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People's Column
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YWCA Branch

To the Editor:
I wonder if you and your readers know that there is a new YWCA almost at Birmingham's door-step? It is the new Normanly roads, Royal Oak?
I wonder if you and your readers know anything of the purpose and program of the YWCA, stated as well in these words: "To build a fellowship of women and girls, devoted to the task of realizing in our community life those ideals of personal and social living to which we are committed by our faith as Christians."
I WONDER if you and your readers know that though the

YWCA receives financial support from the U.S., nearly half of its budget depends upon membership and voluntary contributions?
I wonder if you and your readers know that the service the YWCA has made to each community around the world in which it operates, for it is a world-wide organization, supported on a world-wide basis by its devoted members?
February 13 to March 13 is membership month. I wonder how many memberships will come from Birmingham, either active or inactive, parts of contributing members?
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EDITOR'S NOTE: The Eccentric recently has published the fact that this Royal Oak branch of the YWCA is under construction.

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SIGMUND PURVIN
Kingswood Opens One-Man Show

CRANBROOK — Chicago artist Sigmund Purvin will be at Kingswood school Cranbrook Sunday, Feb. 21, for an invitational reception marking the opening of his first one-man show of paintings and drawings.

Clifford West of the Kingswood art faculty has announced that the exhibition will open to the public on Feb. 22 and will run through March 16. Exhibit hours are 4:15 to 5:30 p.m. Mondays through Fridays; 2 to 4:45 p.m. Sundays; closed Saturdays.

INCLUDED in the show are watercolors of sporting racing which will be of particular interest to fans as well as others because of the unusual handling of the subject. There are also watercolor landscapes and a group of paintings and drawings in techniques employing a printer's brayer, printer's inks and dyes.

Purvin is vice president and director of display with Robert Sykes and Associates, Chicago, and was formerly vice president and art director of W. L. Stensgaard and Associates of Chicago.

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The latter part of February, before the sap has started to flow, is an excellent time to divest your shrubs and trees of undesirable growth. All except spring flowering shrubs, all dead wood should be removed. Branches that cross or rub another branch should go. Ornaments may be trimmed to the desired shape, if you don't cut back too far—not more than one or two years growth on evergreens. If this is done regularly you can extend and prevent them from becoming leggy and woody; All cuts should be made flush with the parent branch or trunk. When removing large branches with a saw, a cut should first be made on the underside to insure against tearing of the bark. All cuts on live wood, except for small twigs, should be painted with a wood asphaltic tree paint. An open wound is an open invitation to insects to attack the tree.

Certain bearing fruit trees, grape vines, berry bushes require special attention and we have a dandy pruning book at \$1.75 to give you the word. Don't just hack away—decide how you want the plant to look—plan each cut—make them one at a time. With a little practice you can remove a lot of growth without making your favorite shrub look as though it had just come from the sheep shears.

Now that you've determined that you're really going through with it, what's the first step? SHARP TOOLS. This applies not only to your pruning equipment, but also to your shovels, hoes, weedeaters, etc. A few minutes spent with a file, stone or bench grinder will do wonders in producing cleaner and much easier cuts. A little sandpaper or steel wool will remove rust scale from the tool blades, then add a drop of oil to the moving parts.

Now for the SPREADER. You probably didn't follow our advice about cleaning, driving & oiling after using it last fall, so let's get at it this afternoon. If anything is stuck—don't force it. Use some penetrating oil and be patient—give it time to work. Remove the wheels and shut off plate. Clean out any dirt from the wheel bearings and axle shaft. The touching surfaces of the shut-off plate and the bottom of the hopper should be sanded smooth & wiped with an oily cloth. Re-assemble carefully and put a drop of oil on all moving parts. Use care not to disturb the opening adjustment. Generally the indicator should read 0 when the slots are just closed and read the highest number when fully open.

It might be well to mention here, inasmuch as we pay for this space, that we have a simply grand assortment of all of the above equipment should you find yourself without or if what you have is beyond recall.

Well, now that you're all fired-up and ready to go, let's have no equivocation—get at it! There's plenty of time before the pro-golf matches come on.

12 Top U.S. Farmers Visit Ford Lab Here

Twelve top American farmers lunched in Birmingham Tuesday. They came to Detroit to receive proficiency awards from Ford Motor Co.

Their local visit was to see the Ford tractor and implement division's general offices and research laboratory on E. Maple, Troy.

The six national officers of the Future Farmers of America also were luncheon guests.

THE 12 TOP farmers also have been invited by President Henry Ford II to tour Latin America or the Far East on "missions" to promote world peace through agricultural cooperation.

The farmers and their specialties are: L. A. Abbott, Morrison, Ill. (corn); Tom Maddox, Sterling, Ind. (soybeans); Merle R. Peters, Genda Springs, Kan. (wheat); Hugh L. Nichols, Jr., Tchula, Miss. (cotton); William Figt, Argyle, Wis. (pasture); Harold L. Hawley, Weedsport, N.Y. (dairy); John W. Farley, Leland, Ill. (hog); R. Newell Elder, Springfield, Ohio (sheep); Lewis Fouset, Canton, (broiler); Floyd Murphy, Colfax, Calif. (eggs); and Howard L. Wahlgren, Elk City, Neb. (grain sorghum).

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A new series of five classes for diabetics and their families will begin Feb. 24 at the Birmingham office of the Oakland County Health department, in the Birmingham building.

The classes, which will be at 1 p.m. Wednesdays, offer a splendid opportunity for diabetics to gain important information and knowledge about diabetes," said Dr. John D. Monroe, director of the Oakland County Health department.

"THE EDUCATION of the patient is vital to the proper treatment of diabetes. With proper care diabetics can expect to live as long as anyone else and lead a useful and active life," Dr. Monroe added.

The classes are unique in Michigan. "Insofar as we know, no other county in Michigan offers this type of program," said Dr. Monroe. The Oakland County Medical Society has endorsed the program.

Persons interested in obtaining more information about the course can call the Oakland County Health department.

All persons attending the classes must have the written approval of their physician.

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