ECCENTRIC PHOTO

Books for Library Benefit

Sorting and assembling books for their third annual used book sale are members of Friends of the West Bloomfield Township Library. They are (from left) Mrs. Joel Warren, Mrs. Leonard Meldman, Mrs. Richard Jacobs, Mrs. William Evans, Mrs. Ralph Strother and chairman Mrs. Lloyd Strausz. The sale will be held from 1 to 9 p.m. Monday through Wednesday at the township library, 5030 Orchard Lake Road. Books have been donated by township residents, and the sale is directed by Mrs. Dalton Sifton, Friends' president. Proceeds will help buy new books or library furnishings.

NATURE NOW

Spiders Are on Last Legs Before the Onset of Winter

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Special Writer

On any dewy morning in late autumn, grassy fields as well as woodlands and garden paths are frequently festooned with spiders' webs, glittering in the sun. For now these ancient Arachnids take their last stand before the erasing threat of winter's cold.

"Fairy handkerchiefs spread out to dry," writes the poet of these. But nature's purpose is less fanciful for here concealed are the deadliest of traps for those of our winged hoards who are attracted by such bait.

Spiders are erroneously thought of as insects by many, but they are easily identified as having two instead of three bodily segments, eight instead of six legs and as never possessing wings, antennae or mandibles.

Mrs. Frehse

With them in the Arachnid group are such creatures as scorpions, mites, ticks and king crabs. Many are equipped with a sting, and some transmit serious illness to animals and man.

Water-breathing members of this ancient order already populated the Cambrian seas of some 450 million years ago. Our present-day king crab is a descendant of the horseshoe crab whose fossil remains span the millenes.

The ancestors of today's scorpions were among the first air-breathers who left their watery homes in the Silurian seas of some 325 million years ago to become our first land-dwelling animals.

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THE EARLIEST of our spiders date back to the Coal-Age swamps of some 225 million years ago.

However, fossil members of their tribe can be most clearly observed in natural history museums as "Amber Insects." These were trapped and preserved in the copious rosins of some 40 million years ago. About 250 species of such early spiders have been thus studied and named.

THE SPIDER'S life revolves about his sting, a formidable instrument of death. Concealed in his jaw is a slender, curved and pointed fang attached to a movable joint which can be turned back into a furrow, like the blade of a pocket knife.

As an added weapon, the fang holds a minute drop of virulent poison which paralyzes but does not kill the victim so that a fresh meal is always available.

No matter how the various species of spiders catch their prey, this method of stunning the insect is always followed.

A spider feeds by sucking the bodily fluids of its victim. Its stomach acts as a food reservoir, enabling it to take in enormous quantities of blood at one time when the food is available. It can then be used slowly as needed and if necessity demands, the spider can fast for periods reaching up to a year.

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OUR MORE than 20,000 species of spiders show varied life patterns. The male is usually much smaller than his mate, and among the "orb weavers" it is a common practice for the female to devour her spouse after the courtship is over.

Nature, ever economical of materials and methods, thus disposes of a creature who has served life's purpose.

The female lays masses of 25 to 900 eggs enclosed in a variety of silken cocoons. These are frequently suspended in the web or attached to such objects as stones, fences or buildings.

The wolf spider carries her egg sac attached to her spinnerets un-

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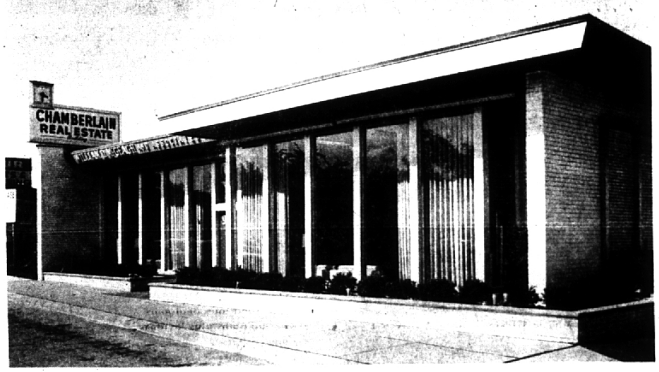
HOMES FOR SALE



"OUR BIRMINGHAM OFFICE—WOODWARD AT 14½ MILE"

CRACKLING FIRE — FLICKERING SHADOWS

Charm, individuality, tranquil neighborhood, atmosphere all blend perfectly in this fine bi-level southern colonial with Orange Lake Privileges. How pleasant to rest in the spacious fireplaced living room or family room with natural fireplace. Gate through thermopane windows and watch Jack Frost paint a daily changing picture in the beautifully landscaped yard. 5 bedrooms, 4 tiled full baths, stainless steel stove and refrigerator in the ultra-modern kitchen, outside stairway and balcony entrance to upper level. 2-car attached garage. MI 6-6000. $44,900.

UNUSUAL

Here's a trim well kept Cape Cod with 3 sizable bedrooms. Bright modern kitchen with eating space. Lovely fireplaced living room with dining el. Distinguished paneled and tiled recreation room. Rear patio. Full basement. $17,900. MI 6-6000.

