



WORK on the widening of the Power Street bridge in the city located just north of Grand River Avenue is now being completed. Tentative plans call for the straightening, widening and blacktopping of the roadway from Grand River to Shawnee next summer. As an economy measure, the old portion of the narrow

bridge was retained with a steel plate arch being added on the west side to provide for the wider roadway. New wingwalls are being constructed at each side of the bridge. Plans for the new bridge were designed by L. N. Hayden, city engineer. Total cost of the bridge widening project was estimated at around \$12,000.

Varied Nature Study Possible At Kensington

Both indoor and outdoor opportunities to study nature at first hand are available at Kensington Metropolitan Park near New Ludon.

Bill Hopkins, chief naturalist for the Huron - Clinton Metropolitan Authority, of which the park is a unit, said the Nature center is open daily and is featuring exhibits appropriate to the changing seasons. Currently on view are mounted ducks typical of migrating waterfowl; a exhibit of bird portraits by Reuel Kenyon, a 12-year-old seventh grader from Stauson Junior High School; and a 50 - gallon aquarium containing small specimens of the fish inhabiting Kent Lake in the park.

Going up soon are a display of bird nests to be seen during the winter, a pictorial demonstration of how to build a winter bird feeding station, and an exhibit of animal tracks in plaster of paris.

Hopkins and Charles Damm, assistant naturalist, keep the Nature Center open from 2 to 4 p.m. Mondays through Fridays, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturdays, and from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sundays. It is open by appointment from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Mondays through Fridays.

Nature trails radiating from the building are open all year long, during daylight hours. The Nature Center of the Detroit Audubon Society has its winter feeding station for birds, in operation on Tamarack Trail, 300 feet from the Nature Center.

While the ducks are leaving Wixom and Kent Lakes now, many Canada geese will remain all winter. When the lakes freeze, over, expected to be very soon, the ducks will move to the open water in the river channel at the head of Kent Lake near Park Headquarters.

Other exhibits inside the Nature Center include dioramas showing the development of vegetation on the glaciated hills of the park and electric game boards on which visitors may test their knowledge of ducks, winter birds and twigs of trees in winter.

Minuteographed information sheets designed for school teachers bringing groups to the center are available on request at the park or the Authority's Detroit headquarters, 1750 Guardian Building.

Appears on Ed McKenzie Talent Contest Nov. 30

Jean Wilson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Wilson of 23068 Orchard Lake Road appeared on the Ed McKenzie Saturday Dance Party talent contest last Saturday. As a student at the Farmington Junior High School she is also enrolled in the Donna Nevetta School of Dancing in Redford.

Pieces of furniture have been glued together since the days of ancient Egypt.

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NOVI NEWS

By MRS. GEORGE WAITE
PHONE NORVILLE 180-W3

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Keck of Springfield, Ohio, over the holiday weekend.

Mr. Charles Trickey entertained the Novis Rebekah Lodge on Wednesday at a club Christmas party.

Mr. Howard Miller entered St. Joseph Hospital at Ann Arbor on Tuesday where she will undergo treatment and have a checkup.

Merrill Johnson, of Parker Avenue, is a patient, seriously ill, in Plymouth General Hospital.

The William Hansons, Sr., are the proud parents of a baby daughter, Susan, born at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Pontiac recently. This is the first girl to be born in the Burton family in this generation.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Tamm entertained their niece and her husband and their five children from

Plan Children's Christmas Party

A Christmas party for children of veterans will be held at the Legion Hall on Grand River at Lakeway on Sunday, December 22, at 2:30 p.m.

Santa Claus will be on hand to present gifts and treats of ice cream and cake. Final plans for the party will be made by members of the Groves-Walker American Legion Post at a meeting tonight, Thursday. All veterans are invited to attend.

About 100 children attended a similar party held last year. Park Commander Harold Quinn stated.

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Ditto's Band to Play For Gays-Dolls Dance

The "Ditto's Dance Band will play for the Gays and Dolls Dance on Friday evening, December 6, from 8 until 11:30 p.m. at the V.F.W. Hall on Seven Mile Road and Grand River.

These dances are sponsored by the Optimists and Opti-Mrs. Clubs of Clarenceville.

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PUBLIC LETTER BOX

Letters submitted to the Editor for publication must be signed. Names will be withheld upon request. Opinions expressed in this column are those of the writer and do not necessarily represent the policies of this newspaper.

Use of Public School Gymnasiums ---

To The Editor:
The recent letter of Mr. Randolph complaining about a rental charge to the parochial school for use of the public school gymnasium, requires comment. New readers of these columns should know that Mr. Randolph has for several years been the spokesman of a group trying to obtain "fringe benefits", i.e., bus transportation for the parochial school from the

West Farmington MRS. SARAH KNAPP

The Walled Lake Women's Christian Temperance Union will meet at the home of Mrs. Elmer See at 38104 Fourteen Mile Road on Monday, December 9, at 7:30 p.m.

