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by AL WARNER, Manager

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ON NASTY WEEKENDS in March, amateur gardeners like to get together to discuss the Spring planting. Whenever this happens, and whenever a problem comes up, they're likely to get out the handiest shopping guide there is—the Yellow Pages. Aside from numbers and addresses, there's lots of specialized information in the Yellow Pages, and it's solved many a question for amateur gardener and garage mechanic alike. So if you want a product or service, look for the detailed information in the Yellow Pages. It's put there by businessmen to help you.

PARTING SHOT: Whenever trouble comes, there's one good thing to have up your sleeve: a funny bone.

Even with a big station wagon, Karl D. loaded it for a two-and-a-half-month safari to Mexico.

They'll Follow the Birds Heading North This Spring

By JULIE CANDLER Staff Writer

Ever wonder where the swallows go before they come back to Capistrano? Walter P. Nickell and Karl D. Bailey wonder about things like that. Right now they're on a scientific safari to Yucatan because they want to know just where certain Michigan birds go in winter. They want to learn more about the winter habits of migratory birds. They want to determine whether birds lose weight on their long spring trips northward. The two already know far more than most people about such things. Nickell, a naturalist at Cranbrook Institute of Science, has banded more birds than any living American.

The pleasant-looking, pipe-smoking aviator can identify the song of the yellow-throated warbler or the scarlet tanager at 90 miles an hour at 452 Cranbrook road, Bloomfield Hills.

TALL, mustached Bailey, a retired district horticultural agent for Michigan State University, has a tension office, has made an avoca-

tion of the natural sciences. Bailey of 3275 Adams, Bloomfield township, has returned from previous private expeditions to Mexico's Yucatan peninsula with specimens and exhibit items acquired especially for the science institute. Though they both know a lot about birds, the two friends are true scientists. The more they know, the more they want to know. They set their southernmost destination as British Honduras, but planned to spend most of the time in Yucatan. There they hope to not thousands of the migrant birds that will fly in from other continents before heading north.

"THE GREAT majority of our migrants go into the West Indies, the Caribbean islands, to Mexico and the Yucatan," says Nickell. "Some even go as far into South America as Argentina." So they can net and band as many U.S. and Canadian birds as possible the pair packed into their big station wagon 10 Japanese mist nets to catch the unseeing birds. They also packed a nine by nine umbrella tent, which is their home base. They took scales for weighing the birds, reference books, formaldehyde and vials for preserving specimens, two dozen bottles of insect repellent and a card table for eating and making notes.

THEY TOOK DDT bombs, though Nickell has steadfastly sought to shut off the hoses which spray DDT into elm trees. The chemical is killing off whole species of birds, Nickell claims.

But DDT goes along with him to Yucatan, he explains, because "the insects practically eat you alive if you don't do something to keep them off. We won't spray the area, except around our tent. We may have to soak our sleeves, collars and pants cuffs in repellent before we go out," he said. Their preparations included contacts with magazines like National Geographic, where they got some encouragement on possible sale of stories and pictures of their adventure.

THEY hope to come back April 15 with pictures of birds which had been banded previously by American and Canadian banders. They hope, too, that the birds they band

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Present: Honorable Arthur E. Moore, Judge of Probate.
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in Yucatan will be picked up by other banders farther north. Nickell estimates he has banded about 50,000 birds since 1932. In the last two years he has banded nearly 23,000 birds of almost 200 species. He applied most of the bands in Michigan, others from Kentucky to Lake Superior and Maine to the Pacific. Asked if he thought he might find one of his own bands in Yucatan, Nickell mustered all the enthusiasm his deep voice can display and said, "I would be very happy." In fact, his understatement went on, "I would be quite thrilled if I did."

The Old Timer

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