SURPRISE FOR THE $$ WISE

More for your money in this dream rancher of great charm, comfort and spaciousness. Built-in cabinets and shelves in cozy fireplaced living room. 2 good sized bedrooms. Convenient laundry room off kitchen. Tiled workshop for dad or playroom for the kids. A rustic setting of privacy and for only $15,900. MI 6-6000.

FRANKLIN KNOLLS SUBDIVISION

A captivating and delightful large brick ranch where the builder has used imagination and good taste in its design and construction. This 3 bedroom, 2 bath home is unrivaled. Large fireplaced living and dining room combination. Magnificent family room with fireplace. Expertly planned finished recreation room with wet bar. Modern kitchen and breakfast nook. 2-car attached garage. Nice patio and beautiful landscaping. $24,900. MA 6-9100.

BY THE FIREPLACE!

At a time of year when a home of your own means so much. This seven-year-old brick ranch in Birmingham school district merits your special attention. Good sized carpeted living room with large brick fireplace. Built-in oven range, dishwasher and disposal in family kitchen with breakfast area. Paneled family room with natural fireplace. Three restful carpeted bedrooms. Two full baths. Screened rear porch. Completely air-conditioned throughout. Professionally landscaped extra large lot. $33,900. MI 6-6000.

FALLING LEAVES

Cannot diminish the charm of this wooded 192' lot! With a beautiful English Colonial set in one of Birmingham's finest neighborhoods. Five large bedrooms and three full baths. Fireplaces in elegant living room and stately master suite. Luxurious formal dining room. All modern kitchen with built-in dishwasher and disposal. Cozy kitchen nook. Large screened sun porch. Professionally landscaped yard surrounded by tall shade trees. BHQ in back yard. Convenient two-car garage. Full basement. $39,500. MI 6-6000.

WE WILL GUARANTEE A SALE

FRANKLIN VILLAGE

Magnificent setting for this plush bi-level ranch with three man-sized bedrooms. Luxurious master suite with three large closets. Warm family room with wood-burning fireplace. Picture-window living room with lush carpeting and fireplace. Formal dining room with elegant antique chandelier. Charming kitchen with all the latest G.E. built-ins. Convenient laundry room off kitchen. Basement. Two-car attached garage. Horses allowed? Low taxes! Birmingham schools. $44,900. MA 6-9100.

BREATHTAKING VIEW

Overlooking Oakland Hills Country Club. An exceptional home for the discriminating buyer. Fireplaced BHQ kitchen. Built-in Revco refrigerator and freezer. Glassed patio. Beautiful raised family room. Three bedrooms. Carpeting in living and dining room. Lush drapes throughout. Laundry room on first floor. Compact 2½-car attached garage. Bloomfield school district. $52,500. MI 6-6000.

THERE'S A LOT TO LIKE . . .

In this three-bedroom brick ranch in Hillcrest Manor Subdivision. Beautiful living and dining room combination with lovely carpeting and draperies. Delightful paneled and tiled recreation room for upcoming holiday entertaining. Bright cheery kitchen with eating space. Tiled lavatory off kitchen. Low taxes. Nice neighborhood. A real buy at $16,900. MI 6-6000.

INDIVIDUAL STYLING

This home has rare charm. It is located in a very fine neighborhood of beautiful homes in Birmingham school district. Three restful bedrooms. Nice master suite. Large comfortable living room with fireplace and dining el. Quiet library. Modern kitchen with eating space. Covered rear patio. Convenient laundry room. Carpeting and drapes included. Well landscaped yard. $24,900. MA 6-9100.

PANORAMIC VIEW

Of beautiful country-like from dinette door wall off built-in kitchen with Hotpoint stove, hood, and fan. Three bedrooms, 1½ tiled baths. Blue with twin sinks. Distinguished mahogany paneled family room with brick fireplace. Convenient upper level laundry room. Two-car attached garage, patio. In lovely Bloomfield Orchards and for only $19,900. MI 6-6000.

THE FACTS COUNT

A beautiful ranch home in excellent condition. Three good sized bedrooms. Two colorful ceramic tile baths. King-sized living room with fireplace. Separate dining room. Modern kitchen with dishwasher and disposal and eating space. Handy utility room off kitchen. 22' patio. 2½-car attached garage. Lovely carpeting and drapes included. Bloomfield school district. $25,900. MI 6-6000.

GO SUBURBAN

This new four-bedroom tri-level has charm to make a family proud to call it home. With push button comfort, it retains the feeling of prestige and refinement. Beautiful entrance hall. Formal dining room and breakfast area. Modern kitchen with plenty of cupboard space. Lovely paneled family room with raised brick fireplace. Convenient first floor laundry room. Bloomfield school district. $34,500. MI 6-6000.

