

# Visiting Nurses Report On Care to Patients

The Visiting Nurse Association, a Torch Drive service, reported it had cared for 123 patients in Birmingham, nine in Bloomfield Hills and 45 in Bloomfield Township during the past year.

The figures were reported Feb. 14 at the VNA annual meeting in their Central Offices in Detroit by Mrs. Robert O. Varnum, president, and Emilie G. Sargent, executive director.

The VNA provides nursing services, diet and physical and occupational therapy on medical prescription to anyone who needs them and lives in the area covered, regardless of ability to pay. Those who can afford to pay are charged up to \$6 and hour for nursing services. All of Wayne County, Macomb County as far north as 14 Mile Road, and all but nine townships of Oakland County are included in the VNA area.

to nursing and therapy services, the VNA provided needed sickroom equipment to 827 patients from the VNA's loan closet.

These services, by the VNA staff of 164, were made possible through the expenditure of a total of \$605,188. Of this amount \$575,278, or 60 per cent, was provided by the United Foundation through a grant from the United Community Services' grant.

The balance came from service contracts, 19 per cent; patients who paid directly, 11 per cent; and smaller amounts from Old Age Assistance, Medical Aid to the Aged and Social Aid of the three counties.

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## The Birmingham Eccentric Features

### NATURE NOW

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# Charles Darwin Wrote 'Origin' In Virtual Exile

Feb. 12 marks the birthday of Charles Darwin, naturalist and biologist, whose name is written large in the annals of time.

To honor this event Cranbrook Institute of Science is showing (until Mar. 14) an exhibition of photographs, drawings, memorabilia and textual material which paints a vivid portrait of the man.

Born in Shrewsbury, England, son of a distinguished physician and grandson of a more distinguished philosopher, he early displayed his fondness for natural science.

HE WAS sent to the university of Edinburgh to study medicine and later transferred to Cambridge to prepare for the ministry. But he found little satisfaction in either and shortly after his graduation he accepted the post of naturalist on the "Beagle" on a five year expedition around the world. Its purpose: to study the flora, fauna and geology of South America and the South Sea Islands.

INLAND TRIPS from various parts gave Darwin an acquaintance with the extraordinary wild life of the islands and the continent. He was especially impressed with the flora and fauna of Tahiti, New Zealand and the Galapagos Islands.

ON HIS return, after several years of added study, he published "A Naturalist's Journey on the Beagle" which had an immediate success.

He was financially independent and after his marriage in 1839 the pair moved to the small village of Down in Kent to a house surrounded by a large garden. Here his family was reared and here in quiet study and research he spent his remaining life.

Never a robust man, the vicissitudes and hardships of his life on the Beagle so impaired his health that for the rest of his life he worked with limited physical energy.

THROUGHOUT these fruitful years he kept his own count of, sharing his ideas only with such contemporary scientists as Charles Lyell and Sir Joseph Hooker.

### STRICTLY FRESH

It has been said that almost every telephone has that bathtub ring.

A child prodigy is any boy who has a proud mother and father.



All that keeps some families from having a home of their own is a teenage daughter.

A nearly extinct animal: the person who works like a horse.

Both Darwin's and Wallace's theories were presented at a historical meeting of the Linnean Society in London in 1858.

With this advance assignment of what was to be a major scientific controversy, his momentous work "The Origin of the Species" was published in 1859. So instant was its impact that the first edition sold out on the day of its publication.

This event gave Darwin an acknowledged place among the greatest men of science and helped to carry his name all over the civilized world.

MSU Plans Institute For Teens

High school students with engineering abilities may have little opportunity in the high school curriculum to test them.

Students will meet in class-size groups with scientists and engineers each day. Evenings will be devoted to discussions about careers by representatives of industry.

WHAT'S IN A NAME? 'A Name is a Name' is Worth Money

(Special to the Eccentric) NEW YORK—How much is the name and address of a Birmingham resident worth? On a mailing list—plenty.

Just how much depends on his position, economically and otherwise. If he is wealthy and is there by a good prospect for a cabin cruiser or for membership in an exclusive club, his name is worth quite a bit.

However, if his name is readily-obtainable one, as is the case with school teachers, doctors, lawyers and the like, or if his buying power is low, it brings less.

THEY ARE about 250 firms that compile such lists and lease them or sell them to companies that wish to approach prospects by mail or by direct solicitation, either in person or by telephone.

THE PRICE may range anywhere from one cent per name to as much as a dollar for each time it is used.

THE MAJORITY of Birmingham residents are on a number of such lists, as is evident from the amount of letters they receive from all sorts of organizations.

# Plant Coming from Java Has Large, Showy Leaves

The house plant to greet you today is Schefflera which has come to us from Australia and Java. It has six to eight leaflets which are large and glossy. This choice is a good house plant if grown in a location with a 65 to 80 degree temperature. It will adapt itself to a warm apartment or office.

Rich soil is called for with filtered sunlight determining its location within a room. As for the watering demands of this plant, allow it to become dry before watering again, then soak it at this time.

SCHEFFLERA is ideal for a commercial setting because it is showy and growth can be expected to be around six feet. But, let's emphasize that this fine selection, as well as others you might select for a commercial setting, must not

be in a draft from the opening and closing of a door. This plant lends itself to contemporary settings and is exotic when it can be placed against a plain wall in a tub with a green spotlight focused on it at night to form interesting shadows.

PROGRESS MARCHES on and now we have a new stump removal machine which will grind up the existing stump left after tree removal at least eight inches below the surface so that you can easily plant grass seed and not expect the roots to recur.

Creating a beautiful garden to satisfy you often has pockets of beauty which bring into realization memories of your childhood.

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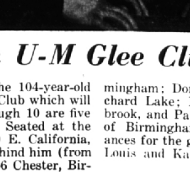
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The word "cultivar" is now used instead of "variety" denoting a plant in cultivation that has distinct characteristics and usually cannot be reproduced by seed in other words, the reproduction has to be by cuttings.

The scientific names of plants have always been completely international in their Latin botanical form but have lacked uniformity in naming their varieties.

TRAVELERS over international borders are often upset by the inconvenience of the inspection of their baggage. In 1922 over 33,000 pests of quarantine significance were discovered. The baggage of passengers was a rich source of insects which could lead to definite damage to our production crops.

SCHEFFLERA MAKES a fine houseplant and is also ideal for decoration in a business office—providing it may be placed in a location free from drafts. It survives in an environment which has a temperature range from 65 to 85 degrees and lots of sunlight. The soil in its pot should be allowed to dry out between thorough, soaking waterings.



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### In U-M Glee Club

Among the members of the 104-year-old University of Michigan Glee Club which will go on a tour on April 5 through 10 are five from the Birmingham area. Seated at the piano is David Hines, 27610 E. California, Lathrup Village. Standing behind him (from left) are Geoffrey Gilbert, 656 Chester, Bir-

mingham; Donald Cole, 5011 Elmgate, Orchard Lake; Herbert Green, 373 S. Cranbrook, and Paul Simmons, 1460 Bates, both of Birmingham. On the list of performances for the group are stops in Chicago, St. Louis and Kansas City.

