

CONTRASTS?

There's a still, shady hollow just back of the pond
Where I sit many hours, and dream;
In the plush of the grasses of which I am fond,
I recline with the flowers by the stream,
Their sweet spicy fragrance lends charm to the spell,
That quickens the beat of my heart;
And the throat of the thrushes with joyous notes swell,
'Till I raise from my dream with a start.
Then, back to the work world with all of its rush,
I reluctantly go, with a sigh—
Leaving behind me the song of the thrush,
For the din of the world passing by.

Mrs. Marvin Young
Birmingham, Mich.

BITS OF BIRMINGHAM

ONE OF THE ECCENTRIC'S subscribers was carried away by the seeming sincerity and enthusiasm of a phony shrub salesman and warns suburbanites about exchanging negotiable greenstuff for garden greets about that dies out in a few days. Once again a warning is out about buying merchandise from irresponsible, transient peddlers. Check with the Birmingham Chamber of Commerce on suspicious salesmen.

THOUGHTFULNESS, even in little as well as larger things, is hailed as a splendid characteristic. Which is why this column lifts its journalistic lid to city commissioner Florence "Twink" Willett, 655 Pilgrim, who sent a memo, mailing a card to Chris Bailey. Many of us, were glad to see and use the suggestion.

POLICE WERE DISPATCHED to the scene last week when Mrs. Earle B. Wilson, 1314 W. Lincoln, reported the prostrate form of a man lying on the grass near her home. Turned out the man was not sick or injured, only snoozing there on a hot day. He told Patrolman Charles Blahd that he mistook the Wilson's rolling lawn for a city park when he stretched out his blanket in the cool shade of a tree to catch up on his sleep.

RALPH A. MAIN, drain commissioner, feels that county supervisors should take an oath of office, just as city officials do. In a letter to Dolos Hamlin, chairman of the Oakland county board of supervisors, Main told how he took the oath first as city commissioner, then as mayor of Birmingham, and then again as drain commissioner. Each time, claimed Main, "I felt a greater sense of responsibility to my constituents."

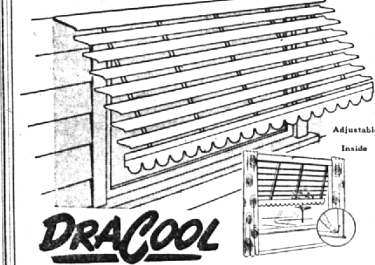
WATCH YOUR BIKES, KIDS! Many a forlorn youngster contacted Birmingham police this week to report his or her bike had been stolen. Four bikes were stolen from Barham school while their owners were swimming, and the total of stolen two-wheelers reached nine. The ring of bike thieves use a method of operation which frequently involved riding the bike for a day or so, then abandoning it. Seven abandoned bikes were reported to police during the same week. However, not all of them belonged to this week's robbery victims. One of the recovered vehicles had been stolen June 11. Another, found in the Kresge parking lot at 11 p.m. Friday, had been stolen that same day.

THERE'S A SYSTEM to the letter combinations used on Michigan's auto license plates. That why around here we see practically nothing used but AA to HD. Each county has its own grouping (AA-FF is Wayne county, GA-HD is Oakland's). In the event you'd like to learn more about where the cars come from, here is the 1956 combination list (if you're going to go through much of Michigan on your vacation this summer, you might want to clip this list and keep it in the car for reference or as sort of a "navigation aid"):

