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### APRIL RAIN

The wild sweet rain of April spills On golden-throated daffodils, On garden wall and new green bough, On earth fresh-turned before the plough.

It scrubs the pansy's small shy face And shines each blade of grass in place To leave the springtime world aglow, And lift my heart to walk tiptoe. Viney Wilder

The sun was warm, but the wind was You know how it is with an April Day; When the sun is out and the wind is You're one month on in the middle of May. But if you so much as dare to speak. A cloud comes over the sunlit arch, A wind comes off a frozen peak, And you're two months back in the middle of March.

Robert Frost

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#### CAMERA CLUB

The April meeting of the Camera Club will give all members an opportunity to learn all about lenses and see slides of the Orient.

Charles Heiney will conduct this meeting, which will be held at his home, at 1263 Brookwood, Birmingham. The date of the meeting is Tuesday, April 9, and the time is 2:00 P.M.

Philip C. Satterthwaite, Chairman

Program for April 5th - A slide show of "A TRAIN RIDE" - Presented by Owen Goodrich and the Camera Club.

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## DISCUSSION TOPICS FOR APRIL - Bill Wilson, Chairman

April 5 - "Questions and Answers" - Group.

April 9 - "What the Gospels Leave Out" - Jim Pottinger, Leader.

April 12 - Moved to April 9 because of Good Friday. April 19 - "Amnesty" - Arno Hulet, Leader.

April 26 - "Telephone Solicitation and Junk Mail and What To Do About It" -George Reid, Leader

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#### CORRECTION

Page 33 of the Directory says Charlie Heiney's address is 1293 Brookwood. Make it 1263. % % % %

## GUESTS & NEW MEMBERS

One new member - Dr. Edwin DeJongh, 3880 W. Lincoln, Birmingham, Mich. Telephone - 646-1150

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Early in the month of March, our Corresponding Secretary, Paul Fischer, reported that he had written a THANK YOU letter to Corlis Watson, thanking him for the batch of Florida grapefruit that he sent to the Club members so that most everyone had one to take home for a memorial breakfast from Watson's sunny vacationland.

Alger B. Crandell, Sec.

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#### SPECIAL EVENTS --- Harry Rendell, Chairman for 1974

Kenneth Clarke, Editor of our Reminder, suggested that I write about the Special Events Committee activities since it was reorganized in 1968. I was asked by President Doig at the suggestion of John Daneke, a friend of many years, to become Chairman of the Special Events Committee for 1968. Our first event for this year was a dinner bridge party here in the Birmingham House. All of the flower decorations were made of crepe paper by about ten ladies (wives of members of the club), who said that I was a slave driver as we had to meet a deadline but when all the decorations were set up, the entire ballroom was just beautiful, and the effort was well worth while. We had about 200 people at this affair. This party was the start of the members and their wives getting acquainted, which has meant much to the success of the club.

#### 1969

President Bryant asked that I continue as Special Events Chairman for 1969. Our activities for this year were going to Jack Miner's Bird Santuary in Kingsville, Ontario and having dinner at the Lakeshore Terrace Hotel (smorgasbord food just out of this world) - we had two bus loads for this trip; also, attending Tiger baseball games, Ice Follies and Meadow Brook Festival. G.M. entertained for Christmas party.

#### 1970

President Whittaker asked me to be Special Events Chairman again for 1970. We had Ladies' Night with our own members as entertainers - Clarence, Coyle Fisher and Herb Flemington. We went to Tiger baseball games. For our Christmas Party, we had the Ford Continentals, who were very generous in entertaining us for the evening.

President-Elect Marcy appointed Vern Bryant Special Events Chairman for 1971.

President-Elect Simms appointed Dick Dewey Special Events Chairman for 1972.

#### 1973

President-Elect Heiney asked me to be Special Events Chairman for 1973. 1973 was a specially good year as we had many fine events, such as our trip to Mackinac Island, Algoma County; "No, No, Nanette" at the Fisher; also "GiGi"; movie "Winston Churchill"; Meadow Brook on Sunday - Arthur Feidler conducting. The Christmas Party was outstanding, with a 14 year old boy performing as a top magician. Musical entertaining by the Detroit Community Music School. We had over 200 at this party.

