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## Would you vote to sell parking lot for bank & P.O.?

"Your postmaster, Mrs. Ronk, deserves a medal for putting up with the conditions of the Clarkston Post office these past few years."

That's what the man from the real estate division of the Post Office, headquarters in Detroit said this week. Mr. Bridgeman and a man from the Chicago office were in Clarkston last Wednesday checking the local facilities and considering future moves.

When we contacted Mr. Bridgeman Friday we asked if they still planned to locate in Clarkston. He said, "You can say this: if it is not possible to find a site in Clarkston we will have to look outside of town."

They obviously want to keep the post office in town. Mr. Bridgeman said he had read stories in the Clarkston News concerning the crowded conditions in the local office and said, "You told us everything except where we are going to put a new office."

Since the village council had kicked around the thought of selling the village parking lot for a possible bank and post office site, and we had mentioned it in the News, we asked if this would be satisfactory to the department.

He said the thought occurred to him 3 years ago, but he was able to get no answers. Their attempts to build a new office at the old Methodist church site and where Savoie is located on Main Street have failed either because of a zoning conflict or space requirements.

With that we talked to some of the local citizens to see how they would vote on the village selling the parking lot for a bank and post office site.

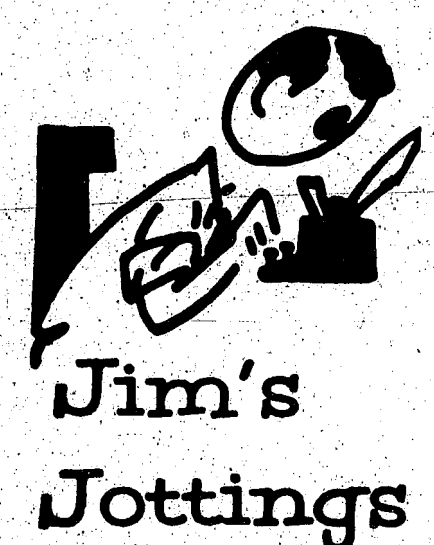
The law requires that residents must vote to allow the village to sell property they own.

We didn't talk to a lot of people, maybe a dozen, and found no one opposed to the idea. One wanted to think about it, a couple others said they were not strongly against the village selling the lot for the mentioned purposes and others were vocal in support of the idea. Some offered to work toward that end.

There are still uncertainties: like a definite commitment from the Pontiac State Bank that they would buy the property for their own use and build a post office; wording of the ballot; and if bids have to be asked.

However, the Council is certainly going to be discussing this subject again and we're sure they would like to hear some citizen reaction. The Clarkston News would, too.

If you live in Clarkston village and have thoughts for or against the village parking lot being sold for a site for a new bank and post office let the News and/or the elected officials hear from you.



also, like to party, enjoy laughter, take abuse, and do not let lack of fish spoil a few days off.

We from Oxford were supposed to fly to Manistee in George Wait's plane. Unfortunately, the ceiling at City Airport was too low and visibility too short, so we drove. By the time we hit Clare there wasn't a cloud in the sky and it remained that way until Sunday.

Except for stuffing 6 men in a car driving wasn't that bad. Of course, it would have been more fun to fly. Paul and Bud had left a day earlier to take tackle, clothes and goodies.

An hour after we reached our chalet we were on Portage Lake trolling for Coho. We had a good, safe boat, an inboard 23 feet long. Once we started out toward Lake Michigan, but while we could have ridden the waves it would have been little fun so we went back to Portage.

The Coho were jumping, but not hitting. The most interesting thing about this boat trip was watching the depth finder. I'd never seen one before. You could tell every minute how deep the water was in case you wanted to fish on the bottom. Four of us fished at 4 different depths just to make sure none got by, but they all did.

Saturday afternoon Pansy, I and former Oxfordite, Tom Culbert, now superintendent of schools in Manistee, went up Manistee River. Tom was the navigator in a canoe with a small outboard. The scenery was great, the weather fine, fellowship splendid, but again, no Coho.

It was interesting to watch the people speed by on their way back to the docks. You didn't need to ask if they had any fish. Their glum faces gave us the answer.

After a couple of hours of this Tom took us along the river through Manistee. The town has built a new marina, stores bordering the river have built entrances in the back and lovely, large yachts were going to and from Lake Michigan.

The city of Manistee is going to tear down an old factory on the river and build apartment buildings for senior citizens. This is something our town

## Local pianist visits England

A Clarkston pianist, Ivan Rouse, has recently returned from a three-week trip to England, where he met composers whose work he has been performing in this area.

Owner and director of the Clarkston Conservatory of Music and Dance, Rouse said that the trip was chiefly a vacation, but also afforded him the opportunity to pursue his interest in music.

Rouse said he particularly wanted to meet Miss Freda Swain, whose "Ballet Scherzo, Opus 6," he has been playing for several years at various recitals. The Ballet was written for three grand pianos, and he has been playing it with Norman Gifford, of Ferndale, and Sally Dow, of Birmingham.

Rouse said he also toured London and its environs in a leisurely, un-American way, and found the area charming. He also visited Yorkshire, where his family originated. He said he even found his family's name recorded in the Old Parish Church there.

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about 50 miles from London. He said he became interested in Miss Swain's compositions through Gifford, a musicologist and instructor at Highland Park Junior College. Formerly a researcher at the Library of Congress, Gifford had read of Miss Swain and found the Ballet in the Library.

The Ballet, according to Miss Swain, was written originally as an encore for a concert she and her husband, Professor Arthur Alexander, were writing. Both Miss Swain and Alexander are fellows of the Royal College of Music in London.

While in England Rouse also met another composer, Sir Ernest Bullock. Sir Ernest autographed copies of several of his works for Rouse.

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## Candidates asked to keep roads clean

The Oakland County Road Commission spends an estimated \$5,000 removing political campaign signs and posters from the public right of way every time there is an election, according to Paul Van Roekel, county highway engineer.

The road commission has sent a letter to 210 candidates running for public office in the November 5 general election requesting that they abstain from placing signs on trees on public highways or within county rights of way.

"Each election year, our office is besieged with complaints regarding the position of political signs within the right of way of highways in Oakland County," the letter says.

"The laws of the state of Michigan prohibit the affixing of signs to trees upon any public highway, and further prohibits the placing of unauthorized signs within county rights of way. The laws provide for both civil and criminal liability for violation."

The letter concluded by requesting the candidates' cooperation in helping keep the county roads free of political advertisements.

"It is difficult to estimate the effectiveness of such an appeal, but we have attempted to be quite consistent over the years in removing signs of any type from

the public right of way," Van Roekel said.

"Prior to an election it is impossible to assign enough men and equipment to the task of removing political signs in order to keep up with the problems."

"We suspect the candidates themselves are infrequent violators, but that their friends and campaign workers are the principal violators," he said.

## On national panel

John E. Heald, owner of Clarkston Sporting Goods, Clarkston, has been recognized as a member of the National Sports Age Retailer Panel. He is one of only 400 retailers throughout the United States who provide statistical data on their store's operation which is then compiled and put into a report which reflects trends and practices. This information is used by panel members to improve and upgrade their services and products.

## PTA to talk on crime

The "Beginnings of crime" is the theme for the 1968-69 Pine Knob PTA. It will be discussed at the first meeting at the school Monday, October 7 at 7:30 p.m.

Dennis McDonald, probation officer for this area, will be the guest speaker. Delores Dearborn, an officer of the PTA, said refreshments will be served following the meeting and all parents are invited.

## Police Chief Robert Phillips resigns

Robert Phillips, chief of police for the village of Clarkston for the past 8 years, has resigned.

His letter of resignation stated it would take effect when the letter was received. This would have been Friday. It was read and accepted by the Council Tuesday night.

No action was taken by the president to appoint a replacement. The letter recommended Lt. John Waits be promoted to the chief's post.

In part, the letter stated, "due

to personal reasons I feel I should resign because I no longer live in the village."

Both Phillips and Waits are members of the Sylvan Lake police force. The Clarkston police department is manned on a part-time basis.

Since all the radio equipment has been housed in Phillips' house on Orion Road, it will have to be moved. Space is being readied in the village hall to house the equipment and operator when on duty.



CHIEF PHILLIPS

## Voter registration deadline Friday

The Friday deadline is fast approaching for prospective voters who have not yet registered for the November 5 general election.