AA-FF—Wayne TX-TP—Lansing
GA-HD—Oakland TT-TU—Huron
HH-HR—Washington TV-TV—Lapeer
HH-HW—Allegan TV-TV—Lapeer
JA-JS—Kent VJ-VJ—Hillsdale
KA-KT—Genesee VJ-VJ—Clinton
LA-LJ—Ingham VJ-VJ—Lapeer
LI-LW—Saginaw VJ-VJ—Grap Traverse
MA-MP—Macomb VJ-VJ—Lapeer
MI-MW—Shawwassee VJ-VJ—Michigan
NA-NG—Kalamazoo VJ-VJ—Branch
NK-NR—Calhoun VJ-VJ—Livingston
NI-NX—Ottawa VJ-VJ—Eaton
PA-PG—Berrien VJ-VJ—Nowaga
PK-PN—St. Clair VJ-VJ—Isabella
PL-PL—Muskegon VJ-VJ—Macomb
PX—Barry WJ—Washtenaw
RA-RC—Washtenaw WJ—Washtenaw
RE-RN—Bay WJ—Washtenaw
RT-RW—Monroe WJ—Washtenaw
SA-SJ—Jackson WJ—Washtenaw
SK-SK—Ionia WJ—Washtenaw
SN-SP—VanBuren WJ—Washtenaw
SO-SI—St. Joseph WJ—Washtenaw
SX—Alpena WJ—Washtenaw
TA-TB—Eaton WJ—Washtenaw
TE-TT—Sanilac WJ—Washtenaw
TJ-TK—Montcalm WJ—Washtenaw
YJ—Washtenaw
YK—Washtenaw
YL—Washtenaw
YM—Washtenaw
YN—Washtenaw
YO—Washtenaw
YP—Washtenaw
YQ—Washtenaw
YR—Washtenaw
YS—Washtenaw
YT—Washtenaw
YU—Washtenaw
YV—Washtenaw
YW—Washtenaw
YZ—Washtenaw
ZA-ZB—Chippewa
ZC-ZD—Gogebic
ZE-ZF—Schoolcraft
ZG—Schoolcraft
ZH—Schoolcraft
ZI—Ontonagon
ZJ—Alger
ZK—Beraga
ZL—Luce
ZM—Macineac
ZN—Keweenaw

"EVERYBODY TALKS ABOUT juvenile delinquency, but few people do anything about it," says William J. Matus, director of Camp Oakland. But, Matus continued, Oakland county's service clubs are doing something. In fact, "they are the most powerful group in the country as far as achievements in fighting juvenile delinquency," Matus said. Tying in with Matus's statement is the fact that two of the local service clubs which

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lend their support to Camp Oakland for boys visited there recently. Birmingham's High Twelve and Exchange clubs inspected the camp facilities, cabins and infirmary building at dinner meetings held there. Exchange clubbers have contributed \$1,500 this year, while the High Twelve group turned over \$3,365 to the camp.

WITH THE FOURTH OF JULY here, parents might well remember what happened while one Birmingham 12-year-old was celebrating early. A sparkler landed on the roof of his home, later exploding into a huge blaze. Now, four weeks later, work is still being done to restore the roof with damage estimated from eight to 10 thousand dollars.

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Cranbrook Visitor Increase Reported

L. James Bulkley, chairman of the board of trustees, Cranbrook Institute of Science, has released a report stating that attendance at the Institute as of June 15 has increased over last year's total by 20,000 people. For the five-and-one-half month period, the number of groups using the facilities of the Institute has increased by 907 to 1,410; the persons in these groups have increased by 27,253 to 52,070; the total attendance has been 96,941 from last year's 12-month total of 75,956. THE NEW planetarium, first in the state to be open to the public, was not completed until November 1955, yet through the month of May, 22,297 persons viewed the stars in 338 special demonstrations and 112 public demonstrations. Public demonstrations are given each Saturday and Sunday at 2:30 and 3:45 p.m. Special demonstrations for private groups may be arranged by calling Cranbrook Institute of Science.

WCAR Broadcasts Summer Radio Play
Summer Radio Theater presented the first of its summer programs designed for children this morning at 10:30 over radio station WCAR. "The Antique Vase", the story of a boy who breaks his mother's best antique vase and the determine to replace it, was presented by a cast and crew composed of Tom Woodworth, Chip King, Anne Harrison, Sue Heller, Marg Duffy, Ken Sablin, Roger Fogarty, Karen Fogarty, Carl Foltz and Milgic Clark, producer-director. The Summer Radio Theater is sponsored by the Birmingham Recreation Board and supervised by Monelle Clark.

From where I sit... by Joe Marsh
Junior Gets "Pinned" Down
Junior Baker and friends are all set for their circus. Look for their advertisements on neighborhood trees. The kid here had problems in staging the event. The biggest was the admission fee. Junior wanted to charge five cents. Mrs. Baker thought it would be much more if they charged five more. So Junior held a meeting with his Directors. Then told his mother they'd taken her advice. The ads now read: **CENT ADVISE IN BAKER'S BACKYARD. ADMIT FIVE PINS PLUS FIVE CENTS EACH.**
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