

Grasses, Rootlets Replace Horsehair in a Modern Nest

As you read these lines, bird nesting will be in progress. Nature makes of this procedure, with its attendant activity, the fullest and most important period in the lives of our feathered friends.

Bird nests present an endless variety in materials and manner of construction. A descriptive list would fill a book. Materials used include parts of nearly every kind of land plant as well as feathers, hair, skin, shells and skeletal fragments of animals.

Many species also choose a variety of man-made objects including such common items as cloth, paper and string. Although each species follows its own instinctive pattern, odd substitutions must often be made. As children, we loved to peek into the cup-like nests of the chipping sparrow with its neat lining of horsehair.

In today's mechanized world fine grasses and rootlets may need to be used as a substitute.

C. L. Broley, Florida's "Eagelman," reports

finding golf balls, electric light bulbs, fish plugs and lines, various items of clothing and a copy of the American Weekly in the five-foot pile of debris which made an eagle's nest. In one such structure was found a white rubber ball which the bird incubated for six weeks after its own eggs were hatched.

KINGFISHERS USE fish bones and regurgitated scales in their nests. A crested flycatcher does not consider his job finished until he has added a piece of discarded snake skin to his nest.

A yellow warbler was observed making hundreds of trips while lining its nest with tiny beads of the tomentum from the fruiting frond of the cinnamon fern. The red-breasted nuthatch smears the entrance to its nest-hole with the pitch from evergreen trees.

Along our northeast Atlantic coast, the puffin, a bird of the high seas, lays a single white egg at the bottom of a deep burrow made by the male. The oven bird is named for the shape of its nest—a little structure of earth and leaves hidden on the ground in dense woods or thickets.

ON TRIPS through the Cascade

range we have seen the water ouzel or "dipper" fly through a sheet of rushing water to the rock walk of some slender cascade.

In the spruce forests of the Maine coast we observed the parula warbler which fashions its nest of nothing but the grey usnea lichen. The elder ducky of our northern tundra plucks the softest down from her breast to line a hidden depression in the ground in which both eggs and young are warmed.

In Arizona we found the purse-like nest of the cactus wren hidden in the prickly cholla, safe from the rodents and reptiles of the desert. The floating nest of the pied-billed grebe is concealed in the tall reeds at the water's edge. The brown creeper hides his small structure of plant materials, lined with feathers, behind a loosened section of the bark of a balsam fir tree.

THE GOLDFINCH builds late so that it may use the soft down of the thistle bloom to make its well-anchored cup-like nest. Perhaps the humming bird makes the neatest of all structures—a tiny cup of plant down decorated with grey-green lichen scales cemented

Four Area Artists Receive Awards at Pontiac Exhibition

Several Birmingham-Bloomfield area residents were prize winners at the recent 10th annual art exhibit of the Pontiac Society of Art.

Mrs. L. Jerome Fink, 4430 Quanton Road, Bloomfield Hills, won first and third place in sculpture for "Madonna" and "Garden Tote." In oil painting, Arthur C. Hays, 27221 Apple Tree Lane, Franklin, earned second place for "Washington Square," judged most popular in that media.

Kenneth Bristol, 26265 W. 14 Mile, Bloomfield Township, won second place with his water color of "March Sky." Russell P. Fookes of Orchard Lake received honorable mention in sculpture for "Bird," also judged second most popular.

To Study in Madrid

Terry L. Stern, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Kraus, 660 N. Glen-gary, Bloomfield Village, has been selected by Michigan State University to participate in its accelerated Spanish language program in Madrid this summer. Miss Stern is a sophomore majoring in advertising.

with the silk of spider's webs. The whole, no larger than a teaspoon, mimics a knot on a tree branch.

A bird can be isolated at birth and brought up in the strictest captivity, yet when released it is unerring in its skill to copy the particular nest-pattern of its kind.

Will-O-Way Announces Scholarship Winners

Will-O-Way Apprentice Theatre has awarded four full scholarships and two half scholarships to Seaholm High School students following recent auditions.

Winners are Darryl Mazur, Stephanie Peckham, Jim Cunningham, Vince Rogers, Sue Thyngerson and Steve Will, who will study this summer at the dramatic trade school in Bloomfield Hills.

The awards were announced Tuesday by the high school dramatic coach, Richard Bagg, during the annual banquet of the Proscenium Club, which he sponsors.

FIFTEEN-YEAR-OLD Darryl Mazur's initial effort was the title role in the recent all-school play, "Dino." According to Will-O-Way director Cella Merrill Turner, Mazur shows remarkable grasp of emotional interpretation. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray F. Mazur, 2463 Derby Road, Birmingham.

Stephanie Peckham, Mrs. Turner says, is a very pretty girl who is not afraid to tackle a character part.

Her versatility won for the 17-year-old the only full scholarship given to a girl student. Her parents are the Judson Peckhams, 1283 Dorchester, Birmingham.

JIM CUNNINGHAM, 17, has rolled up considerable experience

as a theatre technician, his chief interest while working with Bagg. The son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter M. Cunningham, 2425 Wattles Road, Bloomfield Township, he plans to broaden his scope at Will-O-Way.

Vince Rogers, son of the R. V. Rogers of 2536 Whiteleigh Road, Bloomfield Township, graduated from Seaholm last year. The promising 19-year-old actor is clerking in a local store.