"You have only until October 4 to register. If you are not registered, you can't vote for president and the many other important offices, as well as on the five statewide propositions on the ballot," Secretary

of State James M. Hare said. Michigan law requires voters to be registered on or before the fifth Friday preceding any election to be eligible to vote in that election.

Those who are not yet registered may do so at the Independence Township Hall, 90 North Main Street, Clarkston. Office hours on Thursday are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Friday's hours are 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

## Kitty Carlisle opens

## Town Hall series October 9

Pontiac-Oakland Town Hall, Inc. opens its 1968-69 series on October 9 at 10:30 A.M. at the Huron Theatre, Pontiac, with the appearance of Kitty Carlisle speaking on "First Person Singular."

She is an actress, singer and former T.V. panelist on "To Tell the Truth." She now resides in New York. Kitty is the mother of two children and her husband was the late Moss Hart.

Miss Carlisle is a member of the Visiting Committee of the Board of Overseers of Harvard University for the School of Design and the Visual Arts and the Special Consultant to Governor Rockefeller for Opportunities for Women.

Hostesses for the day are Mrs. W.J. Freyermuth, Rochester; Mrs. N.K. Hunter, Pontiac; Mrs. F.C. Ziem, Sylvan; Mrs. R.C. Mountain, Pontiac; Mrs. R.D. Kuhn, Waterford; Mrs. A.C. Compton, Waterford; Mrs. D.F. Leoney, Pontiac; and Mrs. M.M. Alward, Pontiac. A celebrity luncheon will follow at Devon Gables.

## Gas, license revenues up from last year

State gasoline taxes and license plate fees produced a record \$309.9 million for the Motor Vehicle Highway Fund during the fiscal year which ended June 30. This represents an increase of 9.6 percent over the previous year.

From these revenues \$8,542 were paid to Clarkston for maintenance and improvement of streets. This is an increase of \$833 over last year.

The increase is due in part to a hike from six to seven cents in gasoline taxes, effective January 1 this year, according to Henrik E. Stafseth, state highway director.

The other part of the tax package, restoring motor vehicle weight taxes to the pre-depression level, won't take effect until this fall, when the new commercial and passenger vehicle license plates go on sale.

## UF kicks off commercial drive

The commercial and manufacturing divisions of this year's Pontiac Area United Fund campaign will hold their kickoff luncheon at noon Thursday at the Elks Temple, 114 Orchard Lake Avenue, Pontiac, Michigan.

The event features speaker Charles A. Smith, Associate Professor of English from Western Michigan University. Smith, an author and orator, titles his speech "A Horse of What Color?"

This year's goal for the Commercial Division is \$294,274.00. The Manufacturing Division hopes to raise \$40,780.00 as part of this year's total goal of \$1,130,000.00, ten percent over the amount raised last year. Contributions collected go to the 55 health, welfare, youth and research agencies with the P.A.U.F.

## Register snowmobiles

For the first time in Michigan history, snowmobiles will be registered in the state.

Secretary of State, James M. Hare, said registration will start "sometime in October" and that his Department was presently readying the "mechanics" of the registration program for the winter vehicles, which he estimates number from 50,000 to 100,000 in the state.

Based on a three-year registration cycle starting in 1969 and ending in 1971, fees are \$5.00 for three years; \$3.00 for two years; and \$2.00 for one year.



CANADIAN GEESE - have been landing in the field adjacent to the house on the Bradley Miller farm on North Holcomb for the past few weeks. Miller said that when he was feeding them twice a day, 230 to 250 of them would fly in both morning and night. "I am only feeding them once a day now, and only about half that many come in," he said. With the coming of hunting season, he said he plans to stop feeding them completely.

# What to eat for breakfast: artichoke omelettes

By Joe Backus

I've often heard it stated that breakfast menus in restaurants all over the country are basically the same, each containing pretty much the same Sunday items.

I pretty much accepted as fact that the only things one could get to eat in restaurants in the morning were eggs, French toast, pancakes, bacon, ham, sausages, or cereals, accompanied by an assortment of juices, beverages, rolls and toast.

Breakfast menus I considered rather dull. But that was before I went to San Francisco.

Derek Wernher, our friendly, neighborhood sculptor, had lived in the San Francisco area for a number of years, and therefore knew the right places to go. In making plans to go out there for his show, he commented, "Well, one thing we have to do in San Francisco is go down to Lena's for artichoke omelettes for breakfast."

The more I thought about it, the more the idea appealed to me.

Lena's Kitchen is found in the produce section of Oakland. "You have to get there early in the morning to get artichoke omelettes," Derek explained.

So about 6:30 one morning, I decided it was time to get up and go out for artichoke omelettes. The quickest way I've ever found to make three enemies is to wake them up that early and tell them its time to go out for breakfast.

In fact, no one spoke to me the entire way across the Bay Bridge to Oakland.

We wound our way through the

produce section, seeing the workers unloading the last of the day's oranges, tomatoes, potatoes, corn, etc. Eventually we arrived at Lena's Kitchen, about a block off Jack London Square.

And a kitchen is about all it was: a large room with grease and smoke covered cooking area separated by a thin, plaster-board partition from a wooden-floored eating area. There were five or six large, linoleum-topped tables with wooden chairs around them, and the counter would seat about a dozen more people.

We all sat down at the counter and Derek ordered four artichoke omelettes from Nick, the rotund cook.

While we waited for them to arrive I looked around the room at the numerous printed and hand-written notices thumb-tacked to the wall. On one wall was a calendar sporting a picture of a pin-up girl in all her native glory.

On another one, which I couldn't see completely from where we were sitting, was what appeared to be another pin-up picture. But on later inspection, it turned out to be a picture of the Madonna.

The omelettes finally came. They were a kind of unappetizing color between the yellow of scrambled eggs and artichoke green. They are made by mixing chunks of artichoke heart, and maybe a few of the small, tender inside leaves of the artichoke, in with the omelette recipe.

They were served with a salad of fresh lettuce, baby shrimp

and tomatoes, fried potatoes, and sourdough French bread.

I can't begin to describe the delicious flavor of the artichoke omelettes. But I knew from my first bite that this was the most memorable breakfasts I have ever eaten.

## Visits DAV headquarters in Kentucky

Mrs. Norman Davison of Clarkston returned last week from Vanceburg, Kentucky where she had spent two weeks visiting the Chester Newmans.

During World War II while Mr. Newman was in training in the Navy at Detroit, he spent many weekends at the Davison home, being sent there through the U.S.O. in Detroit.

The highlight of her trip was visiting the National Disabled American Veteran's Headquarters at Cold Spring, Kentucky. She enjoyed the tour of the building and visiting with the adjutants of the Chapter and the Auxilliary.

The Idaho License Tags which they send out mean a lot more to her now when she saw piles of keys being sorted and sent back to their owners.

Mrs. Davison is very active in D.A.V. work and extends an invitation to any disabled veteran to attend the meeting of Pontiac Memorial Chapter, 101 which meets the third Thursday of each month at 8:00 P.M. at the Amvet Hall at 570 Oakland Avenue.



NEW LOT-The blacktopping is in, lights and banners strung over Jack W. Haupt's new used car lot. It is directly across the street from his Pontiac agency on North Main.



Excited trophy winners in Pinewood Derby Race are - back row (from left) Bobby Brown, Jimmy Ratliff, Larry Dean, Tim Fuller, Randy Cummings. Front row - Jeff Brantley, David Hughes, David Cooper and Steve Criger. Absent from the picture are Robert Hall, Craig Cinader and Carl Whitlock.

## BOY SCOUT NEWS

Pack 134 of Sashabaw Presbyterian Church held an exciting and memorable pack meeting Saturday, September 28.

The opening flag ceremony was conducted by the Webelos. Cubmaster, Seth Cummings, presented achievement awards to: Larry Dean, Robert Hall, Jeffrey Cooper, Jimmy Steinhoff, Tony Thompson, Bobby Brown, Donald Jones, Dave Hutchins, Stephen Bencotter, Jeff Bray, David Cooper, Randy Cummings, Jeff Farough, David Hughes, Rob Rhyndress, Mark Wood, Eric Caldwell, Gerald Savage and Jimmy Ratliff, Steve Criger, Mike Nagel and Mike Cooper.

Webelos Leader, Gordon Dean, graduated Eric Caldwell into Troop 133 accepted by Scoutmaster Frank Ridley.

Refreshments were furnished and served by Den 5 with Mrs. Robert Cooper as Chairman.

Andersonville Cub Scout Pack 133 held school night for scouting last week.

