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Meadowbrook Murmurs

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The best part of summer is yet to come, even though the calendar mentions Labor Day coming up this week end. There seems to be a hint of Indian summer in the air, noticed? August has been an exceptionally green hue this year, too, and gardens have been blue-ribbed. Our little thumb even turned a bit green and the relatives have decided our little old half-acre is worth its labor after all. Of course, we've always bragged about our giant weeds, but practically got kicked off the premises 'tender day. "If you don't think we grow big weeds here!" we pointed out to a visitor, as we pulled out by its roots the largest dahlia we've had the luck to grow. There were five candles on the circus birthday cake at our house Saturday, as Little Miss Pigtail turned kindergarten age. Among her gaily wrapped treasures was a much longed-for curling kit, and the waist-length blond tresses have taken a trimming. So with a new hair-do, and a feeling of great self importance, she will be joining the parade toward Central School September 5.

Since school is just around the corner, P.T.A. moms are getting busy tonight at the home of Mrs. Anna Keller, 2922 Eight Mile Road. Members of the executive board attending will be the new president, Mrs. Leon Barry; teacher vice-president Mrs. Winifred Mumery; father vice-president Jacob Jacobson, mother vice-president Mrs. Anna Keller, secretary Mrs. Walter Malaski and treasurer Mrs. Emory Weak. Committee chairmen are expected, including Yours Truly, who wouldn't you know it, has been named publicity lady.

Second graders will attend full day sessions at Central School and that's good news for grandma Mrs. Donald Ruff and fond auntie Miss Mary Ellen Ruff, who have in their home at 25301 Scotten Street the rippinest, roarinest, most authentic cowboy this side of the Rio Grande. He's 7-year-old Robert Swarthout, and his convalence to the eye operation at Old Grace Hospital two weeks ago has been anything but quiet! His mom, Mrs. Charlene Swarthout, returns to her teaching in Detroit next week, after a vacation with the Olde West.

A first trip to great-grandma's house in Ohio was made last week by year-old Marsha, daughter of

the Clifton Farmers of Oxford Street. Bill Waack of Scotten Street hopes to try vacationing this week end again with his family, the Maurice Waacks. The foot infection seems to be gone, but nurse mom is still keeping the bandages fresh and trying to keep 11-year-old boy in a somewhat different state.

Mrs. Robert Briggs of 21615 Oxford Street told us about the big Cox reunion, an annual summer affair, which was held this year at the J. C. Cox home on 14 Mile Road. There were 67 there this year, the youngest being one-month-old Bruce Cox of Royal Oak. The lady with the greatest number of years to her credit was Mrs. Jennie Zieglermann of Collingham Street, Farmington.

How does polio start? For Frances Stoller, age 12, and sister Phoebe, age 15, it was like the flu, sudden flaring temperatures and sore throats the first week in August. Both girls had come back from ten days at camp July 15, very exhausted, but medical authorities felt that this was not the cause. Their only excursions away from home together during the following two weeks were a swim at Rouge Pool the day preceding Phoebe's illness. Frances became more seriously ill four days later and was rushed to St. Joseph Hospital. She had to remain there only three days and is trying to hurry her convalescence now in order that she may be ready to start school. Neither of the girls have been crippled, luckily. They're the daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Stoller of 29201 Long Avenue. There have been no other polio cases reported from that neighborhood.

It's a strange sensation, seeing a house moving down the street, and is even more crowd-drawing when it's a huge house being moved onto a hill site. Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Reamer of Detroit purchased their hill-top lot on Middlebelt Road near Eight Mile from the Har-Shafers this summer, and workmen are now busily renovating the big house which had the buggy ride there last Friday. With a dash of fresh paint, the house will become an attractive home for the Reamer family, which boasts four children.

Postponed a month ago, Robert Swarthout's eye operation took place last week, and his stay at

Old Grace Hospital was made enjoyable by his mom renting a television set for his ward. Bob was plenty excited when told he'd be coming home Wednesday, especially since there was to be new cowboy equipment waiting in his room. He too, hopes to be on hand at Central School September 5 when he starts second grade.

This is birthday week at our house and Miss Pigtail is sure that she can't wait until Saturday to turn five. "Remember, you have only one more week to be four years old," we've been warning her, and four has been a wonderful unresponsible age!

"I don't care!" Deanna asserted. "I want to be five right away so I can go to kindergarten and grow up and be a mama like you. Then when I'm bigger I want to be a grandma, and then maybe after that I can be (with a squint of anticipation) . . . an Aunt Dorothy!"

Every loyal, honest citizen must obey the law, even while seeking to improve it.

Bottle Message Isn't Appreciated

Sleeper state park rangers presume persons stashing bottles normally toss the glass "vessels" into the water . . . until they uncovered 10 bottles buried in the sand. If Carl and Jim, the notewriters and visitors to the park five years ago, read this, they'll know the rangers do not appreciate the act. Glass is one of the biggest hazards on state park beaches.

"The message in the bottle? . . . 'Last of 10 bottles, last of five days up here, July 13, 1946' . . . signed Carl and Jim."

Boats At Fishing Sites Must Be Identified

The public fishing site user who plans to leave his boat overnight now must have the name and address on the craft, the conservation department cautions.

Purpose is to aid in controlling summertime congestion at more popular sites.

Farm Labor Man Takes New Job

John R. Vloch, Farm Labor Specialist in this area for the past eight years, has resigned his position with the Michigan Employment Security Commission to accept a position of Executive Secretary of the Michigan Bean Producers Association in the Saginaw area. He assumed his new duties on August 27, and is working with approximately 60,000 bean growers in 25 counties promoting the bean industry.

Mr. Vloch wishes to express his thanks to all farmers and cooperators in this area for the fine cooperation extended him. Farmers in this area have gone a long way in solving their farm labor problems through their broad foresight in better housing, better planning and better relationship between workers and themselves. It is a credit to the farmers in this area in achieving these goals and he

feels in general the farm labor situation in this southeastern area is in better shape today than it has been in years past.

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