#### 1974

Again I have been asked to be Special Events Chairman with a committee of ten men, who will assume one month for a Special Event - Clarence Kraft, January - Roy Thurman, February. March and April, I took over, as the men who were to have these two months were away. Carl Schorn had the month of May for a trip to Spain, but not enough planned on going. Carl worked hard on this trip, but we will try another time when conditions are better. Our dinner dance was a huge success, so we will have another one in the Fall, and maybe our Christmas Party will be a dinner dance with some entertain-ment.

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#### BOWLING BUST

The annual Bowling Bust will be held in the Community House on Friday evening, April 26, 1974. Refreshments will be available at 5:30 P.M. and dinner will be served at 6:15 P.M. Tickets are \$5.50 each, which will include the before dinner refreshments and dinner.

One of the highlights of the evening will be the showing of candid, action slides of bowlers, past and present, by Phil Satterthwaite, of the Camera Club.

There will be, as usual, prizes galore! Leon Lytle and Frank Williams are in charge of this part of the program. See Lee or Frank if you care to make any prize donations.

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All non-bowlers are also welcome to an evening of fun!

Chet Stokes

# HEALTH REPORT 3-29-74 - R. F. Connor

Andre Spruce - home and improving.

James Kelley - home and no change.

Russ Brockmuller - Beaumont 546 - caught Flu in hospital after surgery.

Clarke McColl - home and better.

George Y. Reed - home and improving.

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#### WE REMEMBER

Since the first of this year, five of our members or ex-members have died.

Clarence A Cheney joined this Club in April 1961 and moved out of this area a year or so ago. He died on February 12th.

Edson W. Ivey became a member in September 1960 and remained active with us until February, when he died.

John Gordon left the Club about 3 years ago after being a member since September 1962. The only information we have is that he died recently.

Thomas J. Thorpe died suddenly March 8, 1974, in Lake San Marcos, California, at the age of 89. Services were held at William R. Hamilton Co. in Birmingham on March 11. He retired from a real estate business in Californiain 1950 and came to Birmingham, became a member of the Senior Men's Club in April, 1967 and participated in the Club bowling and golf activities until 1972. We'll miss his ready wit and friendly good humor. Tom was an extrovert, who made friends quickly, and kept those friendships. As a result, he had a long list of close friends in this Club. He was looking forward to playing golf with us again in this his 90th year. Tom was a seven year member.

Fred W. Zimmerman had been a member for two years when he died in February. He had been sick for a long while.

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#### TESTIMONIAL HONORING LES W. WILDER

Man-of-the-Hour of the PAUL BUNYAN CLUB, Outstanding and Ardent Fisherman, Hunter and Outdoorsman, whose untiring efforts over the years has brought fame and honor to the Paul Bunyan Club.

To enumerate just a few of his many accomplishments, Camp Boss, Timber Cruiser, Chairman of the State Hundred Million Recreation Bond Drive, Editor, Assembling and Compiling the History of the Paul Bunyan Club, etc.

It is fitting and proper that he should be so honored this night, March 14, 1974, by his fellow Bunyan Members, as a token of our appreciation of his past efforts.

Therefore, to Les Wilder, we members attending this dinner, affix our signatures with humble gratitude for a job well done in our behalf and wish you many more years of Fishing and Hunting, and Fellowship with your Paul Bunyan Club Members.

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#### 1974 GOLF SEASON PLANS - Bill Hanlon

The season's play is expected to begin Thursday, April 18th, at the usual 9:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. time. This will depend on the golf course condition in the judgment of the City Recreation authority. This date will be changed or reconfirmed, if possible, at our last Community House meeting preceding the April 18th starting date. If necessary, I will attempt to reach the golf team captains and advise them, by telephone, upon returning from Florida, approximately April 11th.