The meeting opened with the Webelos having the flag ceremony. Mr. Zelenak gave the welcoming to the group followed by Den #5 singing "A Sharp Den Song."

Chuck Johnston then led the group in a community sing. A ceremony depicting the light of

cub scouting was done by the leaders.

The school night of scouting was then conducted with 25 new boys and 7 adult leaders being recruited. Den #2 ended the business meeting with a skit on how to join a pack. Refreshments were served by Den #5.

Always read "The News"

## Beginning at Kalamazoo

A Clarkston resident is among the record 386 freshmen to enroll in Kalamazoo College this week. He is Kim E. Beattie, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Beattie, 6265 Snowapple Drive.

The new class will make its first step in the Kalamazoo Plan of year-around education that takes into career service for three months in his sophomore year; six months of foreign study in his junior year and three months of off-campus independent research in his senior year.

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# Heartbreaker: Wolves find where Clarenceville is

By Kirk Phillips

Well, it was one of those nights, as the Wolves dropped a six to nothing decision to the Trojans, from Clarenceville. This is the second loss of the season and makes the Wolves record 1-2.

The Trojans scored their lone touchdown in the first quarter. Quarterback Dave Brandemihl, hit halfback, Rob Weller, for the touchdown.

Clarkston had several chances to score but couldn't move the pigskin over the last field stripe.

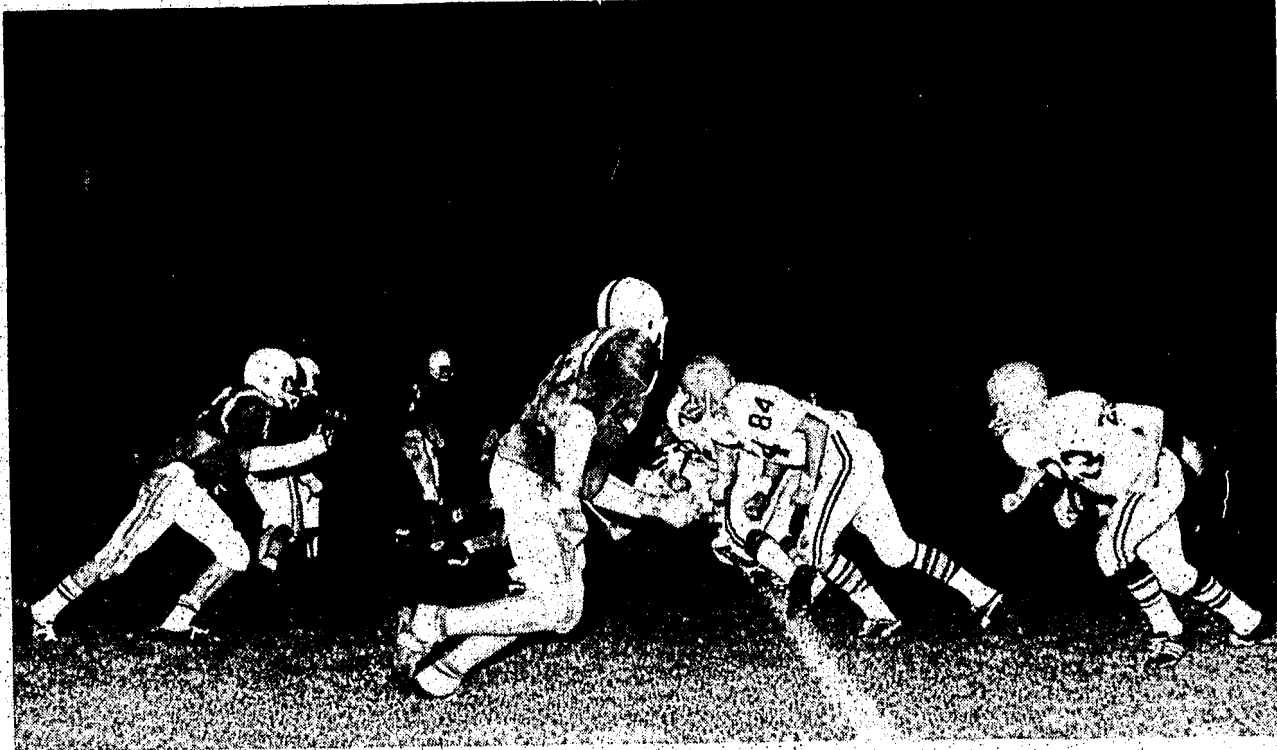
In the first place, I'd like to say that injuries have plagued the Wolves since the season opened. Doug Green, Jeff Keyser, Bill Anderson and quarterback Bob Paladino, guard Bill Wertman and center Craig Hutchins have all had minor injuries. When these injuries heal the Wolves shouldn't have any trouble in going the rest of the way undefeated.

Oh, by the way, we are going to play the Captains from Waterford Kettering, and Jim Larkin and crew had better be ready, as the Wolves will take a

fired up squad, to take care of the Junior Wolves, for not mentioning them in my last article. They have rolled past their two opponents. Coaches, Bill Hanson

I would like to apologize to

and our newcomer, Gary Dyanski, are doing a fine job in teaching the boys advanced football and preparing them for the variety.



CHARGE—Looking up the line of scrimmage just after the ball was snapped, one Clarkston player can be seen in the center of the line starting his blocking assignment. Clarkston is in white jerseys.



Dr. OAKS says...  
PROTECT YOUR HEALTH

Dr. Oaks Says:

Longevity—a longer life—is hardly a factor of sufficient strength to alone persuade a smoker to discontinue smoking. The typical puffer is apt to slow down a bit for a while, but he won't abstain. He'll compromise. "I just won't smoke as much," he tells himself, figuring silently that he'll settle for five when ten years are available. This type of rationalization in itself provides proof of the mental muscle behind the three-pronged advice offered in this series to discontinue smoking. All-important phase one suggests plausible health gains from discontinuance. These are facts—known, documented and proven with no maybes or mights. Phase one is not easy, it may take weeks, even months. But, the self-directed brainwashing must be complete.

Phase two is then automatic. "I want to stop." It's that simple. No announcements need be made, no countdowns—20 today, 15 tomorrow, etc. or waiting to run out of smokes on a remote island. If phase one has been successful, the subconscious has done the work. You stop! Not quit. There's such a finality to that word. Just the mere thought of finality produces anxiety. "I'm not stopping, I'm

quitting," you say. What of that? The mind is a tricky thing. Actually, you'll be setting yourself up for the fall. Should the habit be resumed at a later date, for example, the monster called guilt looms large and real. Resumption would openly reveal ambivalence, insincerity, subservience to the tobacco-filled tube. The tendency will be to hide, to sneak one. The anxiety will mount until it becomes so unbearable that you are unbearable. The lesser of the two evils wins. Gleelessly, the slave lights up.

How to resist resumption of the smoking habit? This is phase three—staying stopped. Again, it rests firmly on the brainwashing accomplished in phase one. The repeated admonitions, subconsciously rooted and subliminally discharged, become the mood and the new habit.

The facts against inhaled tobacco smoke are continually mounting. The seemingly unending presentation of facts upon facts provide reinforcement for the initial phase one mental gymnastics. However, reinforcement is not really necessary when the former smoker realizes his new found control over his emotions. It amounts to a significant dose of self-approval.

## Help your child learn

A child's first steps and first words are exciting moments for the parents, but sometimes over-anxious parents actually slow the child's progress.

Sometimes your love and pride in your little ones may be so great that you try to hasten their progress before they are ready physically, mentally, socially or emotionally, says Mrs. Rosalie Hawley, Cooperative Extension Service home economist.

Child development experts have found that there is a right time for a child to begin a new experience. They call this the "teachable moment," when learning takes place most easily.

When your child utters those first important words and begins to speak in phrases, don't be concerned if he doesn't speak plainly or if his speech is hesitant. It is more important for him to experiment with sound himself. If you as parents speak slowly and distinctly it will be easier for the child to learn to talk.

Another area of concern to most parents is toilet training. Mrs. Hawley suggests you wait for several cues before you

begin the training period.

It is better to wait until the child can understand and be a little cooperative in the effort. For example, you might observe that around 15 or 16 months your child is still dry after a two hour nap. This might be the appropriate time to begin toilet training.

Often a baby will show the first signs of understanding by indicating that he is wet instead of dry. Usually it will take about two years for a child to establish a new routine and reminders may be needed for sometime after this.

