

Baseball Suits, Film Clip: Part of Exchange Day Events

Sidelights in the Government Day exchange of mayors between Birmingham and Detroit last week.

Mrs. Jerome P. Cavanagh, wife of Detroit's mayor, arrived home from Puerto Rico and Florida at 1 a.m. Monday and didn't come out to Birmingham until 11:30.

Mrs. Cavanagh, mother of six children, had promised to bring back three baseball uniforms but had been unable to locate any.

So her Birmingham hosts took her on a shopping spree to local stores.

She bought three suits — at "team prices" — from the Varsity Shop.

COMMENTED CITY Commissioner Charles Renfrew after Cavanagh's day-long visit to Birmingham.

You can't be around an affable Irishman like that without having some of it rub off on you."

BIRMINGHAM Mayor Florence H. Willett was given the film clip of one of the television recordings of her visit to Detroit. Now all she needs is for someone to loan her a 16 mm. projector so she can see it.

Mrs. Willett was unable to see the new program involved because she was attending a dinner, part of the day's activities, at the time.

MRS. WILLETT was the only woman among a couple hundred or so men at a reception and luncheon at the Detroit Economic Club.

The Birmingham Eccentric Features

NATURE NOW

By Lydia King Frehe
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Life on Our Earth Owe Its Existence to Grass

The story of grass antedates that of man.

When the first horse, tiny *Eohippus*, roamed the plains of Wyoming some 40 million years ago he put down his hoofs on a new plant called grass. The first timid wild flowers were just taking root in the valleys of a new mountain range called the Appalachians.

The great reptilian herds had had their day and the curtain was going down on the lush tropical vegetation of the coal swamps.

NOW AS THE seasons with their hazards of heat and cold gradually established themselves, sterner times were ahead for both plants and animals.

The first mammals, small in stature but warm of blood and keener of brain, took over the center of life-stage while grass, sturdy of root and stem, grew to be nature's answer for an equally hardy and adequate food supply. In such a manner began our modern flora and fauna.

No plant is more taken for granted than is grass. Yet both man and beast owe their very lives to it.

THE FAMILY includes some 7,000 species, over 1,000 of which are found in the United States. Grasses seldom grow singly but form extensive communities which are characteristic of the landscape.

There are left in the world four great grasslands: the prairies of the United States, the steppes of Russia, the veldt of Africa and the pampas of South America. These feed the world's animals and so indirectly nourish much that is alive today.

Man is very dependent upon one of the great groups of grasses, the cereals.

IN THEIR HEAVY, seed-laden heads ripen the corn, wheat, oats, rye and barley which go far toward nourishing the peoples of the West.



Mrs. Frehe

TOBY WYANT, president of the Community House, was host for the mayor's reception for Mrs. Willett. Several other Birmingham residents were in attendance.

CADILLAC AND Pontiac divisions of General Motors, through arrangements by LaMarre, furnished drivers for the Birmingham party. Fred Greig was the Willett's driver, while George Stevens escorted newsmen.

GEORGE R. AVERILL, editor emeritus of The Eccentric, was on hand for the early morning meeting between Mrs. Willett and Cavanagh.

World's Fair Plans Honors For Michigan

Michigan will take center stage at the Seattle World's Fair June 19, it has been announced by Fred V. Swainson, chairman of Gov. John R. Swainson's Committee for Michigan Participation in Seattle World's Fair. The day will point up Michigan industrial strength, recreation advantages, labor skills and opportunities for pleasant living.

Thirty nations are participating in the fair designated by the Bureau of International Expositions as the approved American World Fair of the 1960's.

THE UNITED STATES has appropriated an unprecedented nine million dollars to help dramatize recent scientific achievements and man-in-space-age goals.

More than 70 American companies, some of them Michigan-based, are exhibiting items at the fair that they will be merchandising in the year 2000. Advertising in Seattle will help draw public attention to past and potential contributions of Michigan business and industry. The ads are being paid for through voluntary contributions of Michigan firms.

GOVERNOR SWAINSON will visit the fair on Michigan Day, accompanied by a delegation of Michigan dignitaries. They will participate in the raising of the Michigan state flag at the fair's Plaza of States and the unveiling of Michigan's plaque on the fair grounds.

The Governor and his party will be the luncheon guests of Seattle Mayor G. S. Clinton. That afternoon, they will attend a program saluting Michigan.

A reception and dinner by Washington's Governor Albert Rosellini for Michigan's honored guests will conclude Michigan Day at the world's fair.