A young character actress of many interests is Sue Thyngerson, winner of one of the two half scholarships and daughter of the William K. Thyngerson, 3196 Breck-entridge, Birmingham. Miss Thyngerson, who will graduate this year at 17, has worked for two years under Bagg's coaching.

SHE WILL ENTER Oakland University after her summer at Will-O-Way with the aim of teaching either drama or speech.

The other half scholarship went to Steve Will, 17-year-old son of the Daniel F. Will, 1775 Haynes, Birmingham, and recently of Texas. Will impressed Mrs. Turner by his resourcefulness in overcoming his accent by substituting a skillful pantomime at the auditions.

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Young Writer Earns Award In Journalism

Larry R. Roth, 640 S. Cranbrook Road, Birmingham, has been named recipient of the Walter Williams Award for Journalism at the University of (Columbia) Missouri.

Roth, a senior, received the award at the recent annual spring meeting of the Missouri Writers' Guild held at the university during the 55th annual Journalism Week.

The plaque, named in honor of the first dean of the school of journalism, is given annually to the journalism student who has shown the most writing ability during the year.

Roth is majoring in magazine journalism. He has been feature editor and columnist for the student newspaper, The Maneater, and editor of a humor magazine, Showme.

IN THE SCHOOL of journalism, he has been political reporter for the teaching newspaper, The Columbia Missourian.

He has sold articles to the

B'field Nursery Finishes Term

Last meeting of the term for the Bloomfield Nursery School was held Tuesday at the home of Mrs. Larry Hare, 1327 Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Township.

Mrs. Charles Birch, head of the children's department at Baldwin Public Library, was the speaker. Enrollments for three-year-old children for the fall term can be made by calling Mrs. Brian Van Moles, 169 Pilgrim, Birmingham.

THE MICHIGAN Council of Co-operative Nurseries held a conference in Lansing Monday and Tuesday. Attending will be the following persons from Bloomfield Nursery School:

Members Mrs. Michael Davis, Mrs. Donald Mann, Mrs. John Toussany, Mrs. Harry Wettlaufer and Mrs. Robert Vanderbeek and teachers Mrs. John Adams and Mrs. Louis Smith.

Children do not outgrow "crossed eyes." To prevent possible loss of sight, crossed eyes should be treated before the child is four years of age.

Kansas City Star and the St. Louis Post-Dispatch and sold numerous greeting card ideas to Hallmark, Inc., Kansas City. Last summer Roth received a summer certificate from the Sorbonne, Paris, France.



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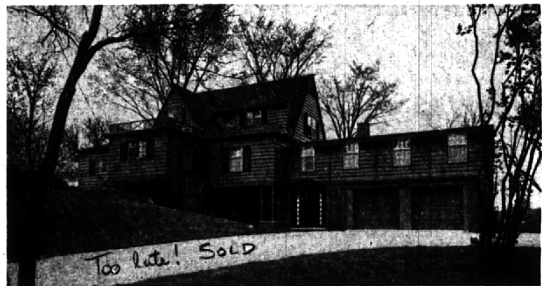
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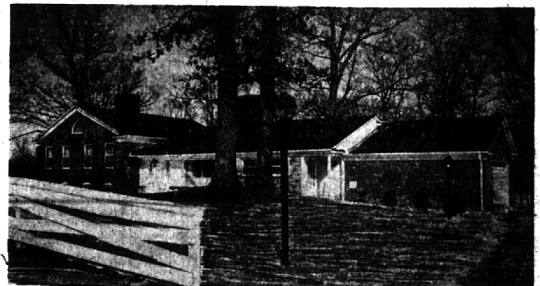
WING LAKE



Designed and built for a small family with reverence for quality and comfort. The sweeping lawn that no self respecting weed would dare invade, is sprinklered, the landscaping beautiful. Excellent plan with two large bedrooms, bath with tub and shower, spacious living room overlooking the garden, paneled family room, work-savvy kitchen, lav, off rear hall, heated garage, and loads of closets and storage space. A truly perfect home.

A fairy-land estate with walled gardens and patios, overlooking a magnificent stretch of sparkling water. With 1,000 feet of sandy beach and boat dock, a summer's fun is assured. The house — it can't be described short of a four page brochure. Spanish in architecture — both inside and out, it has detailing rarely seen today. Four 2 bedroom suites and master suite (5 baths) and servant's rooms. Completely and attractively furnished. A fabulous value in a fabulous location!

UPPER LONG LAKE



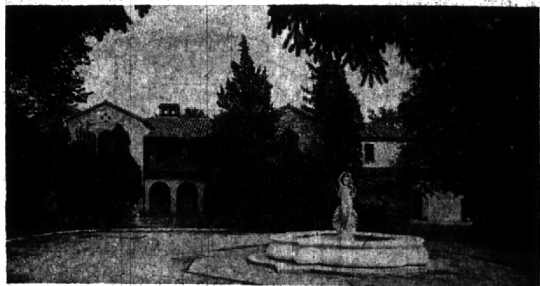
Access to the lake and on the way there, exciting canals to explore. Appealing Colonial decor with pegged floor in the dining room and breakfast room; large sun deck and patio; terrific family room with terrazo floor; Early American kitchen; mud room; four bedrooms (three up, one down). Excellent plan for relaxed living in an enchanting setting. Seclusion and privacy but not isolated.

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