In all phases of the maturing process it is most important to provide opportunities for learning rather than forcing it. A little love, sympathy and understanding will help the child feel more secure as he tries to master each new skill.

## Meet the candidate

A "Meet the Candidate" meeting will be held Saturday beginning at 8 p.m. in the Brandon High School Auditorium in Orionville. All three parties will

## Find the hidden treasure

The Clarkston Women's Club is sponsoring a treasure hunt Saturday, October 19. It will begin at 8 p.m. at the parking lot at Washington and Main Streets, but participants should arrive early enough to be registered and ready to go by 8.

Two or three couples should get together and work as a team. The club will award cash prizes to the first three teams to finish.

Each person should take a flashlight and each team should have an Oakland County road map, a North Area telephone book, an almanac, pencils and paper. At the beginning of the hunt, each team will be given a set of the treasure hunt rules.

A buffet supper will be served. The last clue of the hunt will give its location. For further information call Connie Tucker, 625-4716, or Char Cowden, 625-5408.

be represented. The meeting is open to the public.



National School Lunch Week

October 6-12

Monday—Sloppy Joe on bun, buttered corn, potato chips, peach cobbler and milk.

Tuesday—Beef stew on mashed potatoes, green beans, roll & butter, orange juice and milk.

Wednesday—Pizzaburger, green salad, hot vegetable, fruit jello and milk.

Thursday—Vegetable soup and crackers, meat salad sandwich, cabbage-pine-apple raisin salad, banana cake and milk.

Friday—Tuna noodle casserole, buttered peas, rolls & butter, blueberry pie and milk.

## Open season here

The Waterford-Clarkston Business and Professional Women Club meet for their first meeting of the fall season Thursday evening at the Independence Township Hall. Fifteen members were present.

A business meeting followed the 6:30 p.m. dinner.

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## Chatham Club

### holds fall dance

The sixty-five couples that comprise the Chatham Club membership kicked up their heels at the Fraternity Folly, the September dance that ended this year's social season. This was held at the Knight's of Columbus Hall in Lake Orion, September 28, at 9:30 p.m. A buffet of beer and pizza followed the dancing.

Offices for this club are held jointly by husband and wife teams. This year's presidential couple were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Newlin. Offices of secretary and treasurer were held respectively by Bill and Pat Race and Bob and Marj Neubaucher. Gus and Carolyn Birtsas handled the Membership, and the Correspondence was looked after by Bob and Nancy Tilley. Bob and Pat Kloc had charge of Orchestra and Arrangements. Decorations and Publicity were under the charge of Gary and Alicai Duncan. New officers were announced at the Fraternity Folly. They will plan the next four dances which take place in December, March, June and next September.

were part of a group of twenty. Mrs. Jack Dougherty of 6562 Pear Street was hostess September 26 for the Thursday Bridge Club. Guests were Mrs. Jane Day and Mrs. Alice Medlon who met with regular members Mrs. Robert Crusinberry, Mrs. Charles Klann, Mrs. Doug Griffiths and Mrs. Steve Stamas.

Just received word that Miss Beryl Ellen Austin, daughter of the Ellison Austin's of Kier Road, has been accepted as a member of the University Glee Club. This was a result of recent tryouts held at Michigan State University where Miss Austin is a freshman. Guests for the past week at the Peter Lektzian's of 6563 Plum Drive were Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Crompton of Branson, Missouri. The Crompton's are Mrs. Lektzian's aunt and uncle.



A daughter, Michelle Marie, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Robert F. Thibert, 6480 Eastlawn, September 19, at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital. She was their first child and weighed 6 lbs., 5 oz. at birth. The maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. L.W. Humphreys of Pontiac and Mrs. June Dovigi of Sault St. Marie, Ontario. Michelle also has a great grandmother, Mrs. Hazel Booth, of Sault St. Marie, Ontario.

### Sixth Child Arrives

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Anderson of 6062 Middle Lake Road welcomed their fourth daughter, Tuesday, September 24. Sharon Ruth timed her arrival for 7:25 a.m. at the Pontiac General Hospital, weighing 8 pounds and 7 ounces. On hand to greet the newcomer when her proud parents brought her home were sisters Cathy, Laurie and Beth and brothers Jerry and Ricky. Proud grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Castelle Gentry of Howell, Michigan.

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## Engaged



Mr. and Mrs. T. Fred Mara of Waterford have announced the engagement of their daughter, Joyce, to Lawrence Anthony Day, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence W. Day, of Cramlane, Clarkston. The wedding is planned for February 15.

## Taking ins. course

James W. Huttenlocher of Clarkston, a representative of Aetna Life & Casualty, is attending an advanced casualty and property insurance course at Aetna's home office in Hartford, Connecticut.

Designed for experience insurance agents, the course features an analysis of recent changes and developments in the insurance business, particularly as they apply to the insurance-buying public. The course ends Friday, September 27.

Huttenlocher, who has been in the insurance business locally for the past 11 years, is vice president of the H.W. Huttenlocher Agency, Inc., Pontiac. He is past president of the Pontiac Independence Insurance Agents Association and a member of the executive board of the Michigan Independent Agents Association. He lives at 6201 Middle Lake Road.



The Chatham Dance Club chose the casual setting and attire of fall for its opening dance of the season, as it met last Saturday night in Lake Orion. About to be served all the pizza they could eat are Robert Newlin (right) and Donald Auten (center), both past presidents of the Club, with other Club members following.

## Around the Town

Phone 625-3370

By Constance Lektzian

Now let's see - how much summer are we allowed in Michigan? Seems as if summer was the day school let out, Fourth of July and about four days in August. Surely we have Indian Summer in store for us in October.

Friday, September 20, found a group of eight Clarkston couples in Mio packed and ready for a canoe trip down the Au Sable. Janet and Arlon Perry, Betty and Bill Richard, Trajan and Diane Vosie along with Jerry and Connie Tucker, camped out at Mio, leaving early Saturday morning. After 6 hours of paddling they arrived at Camp Asagawam, a Boy Scout camping site. The cook-out that night was in the able hands of the husbands, all of

whom are very active in Scouting work in this area. Sunday morning, the canoe pickup returned the couples to Mio. The trip was such a success - only one person fell in the Au Sable - that a trip has already been planned for next summer. This will start from the village of Indian River on Sturgeon River.

Carole and Jerry Bradley opened their home on Snowapple Drive Sunday afternoon, September 22, for a meeting of the J.C. convention committee. Dr. and Mrs. Alfred Hamilton of Overlook Drive, who jointly hold the office of president, conducted the meeting. Plans are being made for the "On to Louisville" Convention to be held in Kentucky next summer.

In connection with these future plans, which take a tremendous amount of work, Rob-

ert Tilley of 6705 Transparent took children Patrick and Judy along to attend a state meeting in Lansing at the Civic Center, Sunday, September 22.

Tuesday night, September 24, Mrs. Roger Thompson of Allen Road, opened her home for a board meeting of the Clarkston Community Women's Club. Officers, standing committee chairmen and board members discussed plans for the coming year.

The Community Center in Clarkston was the site of the general membership meeting of the Women's Club held Thursday, September 26, at 8 p.m. Approximately 55 women voted on the projects for the forthcoming year which will include a Treasure Hunt to be held October 14, a rummage sale in January and the annual calendar sale. The president, Mrs. Barton Connors of 5840 Warbler Drive, asked for additional members to staff the Story Hour project as well as the blood bank to be held October 25 at the Community Center. Other officers of the Club include vice president Mrs. Clifford Moore of Amy Drive and secretary, Mrs. Charles Weichel of Amy Drive. Treasurer is Mrs. Thomas Lamm of Robertson Court and the corresponding secretary is Mrs. Fred Davidson, also of Robertson Court.

Speaker of the evening was Mrs. Keith Leak. She discussed decoupage as a hobby and displayed some of the articles she had completed. These included a table and a lamp as well as clocks and boxes. She also briefly reviewed several books on decoupage. A question and answer period followed. Following the meeting the officers

served coffee and dessert.

Don't Forget - The Executive Board Meeting of the Clarkston Elementary School will be held at 8:00 p.m., October 7. President, Richard Anderson, will lead the discussion of ways and means and projects for the coming year.

Mrs. Rosetta Braithwaite of Benton Harbor is in Clarkston recuperating from a broken leg. She is staying at the home of her daughter and son-in-law Doug and Jane Griffiths of 6606 Pear Street. It couldn't have happened to a more cheerful person. Not even this infirmity made her lose her smile.