OWNER TRANSFERRED

And has to sell this almost new custom built four-bedroom brick ranch in a beautiful corner lot in Bloomfield Hills. Pleasant 30' living room with separate formal dining room. Exceptional fireplaced paneled family room immediately off the built-in kitchen. Basement with 22' recreation room. Lush carpeting included in living room, dining room and all bedrooms. Drapes throughout. 2½-car attached garage. $34,900. MI 6-6000.

PROFESSIONALLY DECORATED FARM COLONIAL

Nearly new four-bedroom on a nice quiet street convenient to Bloomfield schools. Large bay window in sunny living room. Formal dining room. Beautiful large kitchen with dishwasher and built-in range. All four bedrooms are large with roomy closets. Two ceramic tile baths. Huge family room with built-in shelves and fireplace. Outside a raised hearth fireplace. Partially enclosed patio off rear. Basement. 2½-car attached garage. $33,900. MI 6-6000.

EYE APPEAL! HEART APPEAL! PURSE APPEAL!

Bloomfield brick colonial, custom built and professionally decorated and landscaped. Handsomely beamed ceiling in spacious fireplaced living room. Beautiful slate center foyer. Modern kitchen with dishwasher, disposal and all built-in appliances. Separate breakfast nook. Paneled family room with natural brick fireplace. Four bedrooms. 2½ ceramic tile baths. Dressing room and private bath off master suite. Extra large closets and plenty of storage space. Lovely carpeting and drapes included. Intercom with AM-FM radio piped throughout. Tiled basement. 2½-car attached plastered garage. $38,500. MI 6-6000.

LAKE PRIVILEGES

What fun your family will have this winter skating on Gilbert Lake. Enjoy the cold winter months ahead in this three-bedroom custom built ranch with two wood-burning fireplaces. One in the luxurious living room and the other in the tiled recreation room with built-in bar. Perfect for entertaining! Extra bonus with three full baths and library or maid's quarters. Bloomfield school district. $41,900. MI 6-6000.

FOR THE HOME GOURMET

Here's a modern three-bedroom ranch that gives you the extra features you need for only $21,700. Convenient to Farmington schools in an excellent neighborhood. Features include stainless steel double kitchen sink with built-in oven range. Fireplace in spacious living room. Distinguished family room. Full basement. 26' front porch. Rear patio. Nice setting with fruit trees. MA 6-9100. $21,700.

ATTENTION SKATING AND BOAT ENTHUSIASTS!

Sharp three-bedroom ranch on a beautiful 120' lot. Canal runs along rear of property. Enjoy the scenic view of Sylvan Lake from the living room with cathedral ceiling and fireplace. Convenient modern kitchen with built-in oven range and eating bar. Large two-car attached garage. West Bloomfield schools. $19,500. MA 6-9100.

ORCHARD LAKE BAY

Outstanding bi-level contemporary ranch complete with spacious rooms, distinguished styling and fine detailing. Four bedrooms including magnificent master suite. Luxurious living room with fireplace, separate dining room. Unique raised fireplace and wet bar in family room. The living room windows look out into the picturesque Orchard Lake Bay and the beautifully kept billed landscaping. Three full baths. Full basement. 2½-car attached garage. $47,900. MA 6-9100.

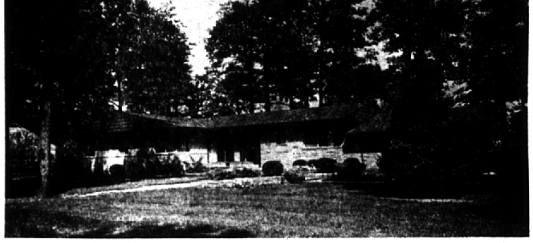
KENDALLWOOD

Spotless three-bedroom brick ranch in friendly neighborhood. Large fireplaced living room with separate formal dining room. Bright kitchen with eating space and built-in appliances. Beautiful carpeting in living room, dining room and hall. Well landscaped yard. Full basement. 2½-car plastered garage. Large rear patio. $24,900. MA 6-9100.

. . . seeing is believing . . .

Squeeze your $$ and buy this sharp, sharp, 3 Bedroom Ranch—living room, dining room and airy kitchen—double detached garage—a screened porch as a bonus. A tempting buy at $18,700.

A stunning departure from the ordinary. Its artistically landscaped beauty makes it a paradise of suburban lovliness—two of the unusual features are air conditioning and a quiet private studio to the rear of the main residence. Charm and individuality blend perfectly in this Contemporary Bi-Level. Let us tell you more! $42,500.



A chip shot to the 14th green at Oakland Hills Country Club and a beautiful setting with views of the fairway. Custom designed Contemporary, superbly detailed and exquisitely decorated. 3 bedrooms, 2 baths and powder room — 4th bedroom and lav. off garage. Paneled Family room with two-way fireplace shared by living room. Many plus factors — You'll love it!

Perfection! Beautifully landscaped site; superior construction; luxury detailing; convenient location. Quad-level in plan—3 bedrooms, 2 baths up, bedroom and bath down. A huge studio room could well become a dormitory. Add to this a paneled Family Room, central air conditioning, etc., etc. You'll understand our enthusiasm when you see it.

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