

'Water Wonderland' Slogan Now A Song

"Water Wonderland", the slogan for the State of Michigan, has been made into a song and recorded by Cal Cala, famous New York singing star, and the Jerry Delmar Orchestra, on Varsity Records. The music was written by Lloyd LaMar, a young Grand Rapids music composer, and the lyrics by Mary K. Sarlow, a talented lyricist, employed at the State Highway Department in Lansing.

The song has received praise from many of the state's Chambers of Commerce. A New York music critic commented that "The song is a good advertising song and should attract many vacationers to the State of Michigan."

The oldest bituminous coal mining company in America, the Westmoreland Coal Company of Pennsylvania, celebrated its 100th anniversary this year.

EMERALD STONE FOR THOSE BORN IN MAY, SIGNIFIES LOVE

The emerald, birthstone for May, has always been considered a love stone, closely identified with Venus and particularly propitious for women, bringing them happiness in love and comfort in domestic affairs, according to the Jewelry Industry Council.

Entitled to wear the emerald as a lucky birthstone are popular leaders in the entertainment world: Irving Berlin, Benny Goodman, Ezio Pinza, Sir Laurence Olivier, Cornelia Oils Skinner. In the field of sports, Joe Louis and Sam Snead claim May as their month. Henri Bonnet, former French ambassador to the United States, and Bishop Fulton J. Sheen, Catholic theologian and educator, are on the May list, which also includes Florence Nightingale, Ralph Waldo Emerson, and Walt Whitman.

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The Polk Benefit Dance will be held at Grand's Hall Saturday evening. The dance is being sponsored by the West Farmington Farm Bureau.

The Jolly Eight Pedro Club met with Mrs. Norris Hill at her home on Thursday afternoon. Honors went to Mrs. Frazier Huitts, Mrs. James Van Dell, and Mrs. Florence Bingham.

Saturday evening dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. James Iman of Twelve Mile Road were Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Lusk.

A pleasant surprise occurred on Mother's Day when Mr. and Mrs. Lee Tucker of Allen Park and Mrs. William Rahn of Gibraltar came to the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Abrahamson, on Twelve Mile Road, bringing with them a complete Mother's Day dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyman Bush and children spent Mother's Day at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hibbler, at Inlay City.

The Farmington Hooked Rug Club met on Monday with Mrs. Charles Kosowski of Brookfield.

Mrs. William Abrahamson of Twelve Mile Road was the instructor.

Postmaster Seeks Mail Box Repair

Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield has announced the week beginning May 17 as "Mail Box Improvement Week." This will be the sixteenth consecutive campaign to tidy up the official mail receptacles.

Postmaster Trombley is requesting the rural patrons in this area to repair and improve their mail boxes promptly and as far as possible.

MICHIGAN ACCEPTS LAST NATIONAL 4-H PROGRAMS FOR 1954

Four more national 4-H award programs have been accepted by the State Extension Service, which comes on line offered for 1954.

The programs and the donors are: Bread Demonstration, Standard Brands, Inc.; Dress Revue, Simplicity Pattern Co., Inc.; Recreation and Rural Arts, United States Rubber Co. and Soil - Water Conservation, Firestone Tire and Rubber Co.

Awards are the same as last year excepting in the Bread Demonstration and Recreation - Rural Arts programs. In the first named program, gold-filled instead of sterling silver medals of honor will be awarded to county individual and team members. In the Recreation and Rural Arts program, county cash awards have been changed to \$20 to a specified number of clubs in each state. The state winner receives an all-expense trip to the 1954 National 4-H Club Congress in Chicago instead of a \$37.50 scholarship. The national awards are six \$200 college scholarships instead of 12 trips to the National 4-H Club Congress.

All four programs are conducted by the Cooperative Extension Service.

LONG DAYS AHEAD, SKIES TO FEATURE SIGNS OF FEATURE

Longer days, a double planet and a heavenly crown - that's May's lineup of stellar attractions, according to Hazel M. Losh, University of Michigan associate professor of astronomy.

Professor Losh explains that at the month's beginning, "we will have 14 hours of daylight, extending to 15 by the end of May." This is due to the sun's rising and setting approximately 20 degrees north of the east and west horizon points, with the distance increasing to 30 degrees as the month lengthens.

Venus will shine as May's bright "Evening Star" for about one and a half hours after sunset, moving eastward and passing Jupiter on May 23. Bright, but not as much so as Venus, Jupiter will combine with it to appear as a double planet at the time of passing.

Saturn will be seen in May's southeast sky revealed to be surrounded by a shining ring when viewed through even a small telescope. It is distinguished by its yellowish color in contrast to the star's whiteness.

In the east, Mars, red in color, will grow brighter throughout the month," Professor Losh states.

Around sunset, May's skies will reveal the Corona Borealis or The Northern Crown.

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PREPARE BIRD LISTING

A list of 148 species of birds observed in Kensington Metropolitan Park from the fall of 1953 through the fall of 1954 has been compiled by the Detroit Audubon Society and is available free in mimeographed form from the Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority, 1750 Guardian Building, Detroit 26, or Kensington Park headquarters.

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COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

A Special Meeting of the City Council of the City of Farmington was held May 5, 1954, for the purpose of conducting a Public Hearing on the Proposed Off-Street Parking Program and consideration of the Bel-Aire Heights Subdivision Plat.

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Loomis at 2:40 p.m.

Roll Call: Cavanaugh, Coffey, Lindhorst, Loomis and Nourian. All present.

No definite action was taken by the Council on the Proposed Off-Street Parking Program.

Motion made by Nourian and supported by Coffey that the Plat of Bel-Aire Heights Subdivision, consisting of three sheets, be approved and accepted. Motion carried, all yeas.

Motion made by Coffey and supported by Lindhorst that the meeting adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

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