Mrs. Robert Tilley of 6705 Transparent Drive was in Ortonville Wednesday, September 25, to attend the Jaycette meeting there. Nancy is the vice president of the Jaycettes in district #18 and at least once a year she attends a meeting of the groups in this area. Mrs. Charles Robertson of Hummingbird Lane was invited by the Ortonville members to attend this meeting also. She explained the Helping Hand program, a project that has been promoted by the Jaycette organization.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellison Austin and son Mark of 8660 Kier Road recently returned from a two week trip that took them through the Canadian provinces of Ontario, Manitoba and Saskatchewan. Their destination was Lucky Lake in Saskatchewan. Before returning to Clarkston, they toured North Dakota, Minnesota, Wisconsin and Michigan's Upper Peninsula. Now that's a lot of travelling.

Mr. and Mrs. Merlyn Shook, of 5092 Heath Drive, along with daughters Lisa and Pamela,



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# Cohoing at Bear Creek ain't fishing

By Jim Sherman  
As we walked away from Bear Creek I said to my companions. "I feel like taking a bath."

That was my first and last impression of the scene at Bear Creek where it dumps into the Manistee river north and east of Manistee.

Pansy Baldwin and I were given the grand tour by Tom Culbert. Tom was elementary coordinator in the Oxford school system before assuming the responsibilities of Superintendent of Manistee schools in 1961.

He's a member of the Board of Commerce up there and a good one as far as we're concerned. He picked us up at the Buckineer Inn in Onekama at just the right time to go fishing . . . 10:30 a.m. The plan was for three of us to take a canoe trip up the Manistee troling for Coho.

En route south Tom asked us if we wanted to see Coho fever in action at the Bear. This stream was the initial planting ground for Coho in Michigan. About 6 miles upstream from the Manistee there are rearing grounds for Coho.

At the mouth of the Bear the conservation department has built a weir. It's a holding area about 40 feet wide and maybe 300 feet long. A couple days before we got there Tom had taken his wife and guests, Mr. and Mrs. Ken Harris, to this spot and the weir was frothing with Coho.

Last Saturday we saw none. Supposedly, they were there since the run had started . . . Coho returning to their point of entry to spawn.

What we saw was a traffic jam and people. Cars and trucks were lined up a half mile west of the creek and I don't know how far beyond. Tom let

us off near the 1-way bridge over the creek and he went on to turn the car around.

We could smell fish a quarter mile away. Later we learned this came from fishermen cleaning their catch on the creek banks, leaving the entrails to decay or be eaten by wildlife.

A short casting distance upstream from the bridge (some were casting under the bridge, it was that close) men in waders and a row boat were elbow to elbow across the stream.

Once in a while someone would yell "Fish on", eyes would turn toward him as he reeled in his line, and he would bring in his catch . . . another fishermen's line and lure.

My estimate of the number of people on the bridge and along the roadside would be close to a thousand. Mostly they chatted and looked because only a few could fish in the narrow stream and there were men behind them waiting to step ahead should one of the anglers tire.

Good 'ol Mort Neff was there, and a crowd around him were giving their opinion on the conservation department's handling of Coho. I didn't know it, but the department had let out surplus Coho on bids. A company in Grand Rapids got it for 15.6 cents a pound.

Conservation men would scoop the Coho out of the weir with mobile shovels, load them in trucks and ship 'em out.

Some in attendance objected to this, saying they deserved a right to buy the fish at the site. Mort asked for opinions on this and got it. Some wanted to buy, some didn't.

Also, on hand was a former newspaper man from Almont, and now a photographer for ABC

television, Gene Little. Funny thing, people didn't mob him with questions and opinions. He just walked around doing his job.

There was talk in the crowd of finding a place to get dynamite to blow up the weir. There were complaints on parking and camping conditions in this area of Bear Creek. There was plain grumbling. But, there were a lot of people having lunch outside the trunks of their cars and making the most of the bad fishing.

My experience with fishermen has been entirely different than I witnessed at Bear Creek. I fished about 6 hours over the weekend. Maybe I was disappointed at not feeling the tug at my line, but I still enjoyed it. So did my companions, all 10 of them.

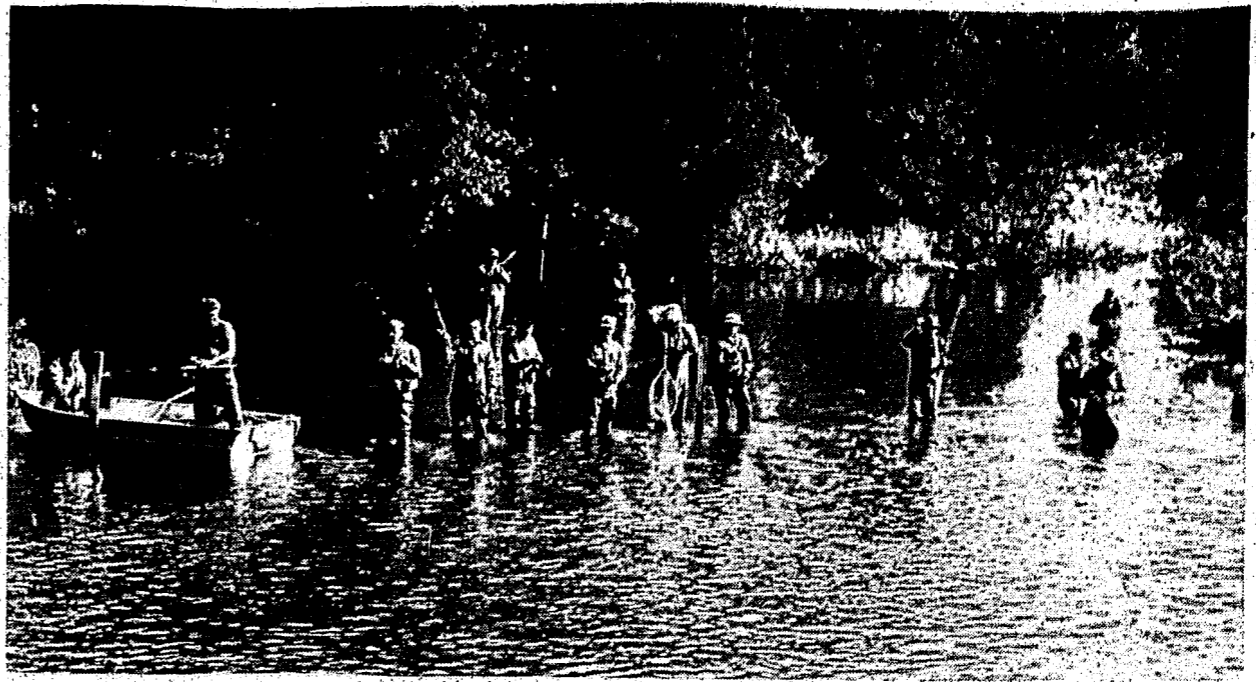
If not catching a fish means spoiling a vacation I'd have a lot of spoiled vacations.

Generally, this wasn't the type of fisherman we saw at Bear Creek, they wanted meat. They looked greedy. They would settle for snagging or anything to get a Coho. My feelings were born out later. Two days after we were there the fishermen erupted.

With clubs, baskets, and tackle they attacked the Creek. As one conservation department man said, "A mob attack turning the fishing into a hog wallow."

There was no sportmanship in this. No true fishermen, by my definition, were present. It was just a mess and I left Bear Creek feeling dirty.

