Poppy Day is time to aid those who served

Sixty-three years ago, a young Canadian soldier, Col. John McCrae, fighting a war to "make the world safe for democracy," wrote a simple poem.
"In Flanders Field the poppies blow, between the crosses row on row."

between the crosses row on row...," he began, inspired by the wild red pop-

pies pushing through the soil of spring near a World War I battlefield. The bright red blossoms were a mes-sage of continued life amid death as sage of continued life amid death as they opened among the stark white crosses and the Stars of David that marked graves of thousands of young men killed in the second Battle of Ypres in Belgium.

Vars in this country. Today they are sold by a number, of

It was April 1915 when the battle-weary soldier wrote those lines. Before the war ended, he did in action. But the poppies lived. "To you from failing hands we throw the torch," the poem reads. "Be yours to hold it high." The torch was taken up and by the early 1208; the first artificial poppies were being sold by the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars in this country.

veteran's organizations including the Legion, VFW, the Disabled American Veterans, Catholic War Veterans, Jew-ish War Veterans, the Polish Legion of American Veterans and others.

EARLY ON they were sold to benefit French war orphans, but they have evolved through the years as the flower one buys to remember war veterans. Proceeds from the sales, no matter which organization does the selling, go to hospitalized veterans in

VA hospitals all over the country.

Service is always extended to every veteran regardless of race or creed or which war he or she fought in. No matter which organizational tag is attached to the red paper flower, the purchaser can be assured that he is buying service for veterans, and that the poppy was made by hand by a disabled veteran.

A director of the 700 patient hospital at Allen Park explained it this way: at Allen Park explained it this way: at Allen Park explained it this way:

talized veterans that people are still interested and working for them. As long as there is a poppy drive, they, know that volunters will be in the, hospitals."

Proceeds of the sales make possible entertainment, bingo games, gifts, holiday parties and personal service that the veteran's groups and auxiliaries sponsor at VA hospitals.

In this area, most veteran's groups, service the Allen Park facility, the, Ann Arbor Veteran's Hospital and Battle Creek.



Poppy Day sales are for the aid of veterans who spend many of their years in this nation's veteran's hospitals.

Kids fish derby set for June 3

Several hundred young fishermen from western Wayne and Oakland counties will be competing for fun and prizes in the 16th annual Tom Sawyer-Becky Thatcher Fishing Derby on Newburgh Lake. Fishing starts at 7 a.m. Saturday. June 3 and will last until noon.

Anglers ages 6-16, inclusive, may enter. They must register in advance and provide their own natural bait and equipment.

SPONSORS ARE the Western Wayne County Conservation Association and the parks and recreation departments of the cities of Livonia, Garden City, Plymouth, Westland, Northville, Farmington, Farmington, Farmington Hills and Dearborn Heights, Grand prize for the largest sportlish will be a Shakespeare depth and fish finder provided by Livonia Tackle No 'rough' fish (such as carp, bull-bead or sucker) will be eligible for the grand prize.

grand prize.

Contest Chairman Hank Chruscial of

the conservation ciu announced some of the prizes:
Largest bluegiil—a backpack from Gell's Sporting Goods, Livonia.
Largest calico (crappie)—Zebo rood and reel from Northwest Gun Shop in Redford Township and a set of Eppinger lures from the manufacturer.

turer.

Largest golden carp (goldfish)—a three-piece camp set including an ice chest, water jug and vacuum jug from the conservation club.

Largest channel calfish—propane lantem from the conservation club.

Largest northern pike—a single-burner propane stove from the conservation club.

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Largest bullhead—a Schwinn light and speedometer from Reliable Bicycle Shop, Livonia.

ALL WHO catch their legal limits of 25 panfish will be eligible for a non-lot-tery drawing to determine the winners of a unicycle, rotary barbeque grill, model cars, model planes and fishing lures.

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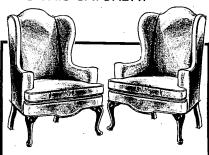


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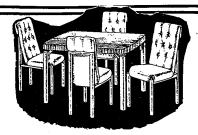
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