

Grand Council Fire Attends Brown U
 Approximately two hundred Blue Birds and Camp Fire girls in South Oakland county presented a grand council fire on Friday at Lincoln high school. The theme was "Meet the People" and nine girls from the A-Ki-Ta-No prepared a special fire-lighting ceremonial to highlight the evening.

Joanna D. Kellogg, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Winston T. Kellogg of Northlawn, Birmingham, portrayed "Marie Louise Duclon" in a recent Brown university production of "My Three Angels" by Sam and Bella Spewack. She is on the dean's list for high academic standing.

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A wide variety of fabrics and finishes contribute greatly to the beauty of the new outdoor furniture. Among the fabrics are the perennially popular clear red, blues, greens, and yellow that are found often in the sturdy wooden chairs and benches that are every-year favorites.

On rattans, fabric colors of white and various greens, together with a selection of floral patterns, are again being shown. High-style paint colors—for graceful iron chairs and tables with glass, tile or marble tops—are antique white, cream, dusty black, pastel blue, pale pink, aqua and coral.

ADDITIONAL GLAMOUR can be achieved by sprinkling a little gold metallic powder on newly painted iron surfaces before the paint has had a chance to dry.

Aluminum tubing furniture can now be obtained in attractive colors with matching or contrasting colored webbing. Yellow is an ever popular color for porch gliders, and various greens still hold favor for all types of outdoor furniture.

Picnic tables and benches of redwood, pine and cedar most usually are finished with a clear varnish coating that reveals the rustic color and grain of the wood.

Very likely, the first soft spring days will inspire you to refresh last year's outdoor furniture in some lovely new color. Make sure then, first of all, that the surfaces are all clean and dry, free from rust and roughness. After sanding off rust, you must use a metal primer for the "bad spots" before applying a new finishing coat.

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finish for wrought iron, use flat enamel. The coating of new, unfinished wood furniture depends, of course, on the type of finish you prefer.

Should you decide on a coat of color, first fill all cracks and nail holes with spackling material, then apply an enamel undercoat, and finally the exterior enamel. For a transparent coating on this type furniture, brush on two or three coats of tough and gleaming spar varnish.

Make sure the paint is free from lumps and that the solids and liquids are thoroughly merged before you begin. For extra convenience, pour the paint into an empty coffee tin. It's so easy to dip the brush into such a wide-mouthed, not-so-deep container.

Get all your accessories together before you start: paint, brushes, coffee tin, stirring paddle, paint rag and paint brush cleaner.

AND WHILE you're at it, give the handles of your garden tools a colorful coat. Nice to have them match the furniture pieces, and what's more (green excepted, of course) they'll be easy to spot when you "lose" them in the grass.

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