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Natural Wonders Are All Around

At Your Feet, O'er Your Head

By JAMES FOWLER

Curator of Education at Cranbrook Institute of Science, Mr. Fowler is a recent arrival in Birmingham. He comes from the Academy of Arts and Sciences in Philadelphia, Penn., where he held the same position.

Have you ever been impressed by the contrast between the rolling countryside around Bloomfield Hills compared with the flat land east of Birmingham?

Have you ever heard (or even seen) a wedge of geese honking overhead on a gray autumn day?

Have you ever wondered why leaves turn such brilliant colors in the fall?

Have you ever tried to locate the various constellations, planets and other heavenly bodies in the summer sky?

Don't these things have any meaning for you?

Have you ever sealed a lofty mountain slope just because it was there, plumbed the depths of an ancient cavern, looked for traces of prehistoric life, dug for Indian relics, sketched through a misty marsh in early spring?

If so, you know what a genuine thrill these experiences can be. You know the excitement which comes from discovering things for yourself.

Fortunately, you don't need to go very far away to make these discoveries.

Begin with a backyard safari. Explore the "grass root jungle" at your feet. Get down to earth with a spade of garden soil and discover the myriad forms of life which contains—forms of life which, incidentally, are vital to the productivity of that soil.

THE STUDY of living things ("on location" as it were) is known by scientists as ecology—the study of the relations of plants and animals to their environment. It will provide you with endless opportunities for rewarding and sometimes original observations.

Through these observations, many of which must be long-continued and methodical, the amateur naturalist can make a real contribution to science.

Professional botanists and zoologists may find that these observations make more demands on their time than they can afford. The accumulation of properly documented facts by amateurs can prove to be very valuable to those engaged in more technical studies.

MUCH FUNDAMENTAL work in natural history has been and is being done by people whose fascination with nature as youngsters persisted into adult life to become a serious avocational study.

These were the youngsters whose curiosity filled their pockets, much to the chagrin of their parents, with tibias ranging from tadpoles to tent caterpillars.

Perhaps the most famous of these amateurs was Charles Darwin. His "amateur standing" is, however, somewhat in doubt since his scientific pursuits consumed all of his time even though he did not earn his living as a naturalist.

AMONG THE host of present-day amateur naturalists we find a woman bacteriologist who handles bats, a prominent publisher who collects tree snails, a power company executive who is the world's authority on rattlesnakes, a pharmacist who is an expert on ants, and a lawyer who specializes in sharks.

Many of these people are associated in one way or another with museums and similar scientific organizations. Many of them serve (See WONDERS, Page 5-B)



Yule Achievement

Christmas comes early for Tri-plex Products Co. and its Junior Achievement members. Sponsored by MacManis, John & Adams agency, the miniature corporation is making Yule decorations and styrofoam products for the holiday season. Barbecue skewers will come off Tri-plex' production lines for post-season wholesale and retail firms in the greater Detroit area. At a special ribbon-making machine are (from left) company secretary Judy Davey, 2101 E. Maple; production manager Jeff Burkhart, 964 Oakland; sales manager Rexie Rundle, 17132 Buckingham; and president Jim Bassford, 520 Puritan.

Take Time to Dream, Advises Mrs. Marshall

By SALLY MOTT
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Birmingham High School

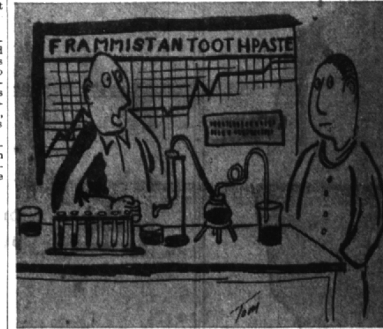
"Teen-agers are on an active treadmill—they have no time to dream", according to Catherine Marshall, wife of the late Peter Marshall and author of the book, "A Man Called Peter". Mrs. Marshall was in Birmingham to speak at the third Town Hall program Nov. 21-22 at the Birmingham Theater. Her comments on teen-agers came in a question-and-answer period Friday afternoon following her regular address.

Mrs. Marshall feels that teen-agers today are surrounded with so many social, educational and physical pursuits that they are missing some of the more quiet aspects of life which lead to dreams of success and achievements beyond the material possessions.

THINKING' BACK, Mrs. Marshall feels many of her most important experiences definitely were the quiet hours she spent alone as a young girl thinking and dreaming about her future.

Her books, including several juveniles, might never have been written "if it hadn't been for my sitting moments when I did nothing, really, but plan and dream and have the privilege of touching some of the boundaries of spiritual living that gives us the strength to go on living; despite frustrations and disappointments which

Hi Life by Tom Manhard



"The way I see it, Frank, if we put in one more super ingredient, we won't have any room for the toothpaste..."

has become a democratic country, all students stand up and bow to their teacher when he comes to their class. You must know that the Japanese school, all the teachers come to class and students stay in the same room all day.

When they meet their teacher at the gym or playground or even outside of the school, they bow to him. Even the Junior boys to the Senior when they meet.

AS I HAD got used to this custom, I was tempted to stand up when our teacher came to class here at Birmingham high school. Naturally, I have now got used to this new custom, for me, and I can walk with my teacher as if he was my intimate friend.

