History Comes Alive For Holiday Visitors

GENO TOFFANETTI of 29762 Minglewood, Farmington, has been named to the newly-formed post of supervisor-sales and technical service by Kolene Corporation, 12890 Westwood, Detroit. In his new capacity, Toffanetti's responsibilities will include nationwide surveillance of all Kolene sales-service activities.

On Oct. 21, 1929, Thomas A. Edison sat at his worktable on the second floor of his Menlo Park laboratory. His long-time associate, Francis Jehl, stood ready to man the pump; nearby two men watched anxiously, straining to see what was about to happen. In a far corner, another group waited; all eyes were trained on the man seated in the yellow chair.

Edison nodded, and Jehl started pumping. A murmur rose from the corner; then all was silent. Edison reached for a wire, and suddenly the miraculé happened. The tiny globe mounted on the wood upright began to glow; electric light was produced in an incandescent bulb.

No, that's not a typographical error back there. 1929 is the right date, and it happened just the way you read it. There is one thing, though; what happened in 1929 was reenactment of the event that took place 50 years before to the day. Everything else was the same; the carbonized cotton filament, the hand-blown bulb, the Sprengle Mercury Pump, and the familiar clapboard building.

The location was changed though. Instead of in New Jersey, the building now was located in Greenfield Village in Dearborn. And the people were different, too. Only Edison and Jehl were left from the original cast. The two men standing close to Edison were Henry Ford and President Herbert Hoover.

In the group in the corner stood as many invited dignitaries and reporters as could crowd into the laboratory. The occasion was the worldwide celebration of Light's Golden Jubilee and the simultaneous dedication of the Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village.

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A YEAR earlier, Thomas Edison signed his name in the wet cement of the symbolic "cornerstone," dated it, and embedded Luther Burbank's spade in the middle to signify the union of industry, science and agriculture. Henry Ford's dream was now a reality and the Edison Institute, as the two institutions were jointly named, would soon be ready for the public.

Ford estimated that someday as many as 300,000 persons every year would visit his 260-acre complex 15 miles from the heart of Detroit to see 300 years of American history come to life. He was wrong, however.

For the past several years, the Museum and Village have welcomed many more than a million visitors annually to this unique collection of antiques, artifacts, machinery, and buildings which shows graphically how our forebearers lived and worked, tracing this country's development from colonial days to the early 20th century.

In 1929, Greenfield Village had 28 buildings. Today there are some 100 shops, stores, and houses there in a community setting, visually depicting a combination of rural and early — urban life from an earlier America.

Many of the buildings are associated with famous Americans. The Wright Cycle Shop, for instance, where Wilbur and Orville Wright built components for the airplane in which they made their historical flight at Kitty Hawk, stands there. It came to the Village from its original site in Dayton, Ohio. It was rebuilt, along with the Wright Homestead, under the supervision of Orville Wright himself.

There are others. The Webster House, where Noah Webster worked on his dictionary; the Luther Burbank Birthplace; Ann Arbor House, where Robert Frost lived while at the University of Michigan; the Logan County Courthouse, where Abraham Lincoln once practiced law and which houses the chair he was sitting in the night of his assassination at Ford's Theater; and, of course, Thomas Edison's Menlo Park compound.

JAMES R. WATSON of Farmington will be honored this month by Detroit Edison upon his 40th anniversary. Watson is director of the general accounting department where he began as a clerk in 1929.

3 Area Lakes Get More Stocks Of Fish

By TIM RICHARD

Three lakes in the Middle Rouge River chain have received stocks of fish this spring, the State Natural Resources Department has told The Observer Newspapers.

They are Phoenix, on the Plymouth-Northville line; Wilcox, in Plymouth; and Newburgh in Livonia.

All plantings are part of a stepped-up NRD program to improve game fishing in southeastern Michigan, according to Ron Spitler, who heads the department's regional office in Pontiac.

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PHOENIX RECEIVED 7,000 brown trout, supplement a plant of 7,000 rainbow trout some 19 months ago.

Wilcox received 70 adult bluegills and a small number of adult black bass, supplementing a plant of 1,000 small bass last fall.

Newburgh received a dozen adult bass and 500 adult bluegills, supplementing some 1,300 small bass and 20,000 brown trout received last fall.

The adult fish should be large epough to reproduce, at least by next year.

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SILVER BASS and the hefty channel catfish are also slated for Newburgh Lake, Spitler said.

The lakes are fertile and can support fish populations of several hundred pounds per acre.

In 1967 Phoenix Lake was poisoned and in 1968 Wilcox and Newburgh received the same treatment to rid them of carp and stunted bluegills. The new plantings, hopefully, will create a more stable fish population and provide good angling.

Area Lakes Produce

A pair of local lakes, usually fished casually by shore fishermen, made angling news in the State Natural Resources Department's weekly bulletin.