A POOL STOCKED with fish and snails and lilies is a delight for sore eyes in the good old summertime and, if carefully lighted, can provide a sight treat for indoor viewers. Such a pool should be carefully located and constructed to take maximum advantage of landscaping.

DOWN TO EARTH. Garden Pool Gives Hours of Outdoor Joy

By ALICE WESSELS BURLINGAME
Special Writer for The Birmingham Eccentric

Today our primary theme will be the construction and pleasure you may have through construction of a garden pool in your yard. A handyman can construct this beauty spot for you with your guidance after studying the important guidelines for success.

The location of this pool is important because it must be enjoyed by you constantly — at a spot near your house — preferably close to a porch so that the pool's glow can be lighted at night for your guests to admire.

The water level and are more profitable with a long season while the hardy lilies can be kept outdoors but do not give you the dividends of flower quantity and beauty.

Your lilies can be planted in tubs with an inch of gravel on the top of the containers to keep the soil in place. White lilies are good for accent.

WATER FOUNTAINS provide a beautiful adjunct to the pool and some of the nicest effects can be made by having a pipe installed which will have enough pressure for the water to provide a spurt of water a few feet high.

Pool lighting can be installed within the pool or you can have reflectors placed to give a pleasing effect. Do not have a light placed high up on your house focused on the pool and expect the results to be dramatic.

KINGSWOOD CENTER at Mansfield, Ohio, awaits any of you who wish to see gardening at its best. It is the closest center to us for this purpose. For the best of all plants are displayed in a grand, planned manner—well labeled—for educational purposes.

The construction of the pool calls for planning on at least a two-foot depth. The concrete can be one part cement, two parts sand and four parts coarse gravel. Wire should be placed against the side wall before the cement is applied. You will be wasting pool space if you have a sloped side to the pool.

AFTER THE CONCRETE has hardened, fill the pool with water and let it stand for a day. Then drain and fill again and this time add one quart of vinegar to neutralize the concrete for the addition of fish.

Now drain this off after it has stood for a day and fill for the first time.

Planting the pool will be an important moment for you. Often lodge rock is placed around the perimeter to soften the edge of the construction. Goldfish, snail and oxygenating grasses are all necessary for the balance of the life within the pool.

GOLDFISH WILL clear the pool of mosquito larvae, snails will keep the pool clean. The oxygenating grasses will supply oxygen to the fish and keep the water sweet and clear.

Tropical lilies flower high above

Birmingham Man Addresses Students

Gerald Murphy of Birmingham, assistant director of marketing and research for D. P. Brother & Co., Detroit, addressed students and faculty members in the experimental psychology class at Alma College, Alma, on Friday.

Murphy described a research project into college students' attitudes toward the advertising profession. Alma College is one of the elite schools participating in the project, conducted by the Detroit firm for the American Association of Advertising Agencies.

Murphy lives at 1627 Forest Ave.

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Isn't it funny how a day always seems more spring-like after you get a haircut?

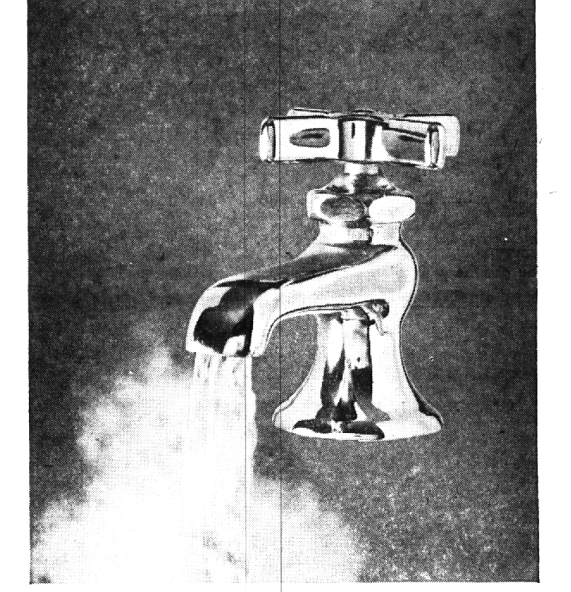
The best time to spade the garden is just after your wife tells you to.



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Sweet Citation

A citation is shown and "special awards" are given to bank guard William Weiss of Detroit Bank and Trust, Birmingham branch, who recently captured three burglars. Listening to the exciting story about their favorite guard, Lori Strom 6, and Brad Theodoroff 5, both of Birmingham, had their own special awards of all-day suckers as a turnout gesture to Weiss. He is the favorite with young visitors to the bank because he always has a big supply of smiles—and candy available for them.