

Olivia Viola Stales Talk to Torry Unit

Olivia Viola, supervisor of the hobby Birmingham Club Center will lead a discussion group after a movie, what the center will offer, and the "The Five Training Hours" and the movie will be discussed. "Fascinating Five" at the Torry. A small business meeting will be held at the Torry. The program, and refreshments will follow.

NATURE NOW

No Copperheads in Michigan

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A season seldom passes but that "copperheads" are reported from our area. One such rumor involved the presence of "two big copperheads" on Belle Isle.

The snake which is usually mistaken for the copperhead (your columnist learned to share the 1944 hat country with the latter) is the harmless fox snake. We had a friendly encounter with one of these on a recent day spent on the Canadian shore of Lake Erie at Rindou Park. Here is the largest remaining virgin beech-maple forest in our area and as such it is full of red-tailed stumps and trees. Its low-lying swamps the fox snake loves to dwell.

ITS YOUNG are hatched from a cluster of untended eggs generally deposited in the hollow of a stump or rotted log. Eggs are oblong in shape and are covered by a tough membrane like those of the turtle. During the six to eight week incubation process they absorb moisture from the air and gradually increase in size. Their growth of the embryo.

The specimen in question was perhaps two years old and about 18 inches long. Nothing could have been tamer when it was picked up with fingers grasping it firmly just back of the head. So held, it curled itself around the arm of its captor for the rest of



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extirminator of rodents and is therefore the farmer's friend. It also feeds on birds and their eggs and since it is a constrictor, an adult may eat a mammal as large as a half grown rabbit. Other members of its family (Colubridae) include the pilot black snake, the chicken and the corn snake.

Snakes, being cold-blooded, will soon be driven into hibernation by the lessening warmth of the sun. Slowly they crawl into hollow log or rock crevices. There, scaly bodies intertwined, they live out the winter oblivious to its cold and snow.

IF ANYONE sees a copperhead in Michigan it has escaped from a medicine show or carnival. The former has a round head; its body which is light brown or yellowish reaches a length of five to six feet.

THE RESEMBLANCE of the fox snake to the copperhead is a superficial one in that both have copper-colored heads and brown markings. The former has a round head; its body which is light brown or yellowish reaches a length of five to six feet.

WHERE PRESENT in the northwest part of our upper peninsula it is often called the pine snake. In the lower peninsula it is most often found in the southeastern counties bordering Saginaw Bay and Lake Huron.

The fox snake is an excellent

Expert Says Groups Lack Coordination

Birmingham has a lack of coordination between groups such as school, community and church. Dr. Harold Powell, educational psychology professor of Wayne University told a PTA group last Thursday.

Active in various efforts to improve youth activities, Dr. Powell lives in Birmingham and has a daughter in the age group which he was discussing before 50 parents of Barnum PTA at their school.

HE INDICATED such forces as clothes and fashion as affecting the 12 and 13 year old age group. Recreation, language patterns and organizations such as church or scouting were other influences listed. Children are more likely to be

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In the pull, now in its eighteenth year as an independent charitable group, the twenty-five members work all year on bazaar items for their one-day fair.

'Record' Costumes To Highlight Dance
St. Dunstan's Playhouse, Lone Pine road, will be converted into a "music shop" Nov. 5, when Players gather for a 9 p.m. "record dance".
Bruce Mayer, WWJ disc jockey, will be present to spin the platters and make announcements.
Members have been asked to wear costumes related to a character or incident of their favorite records. Prizes will be awarded following the grand march at midnight.

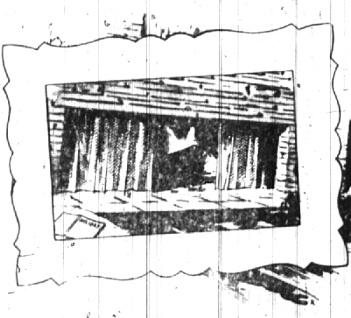
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