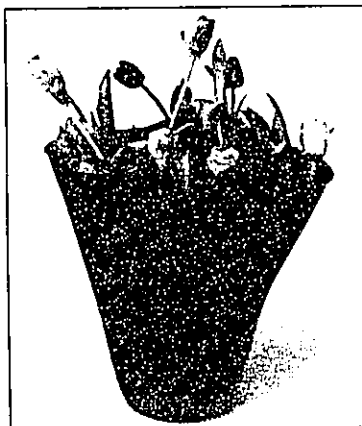


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### Aces with vases

**F**lower power: As floral gardens come alive with a celebration of color and scents, you can enjoy these outdoor delights indoors with a collection of vases that look just as striking without flowers. The vases, by Blenko, are available in a variety of colors, shapes and sizes. Samples shown here are a clear vase with royal blue coil, perfect for a single blossom; a tall, wide-mouth violet vase with amber base, for a bunch of flowers; and a cobalt, free-form vase to highlight any arrangement. Available at Wells Freight & Cargo, 820 S. Woodward, Birmingham. Call (810) 642-4642.



### Summertime, and the livin' is easy

And the livin' is easiest at a summer cottage or getaway.

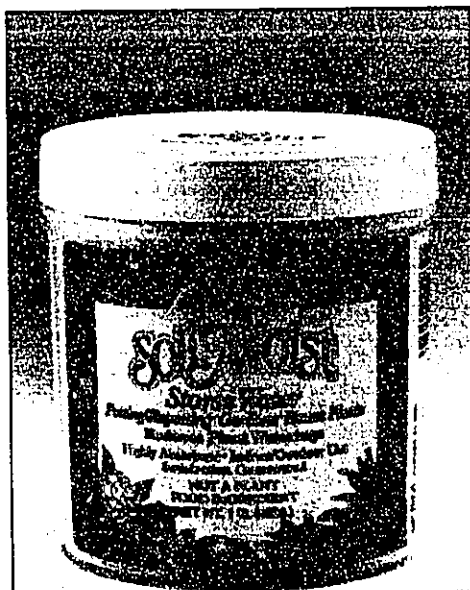
We'd like to know about your summer place. Send us a photo (with the negative) of your cottage or cabin, some information about your summer haven along with your name, community and phone number. We'll feature the summer slice in a story in late August.

Send the photo and information to: Mary Klemic, At Home Editor, The Eccentric Newspapers, 806 E. Maple, Birmingham 48006.

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