Temporary "tee off time" to be posted on the Community House Bulletin Board will be used until drawings for the requested starting times can be made, (probably on the first day of play).

Golfers were previously asked to consider a suggestion to charge \$2.00 or \$3.00 for the annual dues, a one time charge, to cover prizes, rather than make a solicitation of local merchants. Certain of our members, or others wishing to do so, can continue donating prizes as in the past. Collecting of dues on the first Thursday of golf will be postponed until members can express their preference.

Monday Golf: The City Recreation Director has decided to let us play Springdale on Mondays, on a trial basis, beginning April 22nd at 9:00 A.M. He is wary of receiving possible complaints from Birmingham Citizens, due to awarding two days to our group, or demands for that playing time from citizen groups having no allocation at all. Should we be cancelled out on Mondays because of such problems, we can move to White Lakes Oaks Golf Course, where we were last year. Springdale, however, will be preferable because of gasoline scarcity.

There will be no reserved "tee off time" for the Monday golf. This has been so in previous years. Players will be grouped in foursomes, or regular foursomes if they so appear, and sent off on a first come - first served basis.

See you at the Springdale first tee on Thursday, April 18th, or at a Friday meeting if I return from Florida earlier.

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### PROGRAMS FOR APRIL AND MAY 1974 - James Flack, General Program Chairman

Date	Speaker and Subject
Friday, April 5 Tuesday, April 9	The Camera Club - Philip C. Satterthwaite The Energy Crisis - Richard Thompson, General Motors Corporation.
Friday, April 19 Friday, April 26	Gold Coins and Gold Shares - John Nagel Kingswood School Music Group - Nina Studebaker, Dir.
William	m T. Menewisch, Chairman for Month of April
Friday, May 3	"After Retirement - Happiness?" - Robert J. Janes, Family Service of Oakland County.
Friday, May 10	"A View From the Bench" - Hon. Alice Gilbert, Judge 48th District Court
Friday, May 17	"Our Birmingham Senior Men's Club" - Ross A. Wagner (Club Day) Trescott Henshaw (Honoring Life Members and Past Presidents) Vernon C. Bryant James Pottinger Phil Satterthwaite
Tuesday, May 21 (Ladies' Day) 12 O'Clock Noon	"Reminiscing" - Milton F. Mallender, Attorney (Heritage Day)
Friday, May 31	"Promises To Keep" - Donald C. Huss, General Motors

## Charles B. Kass, Chairman for Month of May

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#### BRIDGE REPORT FOR MARCH - Carl Schorn

## Top Ten Scores for March

٦.	Waino Ansama	5900	(High	to	date	for	1974)	6.	Otto Thomsen	4900
	Bert Brandt	5850						7.	Charles Richards	4710
	Bill Pilditch								Charles Mentzer	4530
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									Carl Schorn	4360
ა.	Les Wilder	5,010					•	LU.	Carr Schorn	4300

## Top Five Average Scores for 5 Fridays in March

1.	$\operatorname{Ed}$	Smith	3506	(High	Monthly	Average	to	Date	for	1974)	,
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2. Waino Ansama 3472

3. Larry VanTuyl 3182

4. Les Wilder 3032

5. Al Haines 2880

There were 400 Bridge games played in March - an average of 80 games each week.

## PINOCHLE

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Bill Michael's Pinochle score of 1021 in March set a new high for 1974.

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## A TIMELY TIP TO OUR GOLFERS - Frank Reynolds

A better game, if this you heed, Don't plant more garden than your wife can weed. -Anon-

The way to perfect your game is to study and learn from the Golf of Mexico. You learned about this in school.

## SILENCE IS OLDEN

The human brain is a wonderful organ that begins working the moment you're born and never stops until you stand up to speak in public.

-Thomas LaMance

### PENNY WISE

Early in February, the teacher posted a picture of Abraham Lincoln on the bulletin board and asked, "Do you know who this is?"

One little girl spoke right out, "Yes. He's the man who makes the pennies."

-Dorothea Kent

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