Crappies and some pike were taken in Phoenix Lake, on the Plymouth-Northville townships border; in the Middle Rouge River, and at Waterford Pond.

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WATERFORD POND is located on undeveloped land east of Northville Road between Six and Seven Mile Roads. It's accessible only by footpath.

Naturall gamefish species seem to have survived the 1967 poisoning of Phoenix Lake and the restocking with rainbow trout.

Bluegills are hitting well but running on the small side in a number of Oakland County lakes—Pontiac, White, Lakeville and Orion.

Rainbow trout and splake, a hybrid trout, were reported "fair" in Maceday Lake, a specially stocked lake near Pontiac.

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BASS SEASON opened this weekend. No reports were available at press time.

Bike Deaths Highest Under 15

Children under 15 years of age accounted for 34, or 81 per cent, of the 42 bicycling deaths reported in 1968 in Michigan, State Police figures show.

Collisions between bicycles and motor vehicles totaled 2,588. There were 2,330 persons injured.

By comparison, there were 47 deaths and 2,308 persons injured in 2,598 bicycling accidents in 1967.

State Police analysis shows the below 15 age group year after year accounts for 75 to 85 per cent of the bicycling deaths and for 60 to 90 per cent of the injuries.

In addition, two to three times as many bike riders are killed in rural areas as urban.

Boat Listings Decline

Michigan is lagging behind in motorboat registrations, and each unregistered boat owner was urged to get his new three-year registration before the summer vacation season gets into full swing.

A check of motorboat registration count during the new three-year cycle registration which began in January reveals that about 40 per cent of the state's 437,000 motorboats had been registered.

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ACCORDING to Secretary of State James M. Hare, all motorboats in Michigan must be registered or re-registered before they can legally use the state's waterways.

"If it is motor-propelled," he said, "it must be registered under Michigan law. This includes rafts, sailboats, rowboats, houseboats, canoes, and everything else used for water transportation. Size of the motor doesn't matter."

Owners wishing to register a new motorboat should obtain the bill of sale from their dealer and take it with them. Purchasers of boats from individuals should bring along the previous owner's registration and a use tax statements.

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REGISTRATION fees for motorboats are as follows:

Original registration or renewals.....$5
Cost is the same no matter when the motorboat is registered during the cycle period.
Transfer renewal.....$6
Transfers between owners of registered motorboats.....$1
MC numbers and decals stay with the boat.
Duplicates from lost registrations.....$2
Changes of address...$1

Information about motorboat registration is further explained in a new State Department brochure "Michigan Boat Laws." This pamphlet is available at any Secretary of State branch office.

The motorboat registering and numbering law is unrelated to Michigan's boat licensing law. The latter deals with annual licensing of all boats 16-feet or longer which use the Great Lakes or connecting waterways.

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CLARENCEVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT
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TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF SAID SCHOOL DISTRICT:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Annual Election of the qualified electors of the aforesaid School District will be held in the Clarenceville School District of Oakland and Wayne Counties, Michigan, on Monday, June 9, 1969, and at such Annual Election there will be elected one (1) member of the Board of Education for a term of four (4) years, and that the candidate seeking election to said office is:

NORMAN L. HUNT, Incumbent

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that at such Annual Election there will be elected two (2) members of the Northwest Wayne County Community College Board of Trustees, at large, for a term of six (6) years and that the candidates seeking election to said offices are:

CHARLES W. CHANDLER
DENNIS ROBERT HILDY
R. ROBERT GIANI
JOHN M. LaRUE
WALTER NEVILL
JOHN PATRICK O'BRIEN
JEROME PIECUNSKI
KENNETH H. ROBINER
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JOSEPH EDWARD SULLIVAN
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JAMES A. TAYLOR
JOHN EDWARD THOMAS
LESTER A. WALDMAN
RYN M. WYATT

The polls of election will be open from 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. Local Time.

The places for voting shall be as follows:

Precinct 1:

Clarenceville Junior High School
20211 Middlebelt Road
Livonia, Michigan

Precinct 2:

Clarenceville Senior High School
20155 Middlebelt Road
Livonia, Michigan

Each person voting on the election of Board members must be a citizen of the United States, above the age of twenty-one (21) years, and have resided in the State of Michigan six (6) months, and in the School District thirty (30) days preceding the date of election and must be a registered elector of the School District.

Only registered voters are eligible to vote.

This notice is given by order of the Board of Education of said School District.

NORMAN L. HUNT

NORMAN L. HUNT, Secretary
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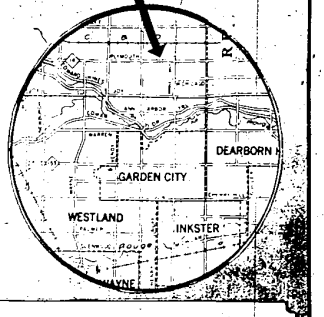

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