

Banquet slated for 'Ducks Unlimited' group

The Oakland County Chapter of Ducks Unlimited will hold its first banquet at 6 p.m. Thursday, June 1, at the Fortia Silverdome.

"The Ducks Unlimited success story," said Chapter Chairman Edson Gallaudet of Troy, "is really starting to spread around. Banquets much like our chapter event held throughout the

country last year contributed toward Ducks Unlimited's national fund-raising effort, which raised \$13 million during 1977 alone.

"But what's even more important to realize," Gallaudet said, "is that this national fund-raising total must increase this year of the North American waterfowl habitat race is to be

won."

Ducks Unlimited sportsmen/conservationists founders discovered through surveys conducted 40 years ago that 70 per cent of North America's waterfowl production occurs in Canada.

Since federal duck stamp money cannot be spent beyond United States

borders, sportsmen money for waterfowl conservation are not getting to the places where the great percentage of production takes place, he said.

THROUGH DUCKS UNLIMITED'S efforts, more than \$70 million has been raised in the United States since 1937. Ducks Unlimited claims that 80 cents of every dollar has been sent to Canada to reserve 2.6 million acres of habitat encompassing more than 1,400 wetland projects.

Ducks Unlimited, Gallaudet said, will actually pay Canadian farmers to have farmland developed into suitable breeding grounds for ducks.

"The only problem in all this is that biologists estimate millions of additional acres of habitat must be reserved in order to stabilize North America's waterfowl population," said Gallaudet.

"When you consider that habitat today is diminishing due to agricultural and developmental pressures and that Ducks Unlimited is the only non-profit conservation organization involved in the Canadian waterfowl

habitat race, you can begin to see the significance attached to the organization's fund-raising events."

TICKETS, WHICH are \$30 apiece, include a one-year DU membership and a subscription to the organization's magazine. For more information call Thomas Turner at 544-2456.

The banquet will begin with a cash bar at 6 p.m. Dinner—Carnish game

hen L'Orange—is served at 7:30 p.m. He said there will also be door prizes, sportsman's gift merchandise contributed by local businesses, a Ducks Unlimited commemorative shotgun, a live auction with auctioneer and a write-in auction.

The auctions will include items like wildlife paintings, use of a motor home, use of a car and a hunting trip to Canada.

Laurie placed on special duty

Victor H. Laurie, of Farmington, has been placed on special assignment at Detroit Diesel Allison, until his June 1 retirement.

Laurie received a bachelor's degree in commerce from the University of South Carolina. He joined General Motors in 1936 as a car record clerk at the Chevrolet Motor Division, Atlanta, Ga. He was an auditor and an accountant at various Chevrolet plants until 1963, when he transferred to the GM financial staff. In 1964, he was

appointed comptroller of the Packard Electric Division, Warren, Ohio, and two years later became the comptroller of the Ternstedt Division. He held that position until the consolidation of Ternstedt with the Fisher Body Division in 1968.

He was appointed executive coordinator of finance and planning of Fisher Body in 1969 and since 1971 has been comptroller of the Detroit Diesel Allison Division.



Crosstown Exchange

The Crosstown Exchange, a barbershop quartet captured fifth place in the Pioneer District International Barbershop Quartet Preliminary Competition of the Society for the preservation and Encouragement of Barbershop Quartet Singing in America. The

quartet, (from left to right) is composed of George Bartlett, tenor, of Southfield; Don Stewart, lead, of Farmington Hills; Herb Hehner, bass, of Westland and Steve Sutherland, baritone, of Westland. They represented Oakland and Wayne County choruses.

Tighe wins music prize

Charles Tighe, of 21816 Green Hill Road, Farmington Hills, has been awarded the David B. Perry Music Prize of Kenyon College, Ohio.

OBITUARY

JOHN DONALD WALTERS

John Walters, 63, of Milford, died May 9 in his residence. Funeral services are scheduled for 1 p.m., May 12, in the Thayer-Rock Funeral Home. The Rev. William Ritter of the Newburg United Methodist Church is scheduled to officiate. Interment will be in Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens. Mr. Walters was a long-time former Farmington

resident and retired from General Motors, Proving Ground Division. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge F&M No. 151 in Farmington and the International Order of Odd Fellows in Novi.

Surviving are his wife Audrey; daughter Sandra; son and daughter-in-law John and Gwendolyn Walters; sister Mrs. Viola Adams of Farmington; and four grandchildren, David, Douglas, Debra, and Daniel.

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