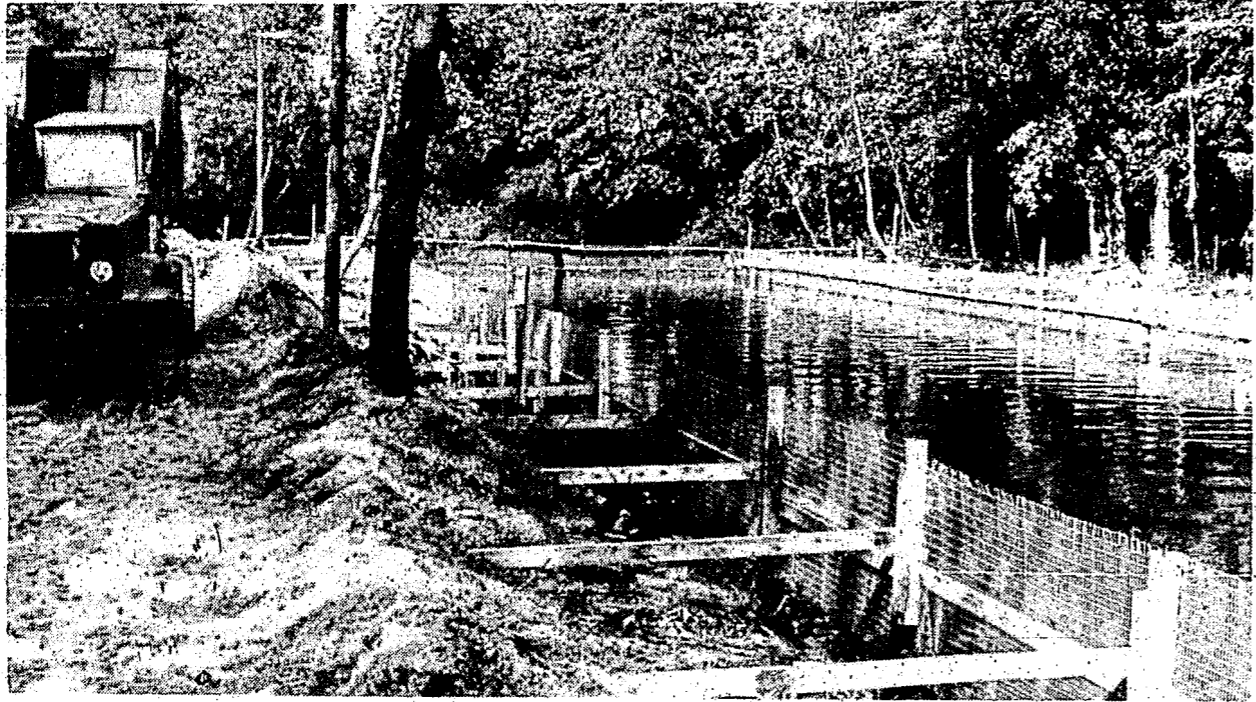
So now Bear Creek is closed to fishing. The meat-hungry mobs are out of luck, just as they have always been, when they play by their own rules.



TANGLED LINES — When one of these guys yelled "Fish on" it meant he had another man's line. This was the scene last Saturday morning at Bear Creek, Manistee county.

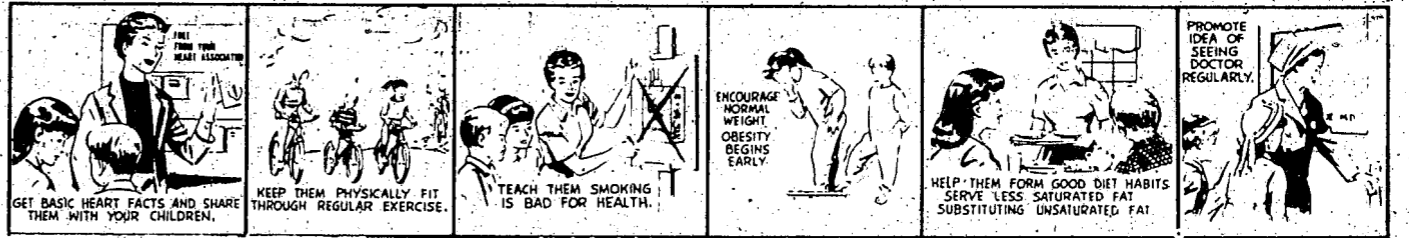


CROWDED BRIDGE — The 1-way bridge over Bear Creek truly was, especially with the number of people at the rails.



DYNAMITE IT! — Men were talking of dynamiting this holding weir at Bear Creek.

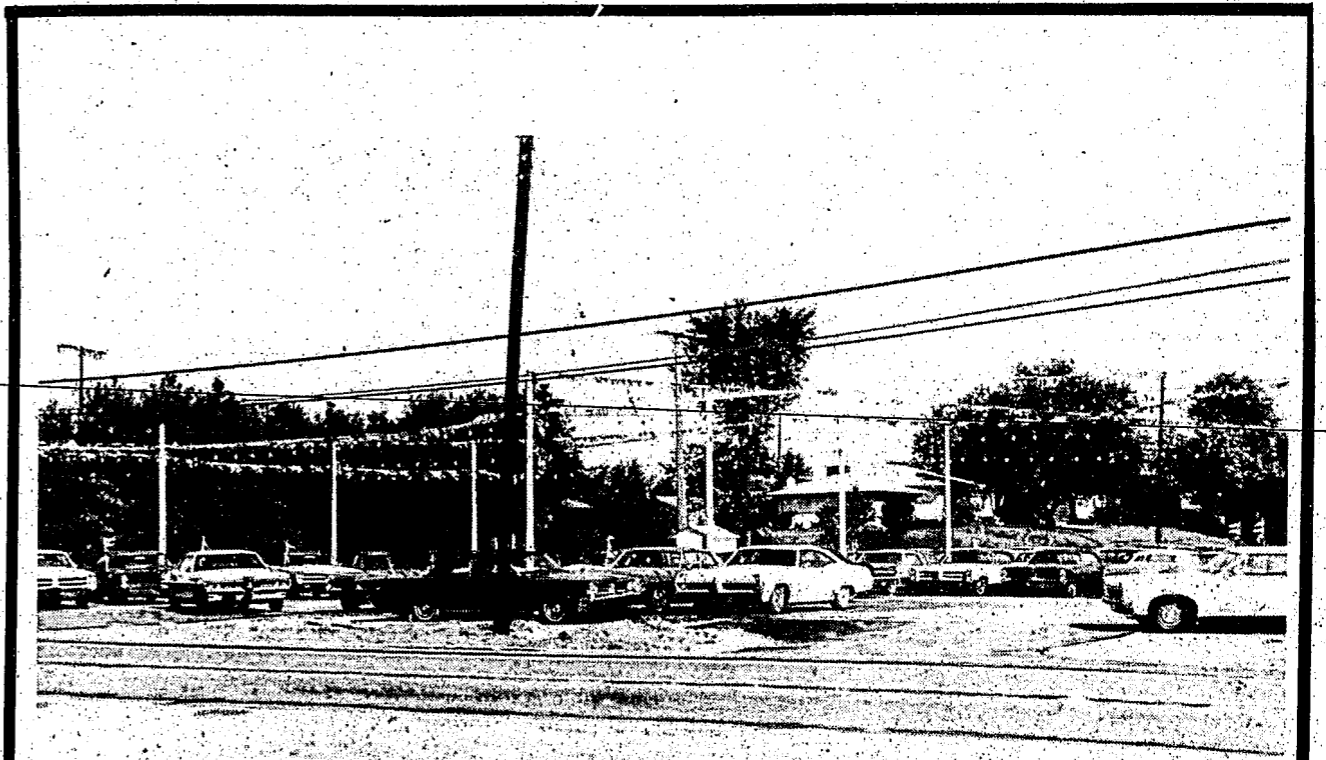
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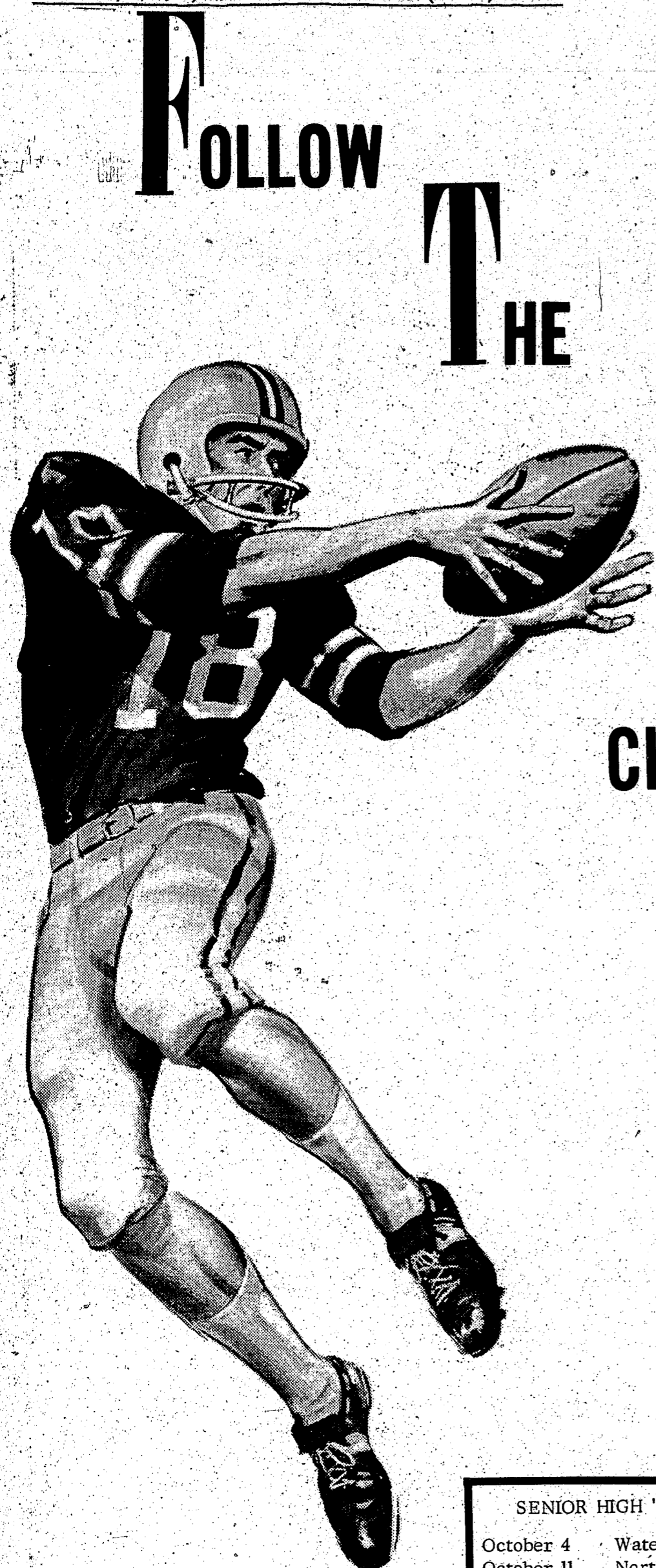
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Another Day  
by Constance Lektzian

