



LOCALS

Mr. J. L. Reid of North Farmington Road was entertained at a surprise party Saturday evening in honor of his birthday. Games were played and a buffet luncheon was served. The honoree received many lovely gifts. Guests, including Mr. Reid and his wife, were Mr. and Mrs. Leo B. Rinder, Ruth, Jean and Harold, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Bachelor and Jerry, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Rinder and family, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Putnam and family, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Peck of Warren, Mr. and Mrs. James Doisen Jr. of Wayne and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Green of Royal Oak. Lenore Gildemeister, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Gildemeister, was presented by Mrs. Florence Edgar before the Master Class conducted by Leo Poldoski in Detroit last week.

Mrs. VIII Tamra of Thirteen Mile Road entertained 25 members of the Salem Youth Fellowship on Sunday evening, at the Tamra's new home. A mock trial was held for entertainment during the evening, and refreshments were served.

Mr. and Mrs. William E. Yockey of Power Avenue, are the parents of a son, Gerry Ross, born Saturday, May 1. The Yockeys have one other son, Bobby.

Seaman Jerry Warner, son of Mr. and Mrs. P. Warner of 21301 Colgate, is visiting his parents.

COUNTY GRASS DAY TO FEATURE TIPS FOR DAIRYMEN

A herd of 14 dairy cows chevs off approximately one ton of grass a day from a pasture! The problem of supplying each cow with 150 pounds of grass daily for the next few months is a big one.

A. C. Baltzer, extension dairyman at Michigan State college, says that supplying pasture is as important as producing a crop of hay or grain. In thousands of dairy herds, the profit of the enterprise depends on the volume of grass supplied during the pasture season.

The Grass Day programs planned by the MSC Cooperative Extension Service for all parts of the state during June will feature the latest methods of planting, harvesting, and using grass and legume crops. Demonstration farms will have crops already growing and extension specialists from MSC will explain the value and best way to use the various crops.

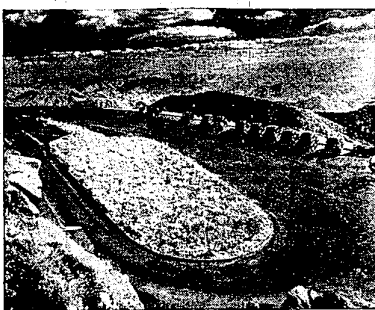
To produce daily one ton of green grass for 14 cows is a challenge, Baltzer points out, and he urges that Oakland County farmers make sure they attend the Grass Day to learn methods to help with the job. County Grass Day will be held June 11 on the Keith Middleton farm, 2 miles east of Lake Orion.

Mr. and Mrs. David L. Jones of 18335 Sunset, Farmington, announce the arrival of a son, Richard David, born May 8, at New Grace Hospital, Detroit. Mrs. Jones and her little son are now at home.

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When you climb to the eminence of Clingman's Dome, in the Great Smokies, you have a veritable fairyland of mountains and lush valleys spread out beneath you, for it is the highest point in the Great Smokies National Park, the No. 1 national park in the point of visitors.

The Indians called it a land of beauty and later formally named the mountains the Great Smokies because of the blue haze about their peaks, and today hundreds of thousands of beauty-loving Americans gather the same thrill from the mountains that the Cherokees gathered centuries before the white man came in. The Great Smoky Mountain National Park, almost in the Tennessee-North Carolina line, tops all national parks in the volume of visitors, an index as to how the vacationist looks on that area.

Right now the Smokies are in all the pastel brilliance of Spring; with the rhododendron and mountain laurel in bloom and with the towering "halds" breaking into flame azaleas. The ground is blanketed with tiny white violets and along Little Pigeon River blue violets as big as half-dollars grow by the millions. Rebud is out and dogwood and soon now the bees will be swarming into a hundred mountain flowers to gather the honey the vacationist will be eating next year.

Before the Michiganian gets to the Smokies he already has tasted the joys of that area, for he has passed in the Renfro Valley of song and story and probably has spent a night in Berea, home of the great mountain college. He already has thrilled to Kentucky ham, and from then until he regrettably heads homeward he will be in a land where good food is axiomatic, where grits will be on every breakfast plate and where hot biscuits are served three times a day.

All of the Great Smokies are a vacation playplace, but the visitor will probably get his greatest thrill out of the 600-foot climb to Clingman's Dome, from which eminence he sees the mountains and valleys spread out below in a great mosaic of color and beauty. "The Dome", as he'll hear it called in

CPL. RALPH LOEHR NOW STATIONED IN MARIANAS

Cpl. Ralph J. Loehr, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Loehr of 19331 Purlingbrook Avenue, is now serving with the Far East Air Forces on the island of Guam.

Cpl. Loehr is currently assigned as an automotive mechanic with the 1952nd Engineers Aviation Squadron at the Marianas Air Material Area. This command, known as Marana to the personnel of the Far East Air Forces, is the service and supply agency serving Strategic Air units in this area of the Pacific. It is under the command of Brigadier General Arthur Thomas. Loehr's main duty is minor repair of vehicles of the 1952nd Engineers Squadron here at Harmon Field.

Before entering the Air Forces on February 3, 1947, Loehr was stationed at San Antonio, Texas, for basic training. Upon completion of basic training, he was sent to Fort Worth, Texas, for a course in automotive mechanics. After completion of this course, he was transferred to Hamilton Field, California, for overseas assignment. Departing from the San Francisco port of embarkation on November 6, 1947, aboard the Army transport General Mann, he arrived at Marana on November 25, 1947.

Before entering the service, Loehr attended Farmington High School. He expects to return to the United States in May of 1949, at which time he plans to return to civilian life in Michigan.

Another "must" in the Smokies is, of course, the little town of Cherokee, on the Qualla Reservation, where the Cherokee tells his little farm, turns out the most beautiful baskets in the world — and the women still carry their papposes in cradles on their backs. Trading posts like The Cherokee Chief-ain offer an unbroken parade of the red man — and woman in for trading, and traders like Ross and Louise Caldwell will tell the visitor the rich legends of the tribe. Too, at The Cherokee Chief-ain the visitor finds wrinkled old Chief Carl Standing Deer, former chief of the tribe and today one of America's most marvelous orators.

The Qualla section is filled to the brim with picturesque individuals. There is Irene Robinson, for example, the first woman trader in the Smokies and an authority on Indian lore and legend. Incidentally, Irene Robinson is one of the best shots in all of that country, and her only real hobby is going out on the mountain "turkey shoots" to compete with other marksmen. A chicken dinner at the Robinson home is unforgettable — especially if you see Mrs. Robinson behind the chickens at 50 yards with her trusty rifle!

This summer there will be something new on the Qualla, for the Cherokees will present the gripping history of the tribe in pageant form. The great pageant will be presented throughout the summer months, and will tell the story of the Cherokees since the earliest days . . . the story of grand old

Well Fed Cows Bring Greater Dairy Profits

Many cows yield only two-thirds capacity in Michigan because they are only fed from one-half to two-thirds volume. This fact is reported by A. C. Baltzer, Michigan State college extension dairyman, from records of dairy herd improvement organizations.

Many herds under DHIA tests for the first time produce 2,000 pounds less milk and 100 pounds less butterfat than they produce after testing for 12 to 24 months.

The average Michigan cow receives two tons of hay, between 2,000 and 2,500 pounds of silage, and about 1,000 pounds of grain. The average DHIA cow receives two tons of choice alfalfa; alfalfa-grass hay; from 4,000 to 5,000 pounds of corn silage; and from 2,500 to 3,500 pounds of balanced grain mixtures.

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