and Garden club is busily selling plants for spring planting.

Crabapple trees soon will be a mass of colorful bloom about the city, supporting the clubwomen's belief that with effort it can become "The City of the Flowering Crab."

The colors of the blooms range from white to deepest purple. Among the earliest to bloom, the trees, according to Mrs. R. S. Plexico, one of the co-chairmen selling the plants, will bloom about May 1. They are starting now to bud.

Mrs. Plexico is shown with one tree being planted temporarily. She and Mrs. Robert Fowler have been taking orders.

MRS. PLEXICO pointed to six bushes growing in the Plexico yard on Arlington. The garden, which includes an entire corner of lilacs, was planned by a landscape gardener when the home was built seven years ago, and the Plexicos have added their own favorite trees and flowers since they moved in three years ago.

The trees are relatively disease resistant, and are sturdy. There were some 1,200 planted the first year in the 1940's that the branch began sales, and since have sold many each year.



OUT TO THE GARDEN GO ENTHUSIASTS
Rain and sun bring planting time for new trees



SPRING IS THE TIME FOR SPORTS CAR TRIPS IN BREEZE, SUN
Even tiny tots are eager to start on sight-seeing trips on country roads

PLYWOOD EVERYTHING IN PLYWOOD

We Cut to SIZE Any SIZE You Want

HOUSE OF PLYWOODS
1435 SO. WOODWARD NEAR 14-MILE RD., BIRMINGHAM
Open Evenings to 8, Sundays 10 to 2 MI 4-6157

Two-Car Collision Injures Youngster

Richard W. Amann, 2, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Amann of 2758 Windemere, suffered forehead injuries when two cars collided Saturday at St. Andrews and York-shire.

Frank S. Perkins, 24, of 1600 Grandfield, told police he was unable to stop his auto in time to avoid the Amann car because of gravel on the hard-surfaced road.

Perkins' auto, eastbound on Yorkshire, collided with Mrs. Amann's northbound car, which went out of control and hit a telephone pole and a fence before it stopped. Neither motorist was injured.

Want to buy, sell, rent or trade something? Use the Classified Ads.

City Men Succeed In Science Contest

Two Birmingham students have been cited for their work in the winners for his project, "A Study of the Characteristics and Applications of Capillary."

Michigan junior academy of science, arts and letters in affiliation with science clubs of America.

Alan P. Carlin, 211 Williams-

Richard C. Canfield, 446 Welles-

Received honorable mention for his work, "An Original Story of the Characteristics and Applications of Capillary."

Selling your home? Advertise it in the "For Sale—Houses" columns of The Eccentric.

!!AWNINGS!!

• CANVAS • VINYL • FIBERGLAS

CALL

VERY BEST AWNING CO.

2914 N. WOODWARD, R. O.

3 Blocks South Of The New Northwood Shopping Center

LI 1-8555 FREE ESTIMATES

The newest, most exciting DO-IT-YOURSELF product!

Con-Tact
PATENT PENDING
the ORIGINAL Self-Adhesive Plastic

Quick and simple to apply . . . just measure and cut Con-Tact to size of area to be covered, peel off protective paper backing and put it on practically any dust-free, dry, flat surface.

— AT

O. Wesleyans Meet

Birmingham area alumni of Ohio Wesleyan are included among those meeting for dinner and a talk by George Gauthier, director of athletics of the college at Dearborn Inn tomorrow night.

General meeting for the Detroit area, the event will include campus films and college musicians. Richard Ferrastrom of Grosse Pointe Woods is taking reservations.

If you want to reap a bumper crop of results FAST . . . at small cost . . . plan a Classified Ad.

COME IN SEE OUR

Mother's Day Cards

Mother's Day—May 8th.

La Belles
137 WEST MAPLE
Birmingham's Shop of Books, Stationery & Gifts

KEEP THEM In Your Desk

Have you ever wondered on special occasions at the promptness with which some persons send Greeting Cards? They remember, and send them to you so immediately that it seems hardly possible they could have selected an appropriate Greeting Card so quickly.

They Didn't! They had them in their desk!

Many of our customers choose Greeting Cards for different occasions, doing so at their leisure, and then already have them at hand when the opportunity arises to wish a happy birthday, to send congratulations to proud your parents, to cheer a friend who is ill—or the many another occasion which calls for the prompt thoughtfulness of Greeting Cards.

The completeness of our Greeting Card section makes it a pleasure to choose a "home assortment" that is just right!

La Belles
137 W. MAPLE
Birmingham's Shop of Books, Stationery & Gifts

ONLY 59¢ Yd.

- NO WATER
- NO PASTE
- NO NAILS
- NO SPECIAL TOOLS
- IDEAL FOR DECORATING
- Cabinets • Shelves • Closets
- Furniture • Nursery
- Work areas • Walls

ACME
Quality Paint Store
"Color Is Our Business"

163 N. Woodward MI 4-8500