# The Allen Family

The restless urge to move and find a farm just a little more progressive, seemed to be a trait of the early pioneers. This went even into the second and third generations. William Allen could have done quite well in Thomas but in 1884 he was looking for a larger farm. It was then he brought his wife Lydia and their growing family to Clarkston.

Two hundred acres near what is now Rattalee Lake and Allen Roads gave Billy I, as he was known, the livelihood he was seeking. It was here that they raised four sons and a daughter. Billy I proved his faith in his ability to make a go of his farm and a few years later, in about 1886, he added 80 acres to his holdings.

There was a house on these last acres he bought, a house that had stood vacant for years. Neither Lydia nor her husband had any inclination to move from their place on the original farm so the house was used only occasionally for storage.

It was their son Guy, who had been born shortly after they moved to Clarkston, who put the house to use. This was during the days when reunions ranked high in the social patterns of family living. These get-togethers drew even the most distant relative from the scattered villages and farms for day long gatherings. It was at one of these that Guy met young Lydia Curtis, who was not only a cousin of his mother but had been named for her. Grand-

daughter of a pioneer who had settled near Leonard in 1830 and bore the curious name of Zimri, Lydia was accustomed to the long hours and arduous work that seemed to be woman's lot. She proved an ideal wife for Guy.

Once the wedding day was planned, the work began. Few girls had bridal shops and department stores from which to choose her wedding clothes. In most cases, even the patterns from which the dresses were made, were cut and designed by someone in the family who had a knack with scissors and a needle. Lydia's sister carefully put together 18 inch wide strips of fine embroidered white cotton in the full sleeves and trailing skirts of the early 1900's. The blue traveling outfit for the honeymoon trip featured a spectacular blue hat on which a long white



Guy Allen ran a successful farm for 43 years in Independence Township.



LYDIA CURTIS

ostrich plume curved.

In these days before World War I, autos were still toys for rich men and most long distance traveling was done on trains. It was an hour and a half trip from Leonard to Pontiac in these plush covered, cinder dusted cars. Here in Pontiac, the young couple changed trains for their destination, Fenton.

It was a few years later that Guy and Lydia decided to live in the house that had stood empty on the last acres Billy I. had bought. It had already been owned some 28 years by the Allens and it had been many years before that since the house had known any human habitation.

There was a lot of work to be done before they could move in. The many paneled windows had to be replaced, new floors laid, walls and

ceilings patched and papered.

No young couple in 1914 expected to start life on a level with their parents. Thriftily, Lydia and Guy hitched up their wagon and drove to a nearby farm where the wife was getting a new cook stove, and they bought her old one. A coal heating stove stood in the Allen living room and through the registers in the ceiling, this same stove sent some warmth to the upstairs.

Actually, Lydia's home-making wasn't any easier on the farm than her mother-in-laws had been in 1884. There had been progress in sowing and harvesting equipment but no great strides had been made inside the farm-house. One thing Lydia was spared and that was pumping water by hand, a chore that had plagued farmwives for years. Since

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There was no windmill Guy rigged up a gasoline motor to the pump that stood outside the back door. The motor itself was inside the woodshed. Come Monday morning, gallons of water were pumped to be heated on the stove. Then the belt was removed from the pump and hooked to a pulley that ran the length of the woodshed into the kitchen. Here it was attached to the mechanism that ran the agitator for the washing machine.

This washer was considered quite an innovation for its time. It replaced the first machine that Lydia owned which worked by muscle power—her muscle power. A long wooden handle was attached to the agitator in this contraption that had to be vigorously pushed back and forth to clean the clothes. Even the gasoline motor had drawbacks—it gave off such potent fumes that the back door had to be left open even in bitter cold weather.

As with most young wives, Lydia wanted some new furniture. She had a butter and cream route that took her every few days down Allen road, on to Holcomb Street and into the village. She sold butter for 12¢ a pound, and supplied not only her customers on these roads but took some of it to the Guy Walter's Grocery and Drug store, where she did her trading.

It was about this time that her husband was selling potatoes by the bushel for the same price. This was done through an agent for the wholesalers in Detroit and Flint. Guy then had to haul

these potatoes by the wagon-load to the Clarkston depot. It was not until the 1940's that prices of farm produce began an upward swing. It was also about this time that electricity replaced the kerosene lamps on the Allen farm.

The day finally came when she and her husband set out to the C. O. Whitcome Furniture store in Holly. They bought a dining room table with six chairs, a library table and a 12 x 15 rug, all for \$135.00.

Lydia was very proud of this rug. Throughout the rest of her house, were carpet strip rugs, common in their time and collectors items today. Lydia and her mother in law sewed strips of rags together during the long winter evenings rolled them into balls and took them into Romeo where a carpet weaver turned them into strips two feet wide and the length of the room they were to be fitted into. Then these were sewed together and tacked to the floor.

Farm life wasn't all hard work. As their pioneer fathers before them, they turned some of the larger jobs into social events. Cutting stove wood was done by work bees in the spring. The old Opera House on the top floor of the Maccabees Building, a place that still stands today, offered plays and dances. When Guy, who wasn't very social minded, didn't want to attend these events, Lydia hitched up the buggy and took her son and daughter, Bill and Helen, Grange Hall dinners and

dances were held above the Milton Clark store, where people gathered to meet their neighbors, an opportunity they didn't have to see any other time.

There are many who would never refer to these times as the good old days because of the lack of such things as good heating systems, running water and electricity. Yet today, while we have all these things, there does not seem to be the closeness of neighborhood and family ties that existed then.

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Our thanks to Mrs. Guy Allen who lives with her daughter Mrs. Helen Snover on Clarkston Orion Road. With a keen memory and a warm wit, she is very alert. Her former home, where she lived until 1957, was featured recently in the Clarkston News and is now the residence of the Orrin Stiel family.

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the services of a doctor. And the actual shortage of doctors is even more drastic than 1 to 1,460. (It should be pointed out that the situation depicted here does not apply to a true nationwide disaster. In such circumstances provisions are made for the mass treatment and care of a large number of people.)

Oakland County has 582 persons holding an M.D. degree. However, not all of these are engaged directly in patient care, meaning they see, examine and treat patients. Radiologists, pathologists, public health officials, administrators, etc. are naturally vital to the health of the community, but they do not see patients directly. Thus, our ratio, excluding these M.D.'s is reduced further. Only 510 medical doctors are engaged in direct patient care, or one doctor for every 1,666 patients.

**Church dinner slated**

The W.S.C.S. of Mt. Bethel United Methodist Church will hold their annual Harvest Dinner on Wednesday, October 9. Serving of the family style country dinner will begin at 5 p.m. The church is located in Groveland Township on the corner of Jossman and Bald Eagle Lake Roads.

