

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Behind The Store Fronts

With ANGUS McKELLAR

Cynthia Wallgren's last day at Max Brook Inc. was Wednesday. She had worked at the local real estate firm nearly 11 years. Cynthia is leaving to assume an important job. She and her husband Bengt have adopted a baby girl. Elisa is the name.

CALICO CORNERS, the fabric shop on North Telegraph, celebrated its 12th anniversary Monday and Tuesday. The Telegraph Room store recently opened a branch in Boca Raton, Fla. There are eight Calico Corners shops in the United States. They are independently owned but have a central buying arrangement.

PECK TAILORS & Men's Wear helped the Boy Scouts of America celebrate their 51st anniversary last week with a display of hand-craft from the local Cub Scout packs.

Help Budding Scientist. Parents Are Advised

If your science education ended when you learned how to wire a doorbell, you're going to have trouble talking with your child about space launchings. After all, hydrogen bombs, jet planes and guided missiles have been a part of your child's everyday experience and knowledge for a long time, while you have just been catapulted into the space age. And your child is increasing his knowledge every day in school. From kindergarten on, science, abetted by his teacher, is helping him discover the "why" of such things as weather changes, fire, air, animals and plants, tiny particles, electricity, sound, light and chemical elements.

No child needs to be told that science is exciting—watch your child chase lightning bugs, dissect grasshoppers, grow a sweet potato plant or draw a dinosaur.

IN SCHOOL, his teacher capitalizes on his sense of wonder by encouraging him to ask questions, to dig into many sources for explanations and to conduct tests for first-hand information. In the process, he'll be helped to make accurate observations; he'll collect and classify materials and he'll plan and perform experiments.

In these years of science study, the Michigan and National Education Association reports, your child should be gaining useful, organized knowledge which will help him to interpret the world of forces, changes, energies, living things and phenomena. This doesn't mean he will have only a collection of unrelated facts. It means he will have developed an understanding.

For example, the understanding that heating causes most kinds of matter to expand and that cooling causes matter to contract is an accumulation of related facts, that, put together, constitute a scientific principle.

YOUR CHILD uses this principle to understand why bridges sometimes buckle in hot weather and why jar tops come off when hot water is run over them. You can help broaden your child's science learning at home.

Phyllis is the local authorized supplier for Boy Scout equipment.

HAROLD KALBFLEISCH, of Birmingham Cleaners, counted himself lucky to get a plane out of Philadelphia when attending the recent National Institute of Dry Cleaners Convention. Some of the late leavers were announcing the installation of new cleaning and drying machinery and a new addition to house the equipment.

Part of Birmingham Cleaners' \$75,000 modernization program is the construction of a new cold storage vault. The vault will have five levels and is built to specifications that will make possible a constant 50 degree temperature. More than 64 tons of cement were used in the construction of

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the vault, which will be ready in the Spring.

A TOUR through Bell Greenhouses on S. Woodward is an interesting adventure. Sam Bell guided us through and pointed out his preparations for the big Easter seed. Bell grows his stock from cuttings, with the exception of snapdragons which he still grows from seed. The big item at Easter is still the lily, of course. Azaleas are popular from Christmas through Mother's Day.

And in case you think your feet are cold, the ground is warm. The bill was over \$800 for keeping steam pipes warm. Sunny days are more than welcome, as no heat is necessary when the sun's rays reflect through the glass roof.

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WHAT DOCTORS SAY ABOUT:

Origin of Syphilis

- Hepatitis
- Vein Weakness
- Salk Vaccine

Q. Where did syphilis originate?
A. No one knows when or where germs (including the one that causes syphilis) originated. Syphilis, which is again on the rise, probably existed for eons in both Europe and the New World. For some unknown reason, a deadly form of the disease spread with frightful speed through Europe shortly after the discovery of America. The germ (spirochete) which causes syphilis was then unknown, the general belief being that the disease was divine punishment for the lax morals of the times.

Q. What is infectious hepatitis?
A. It is a virus infection of the liver. Infectious hepatitis, commonly called jaundice, can often be traced to sewage problems or contaminated water. Outbreaks of the disease often occur in areas where septic tanks overflow.

Q. What is the best treatment for varicose veins?
A. It depends. For some, surgery may be indicated. Injection treatment may be best for others. The

conditions of varicose veins is due to an inherited weakness of the vessels. Regardless of the method of treatment, revisits to the doctor at regular intervals are absolutely essential in minimizing further trouble.

Q. A neighbor's child who had received four polio shots contracted the disease and is now paralyzed. Will you please discuss?
A. When Salk polio vaccine first became available, some health officials predicted almost complete success in stamping out the disease. Things didn't turn out quite so perfectly. In 1959 there were about 6,000 cases of the disease in the U. S. 1,060 of which involved persons who had received four or more shots of Salk vaccine. The exact reason for the failures is debatable.

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