Also, I believe that the relationship between the principal of the school and the teachers is very different from that of Japan. Always

FOR AND ABOUT DAY'S WORTH

MARtha V. HURD, TODAY'S YOUTH EDITOR

Teen Panel Question:

How Should We Teens Act at Parties?

Rules, rules, and more rules! Who wants to set up a list of rules for parties that would have to apply to open-houses, date parties, informal pizza parties, and girls' slumber parties? Furthermore, what teen would follow such a list of rules? Not us.

However, there are a few general suggestions that apply to any party and which are quite reasonable, once we think about them.

First of all, the parents should be somewhere in the house to keep an eye on things. Not in the same room as the party, but near enough so that if anything serious does happen—such as the house being burned down—they can be found easily. And surprisingly enough, many times parents are being paid for the party if they are given the chance.

SECONDLY, sometimes the questions of smoking and drinking come up at a party. The panel felt that these two decisions are completely up to the parents and it's best to agree to whatever they decide.

Next, a person is asking for trouble if he allows anyone to crash his party. Before he realizes what's happened, his party is twice as large as planned and is starting to get out of control.

Of course, anyone can come to an open house and things can be watched rather wild unless carefully watched.

- A FEW other suggestions are: a person should act the way he is dressed. A suit or formal calls for more strict behavior than sweaters and slacks or skirts. And a person should have respect for the items that is giving the party and, also, for this teen's parents.
- Take it easy on the furniture, keep the noise down... in other words behave as if it were your party, your home, and your parents.

Should a Parent Have Top Priority In the Clothes A Teen Buys?

A twelve-to-fourteen-year-old teen usually is supervised a great deal by his parents in buying clothes. However, a fifteen, sixteen, or seventeen-year-old is more independent and has more definite ideas about the clothes he wears.

If the older teen and his parents cannot agree on a piece of clothing, who should have the final say?

First or all, whose money is

Birmingham's Buying These Top Ten

Compiled Each Week from Sales of Birmingham's Three Leading Record Shops
Reported by Carl Reynolds
B'ham High School Senior

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3. APRIL LOVE Pat Bone
4. OH, BOY The Cricket
4. 'TIL Roger Williams
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7. KISSES SWEETER THAN WINE Jimmy Rodgers
8. I'M AVAILABLE Johnny Rayburn
9. WY SWEET ANGEL Bobby Helms
10. WAKE UP LITTLE SUSIE Eeverly Brothers

Detroit Area's Top Ten

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2. ROCK AND ROLL MUSIC Chuck Berry
3. KISSES SWEETER THAN WINE Jimmy Rodgers
4. LEICHTENSTEINER POLKA Wilis Gray
5. JAILHOUSE ROCK Elvis Presley
6. PEGGY SUE Buddy Holly
7. YOU SEND ME Sam Cooke
8. BE-BOB BABY Ricky Nelson
9. MY SPECIAL ANGEL Bobby Helms
10. OH BOY The Cricket

adpole Corner

Interesting News Items Gleaned from Our Elementary School Newspapers

THANKSGIVING
In the United States and Canada a day is set aside each year for prayers, blessings and feasting. In this way they show their thanks for the year behind them.

For thousands of years in many lands, people had harvest festivals. Our Thanksgiving probably grew of Harvest home celebrations from England.

The first thanksgiving was held during the second winter after the Pilgrims had been in their new land. The first winter in Massachusetts had nearly killed half the members of the colony.

The next year the harvest was excellent. Governor William Bradford declared that day a day of thanksgiving for thanks and prayers that they were still alive.

Later in 1863 President Lincoln issued a proclamation setting aside the last Thursday in November as a day of thanksgiving and praise to our beneficent Father.

By GERDA RAFFAELLE
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Lunch-Brunch Eggs

After all the turkey you'll be eating tomorrow, you'll want something easy to fix and different tasting. Let's surprise the family! Make them some Lunch-Brunch eggs, which you can eat for supper, too!

6 eggs, butter (or substitute)

3 slices cheddar cheese, and a covered frying pan are all you need. Salt slightly.

Melt butter in the frying pan over a low heat. Place cheese slices and gently fry until cheese begins to melt. Drop whole eggs (beaten eggs if you prefer) and cover pan. Cook until firm.

Mother Goose Pudding-Pie

Padding Pie hot, Pudding Pie cold
Nine days old
Everybody loves pudding and this Mother Goose pudding will never last for nine days—it will be eaten up so fast it ain't funny!

Ask Mother to turn the oven on to 350°. Crush with a rolling pin enough graham crackers to make 1 1/2 cups graham cracker crumbs.

Melt in a small pan enough butter (or substitute) to make 4 tablespoons melted butter.

Stir the melted butter, crumbs, Now pare, quarter and slice about five apples, enough to make 3 cups full, and put them in a bowl. Sprinkle with 1/2 cup of sugar and 1/2 cup raisins if you like.

Sift over the apples these ingredients: 1/2 cup dark brown sugar 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon 1/2 teaspoon nutmeg

1/2 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon grated lemon rind.

Cover the bottom of a baking dish with 1/2 cup of the crumb mixture. Place half of the apples over the crumbs. Cover the layer of apples with the apple mixture. Repeat until used up. Bake, covered, for about 30 minutes. Remove the cover and increase the oven heat to 400°. Permit to brown. Serve it warm with cream.



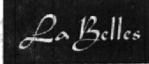
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