Even without the extraordinary situation imagined above, there is an acute shortage of doctors. The demand is greater than the supply, which at least tends to explain the "no appointment until later" greeting you sometimes receive from your doctor's receptionist. One

of the most critical demands—supply is in the family doctor category. In Oakland County there are 87 general practitioners or one for 9,770 people. Obviously one ambitious and dedicated doctor can not possibly care for over 9,000 people.

What is the ideal doctor-patient ratio? The ideal is difficult to determine, but a desirable standard the medical community figures is one doctor per 800 people. However, even one to 800 may be outdated. This ratio was determined early in this century. Generally, the desired standard today is probably one to 700.

There is some interesting information to be derived from a head count of Oakland County's M.D. physicians. For example, there are 75 obstetricians, but

only 49 pediatricians. There are 61 psychiatrists and 80 general surgeons. But with even a casual glance at these statistics it is obvious a lot more young men and women need to become doctors. And the problem is not confined to doctors. Similar statistics prevail for other areas of medicine. (If you have a question for Dr. Oaks, send a card or letter to the Oakland County Medical Society, 348 Park Street, Birmingham, 48009. Specific medical advice cannot be given.)

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"Responsibility" can only be taught in a progressive way, by giving even the youngest children specific duties which they can accomplish adequately and require them to fulfill them. Then, as they grow, their duties and responsibilities are regularly increased as stepping-stones to maturity.

The third "R" - "religion" - is the most important of all and the best insurance on a person's moral and spiritual life. Although in most schools religious instruction is limited or banned, between the home and the Church no definite line can be drawn where one leaves off and the other takes up religious training. Church Schools may not be all they could be, but they do remarkably well considering how little time children spend in them. God places the responsibility for moral and spiritual training of children on the parents; Church Schools only help them in fulfilling this responsibility. Think how much more children would depend upon their parents for academic knowledge of the schools should change their schedules and teach each subject only one hour a week! But the home is more than a classroom, it is a laboratory where moral and spiritual training can be applied and tested daily, and in every kind of situation. However, seldom is it done when parents, themselves, are not strong in their own religious faith. But this is the training, the education, that will equip and arm our young people to cope with anything life may offer. Is it

fair to send them into the battle of life inadequately armed?

Dorothy L. Sayers, a noted author and lay theologian, in her book, "The Poetry of Search and Statement," has charge that we don't prepare our young people for the battle of wits they must face in the world. She claims that while we teach them to read (some would disagree with this) we leave them at the mercy of the printed word. And, too, by the invention of radio and television we have made certain that no aversion to reading will secure them from the incessant bombardment of words - words they don't know how to ward-off or blunt or throw back, words to which their emotions make them prey. It is true that we teach them "readin', 'ritin' and 'rithmetic" but don't teach them to cope with the massed propaganda and blandishments to which they are constantly subjected.

To arm our young people for their defense in this battle it is necessary that they be educated not only in the traditional "3 R's", but, also, in the "3 R's" of character and morality: "respect, responsibility and religion."

To learn "respect," which means giving proper recognition to others and having regard for their rights, children must encounter it in the family and in the school, by being accorded their own proper measure of it, as are all others, regardless of position or status. Respect breeds respect.

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# Hope for migrant children

By Joe Backus

Every year thousands of cars, busses and trucks carry hundreds of thousands of men, women and children millions of miles on interwoven odysseys in criss-crossed patterns around the United States.

These are not the suburban families going to spend two weeks in the fresh air and mountain sunshine, or the apartment dweller driving to the beach to spend the day in the sun.

These are the hungry families who leave Florida's orange groves each April and grind their way up through Georgia, the Carolinas, Virginia, Maryland, Pennsylvania and Michigan, stopping wherever there is a hope of work and maybe food for their starving stomachs.

These are the migrant workers.

Whether picking oranges in Florida, cotton in Georgia, tobacco in Virginia, cherries in Michigan, or grapes in California, one thing is certain to the migrant worker: that his job won't last very long. As soon as one harvest has ended, he will have to move on and find a job another crop in another area.

In some places jobs are easy to find, in other places more dif-

ficult. In some places working conditions are tolerable, in other places intolerable. In some places living and sanitation conditions are adequate; in other places they are not.

Regardless of the job, working conditions, or living and sanitation conditions, few, if any, migrant workers find their occupations glamorous, exciting or fun.

But nearly all of them have one thing in common. It is the only type of work that most of them can get.

A few states have done something to help improve the lot of the migrant worker. Michigan is one of these, according to Kathleen MacKay, social worker with the Clarkston schools.

Miss MacKay has spent the past summer near Traverse City working with migrant laborers and their children. Her particular interest was in a school for the children of the migrants, but her work brought her into contact with the parents as well.

She worked in a federally funded program administered through the Michigan Department of Education. The program is still in stages of development and has not yet been instituted in other areas of the state, Miss MacKay said.

"Its purpose was to get the children interested in school, to give them a desire to learn," she said. "We attempted to give them a preparation for reading."

The school was intended for all the children of migrant workers between the ages of two and a half and 12 years during the hours the parents were working in the fields.

"The children would come to school on a bus about eight o'clock, have breakfast, play, take a nap, and eat lunch," she said. "At the end of the day, the bus would take them home again."

Most of the children, however, weren't prepared to learn anything at school. Few of them had any background at home which would prepare them, she said. So most of the time in school the children would learn to socialize with others, as well as other things they didn't have the opportunity to learn from their families.

"Although the school was meant for children from two and a half to 12 years old, few children over 7 would attend," Miss MacKay said. "Mostly children over 7 would be in the orchards helping with the harvest."

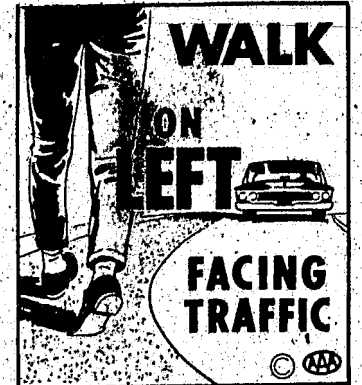
"However, we did have a number of children under two and a half. The youngest one to come to the school was only three weeks old. Her mother would bring the baby into the school in the morning so she could go out and work in the fields," she said.

"The children were very happy in school," she added. "When the bus came in the morning, the children would run to meet it. In school they would play with toys they had never seen before."

For the most part, the children would live in shacks with their families provided by the crop-grower. These shacks would be only eight by 16 feet in dimension. Very often there would also be uncles, aunts, cousins, and even grandparents


living in the same shack. "Members of the extended family would travel together and live in the same shack. No one had a room to himself," she noted.

"These families are very poor. As long as they are migratory, they just don't have the facilities to give their families the background, training and attention they need," Miss MacKay said.



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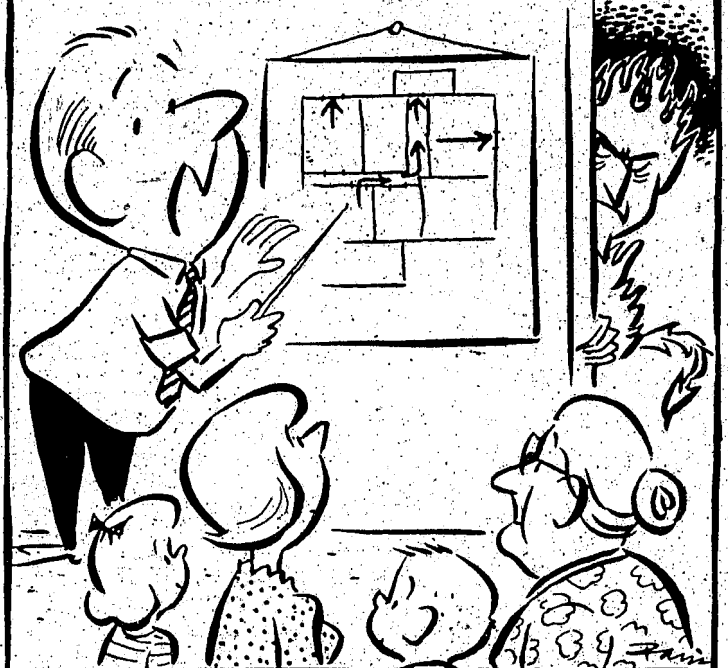
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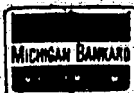
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