An open house was held last Saturday for John Graham at his new home on Farmington Road in the vicinity of his old home where he had lived all his life.

Around 60 old friends were in attendance and enjoyed a buffet dinner. Of his nine grand-children, seven helped in the receiving line.

Approximately 100 were in attendance at an open house held Sunday, December 1, in honor of the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Ehrke of 6350 Halsted Road. They were married 50 years on November 27. Guests were present from California, Lincoln Park, Wyandotte, Detroit, Pontiac, Wixom, Garden City, Clawson, Livonia and Walled Lake.

William Ehrke of San Diego, California, who had been spending a few days here with his parents last Monday evening to return home.

A meeting of the Farm Bureau Women's Committee will be held at the Rose Center Town Hall on Tuesday, December 10, starting at 11 a.m. A pot-luck dinner will be served.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Heliker entertained at a Thanksgiving dinner last Thursday for Mrs. Starr Heliker and two daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Heliker, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Bandfield, Miss Clara Bandfield and Edward Young.

Irvin Wik and his hunting party brought home six deer from their hunting trip this year.

This, the fact, is the theme of Father Blum's article which Mr. Randolph parrots. Father Blum claims that parochial school students have a legal claim to Government aid, and argues that aid for education to war veterans is a suitable precedent. Father Blum candidly admits that there is a difficult problem involved in the fact that 46 State constitutions, directly or by interpretation, prohibit the use of public funds in aid of denominational institutions. He then proposes that these constitutional prohibitions be circumvented by direct subsidization of the individual child (State of Michigan prevent comment on this libelous disregard of constitutional prohibitions; or on the remarkable way which we have enjoyed for generations as a result of such constitutional prohibitions.)

The obvious flaw in the entire argument is the premise that any child, in a Northern community at least, is denied the benefit or use of the public schools. The doors of the public schools are open to any child.

If we assume "freedom of choice in education" to quote Father Blum, without any coercion, then we must assume each parent chooses the school for his child with realization of its comparative advantages and disadvantages. Here, the parochial school child may lack gymnasium or other "advantages" of the public school, but he enjoys the religious advantage of what Father Blum calls a "God centered school". The parent of the public school child likewise is bound to know that religious training is no proper function of that school system. Is it true to suggest that few people can eat their cake and have it too?

I should add that the foregoing views are purely personal, and do not reflect my connection with any group or public body.

Very truly yours,
Robert J. Kelly

School Parking ---

Dear Sir:
It would be appreciated by all concerned if people who drive cars to the various Farmington Schools would please refrain from parking in the bus loading zones.

School buses are apt to pull in or out at any time, and when automobiles are blocking the driveway, it is difficult to maneuver. The buses and children are sometimes forced to get off in the mud. School bus drivers have much to contend with anyway, so we are sure that most people will be kind enough to cooperate.

Interested Citizen

Nearly two out of three University of Michigan students travel their way through college.

At Home in Old Homestead

Ruth Shobe GR. 4-7408

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Mullen of Meadowlark returned recently from an exciting two week trip to Florida. It was their first visit.

On the trip down they stopped at four main points of interest before arriving at their destination: the home of Mr. Mullen's sister-in-law, Mrs. Mullen, in Florida.

Old Homestead's newest residents are the Walter Kaznecki family. They moved in on Hardenberg Road last week. Mr. and Mrs. Kaznecki have two grown sons, one still at home and the other in the service.

The Morgan's home on Paddock Road will be a busy spot on December 14. Pat and Bill have graciously extended an invitation to all in the subdivision to attend a pot-luck dinner there to be followed by square dancing.

This will be the third subdivision get together to be held. For further particulars call Shirley Simons at GR 4-6332.

The sewing machine at yours truly's home has really been purring this week.

The Missions Guild of the Shepherd King Church has been corresponding with a missionary doctor in Nigeria who has indicated that there is a terrific need there for laparotomy sheets, surgical masks, old sheets, etc. He indicated that it takes three to four days to dry even bed sheets in his area and because of this fact only about four operations can be performed a day. At least eight to ten surgical cases must be turned away daily, the doctor said.

Mrs. Isabelle North and Mrs. Betty Quaine are Den Mothers this quarter for the area cub scouts. The boys meet each Monday evening.

Family Profile

If you have been to any subdivision meetings you have probably met Don Barths who is subdivision association president.

He and his wife live on Old Homestead Drive and have four children - Doug, 8; Dennis, 6; Chris Ann, 5; and Stephen, almost 2. This past August they celebrated their 11th wedding anniversary.

Don does CPA work and is a partner in the firm of Hogan, Jaenget and Harding of Detroit.

In June of last year the Barths moved here from Dearborn. Don is a native Detroit. He is attending Northwestern High School and the Walsh Institute of Accounting.

The Barths are members of the First Presbyterian Church of Farmington.

Irene is active on the social and welcoming committee and is also a den mother in the subdivision.

Don and Irene enjoy music, sports and games and leave a standing invitation for visitors.

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