

Civil Service Exam

Opening of a new Civil Service examination for clerks and carriers in the Bloomfield Hills Post Office has been announced by the Bloomfield Hills Postmaster.

Applicants must be at least 18 years old and a resident or bona fide patron of the Hills Post Office. Information and application forms

may be obtained from the local office or from the office of the executive secretary, Board of U. S. Civil Service Examiners, Federal Building, Detroit.

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Medical Mirror
WHAT DOCTORS SAY ABOUT

BURNS

- Heart Size
- Hair Dyes
- Dark Urine

Q. The best treatment for minor burns is looking the injured part in ice water. Have you ever heard of this?

A. Yes. A Los Angeles physician used this method in the emergency treatment of 150 patients with minor burns. Results were very good. Soaks (or application of an ice-cold, moist towel) for an hour or so usually took all the pain out of the burn and seemed to promote healing. Any burn treatment, however, should also include precautions to prevent infection.

Q. What causes heart enlargement?

A. The heart enlarges when it is required to do extra work or, if damaged, to do ordinary work.

Q. My urine is very dark. Does this indicate kidney trouble?

A. Morning urine may be dark if the person doesn't drink enough water. But to be safe, have a medical examination.

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A. The main danger is the development of an allergic rash in persons who are supersensitive to the dye. Such reactions can be avoided by "patch tests" carried out before dyeing is attempted. Most hairdressers know about the test but often neglect to perform it. One may think that if the test is performed once and is negative it need never be done again. However, the reaction is triggered by previous contact, so it is necessary for the test to be run every time dyeing is to be done.

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NATURE NOW

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Woods in Spring Show Pattern of Life Renewal

Easter, now a religious festival, originated as a pagan celebration named for Ostara the Anglo-Saxon goddess of spring. To us this season brings with it a demonstration of life's renewal.

For whenever we view life as a whole, we must see creation as a continuous process, one in which there is never a moment's cessation. Walk in the early spring woods as I did today, if you wish to see and to feel this truth.

Everywhere lingers the damp pungent odor which spells decay; for life is still withdrawn and hidden. But the wind carries a new fragrance of green things already growing and there is a sudden warmth in the sun on my shoulders.

THERE IS something reassuring in trodding underfoot the dead leaves of another season and knowing that the earth will not hide for long the feet of life, the joy of it, the truth of it.

Always life's pattern unfolds in its orderly sequence. The ancient lichens and mosses provide patches of living green against the bareness of tree trunks and moldering log.

As you walk in the early spring woods, we hope you will see as we did today, the scarlet cup fungus (Plectania coccinea) growing half-hidden on a fallen branch. This startling bit of color is one of the most primitive of plants but it is not spring in any year until I have warmed my heart at its brief and fragile brightness.

WE HAD ONLY to turn over a half-rotted log to have further proof of life's renewal for a little red-bellied salamander scurried away and a crumbling handful of this "near soil" revealed several larval cases of beetles and a female bumble bee almost ready to end her hibernation.

Fertile since autumn's marriage flight, she will soon be gathering pollen from the first flowering willow catkins. This will serve a dual purpose. Mixed with honey

remnants of the ancient coal age flora. But uncoil they will, the ferns reaching upward like an eager hand for warmth and light.

On the sky is blue and although it is too early for the spring chorus of bird song, the crows make a noisy clamouring, harrassing as they circle the empty trees nearby. And always the marsh in April is vocal with the cry of red-wings. Their scouring already begun, they will soon hang their nests safe and secure on the broad-leaved stalks of the cat-tails, while their angry "preet, preet," warns away every intruder.

All this while the south wind whips the length of the marsh scattering the fluff of last year's seeds far and wide.

SO AS I STOOD in the pale afternoon, the woods were not as empty as it seemed. And I thought of other springs and of "The Ballad of the First Spring":

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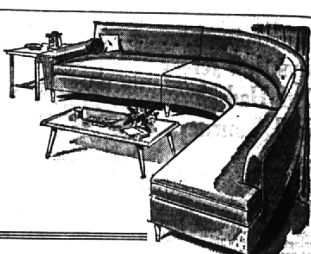
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