

First Petroleum Well Completed As 'Dry Hole'

The first petroleum well to be drilled in Lake St. Clair was recently completed as a "dry hole." Conservation Department geologists said a drilling crew, operating from a barge about a mile off the Canadian shore, drilled down 3,000 feet before giving up. The next exploratory well is planned about 2,000 feet north of the first site.

Department workers say similar operations have been under way in Lake Erie since 1942 without causing serious pollution problems. To date, the Canadian operation has been described as causing less pollution than an ordinary outboard motor.

However, Detroit draws its water supply from Lake St. Clair and any petroleum pollution could cause serious trouble. Ice action in the lake and possible failure of Smith; and one brother, William Darling, all of Durand. She also possible causes of such problems, leaves seven grandchildren.

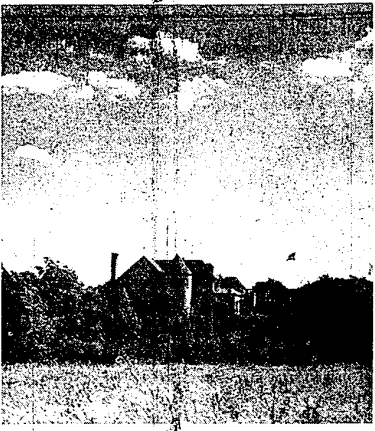
Obituary

Oliver Brown
Oliver Brown of Pleasant View Hospital, Coram, Michigan, and a 49-year resident of Farmington, died July 21 following an illness of three years.

Mrs. Brown was born June 6, 1877, in England, the daughter of George and Emma Darling. She was married to Eugene Brown on March 29, 1907. He preceded her in death three years ago.

Funeral services were held on July 25 from the Hellos Funeral Home in Durand with the Rev. Russell Staszoff officiating. Interment took place in Greenwood Cemetery in Vernou.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Pearl Reinke of Farmington; a son, Captain Frank E. Brown of the Air Force, stationed in Okinawa; three sisters, Mrs. Ad. Soley, Mrs. Emily Dodge and Mrs. Anna Smith; and one brother, William Darling, all of Durand. She also leaves seven grandchildren.



THE OLD CASTLE Middlebelt Road near Eleven Mile, catching the eye of nearly every passerby, is receiving favoring both inside and out. The castle was recently purchased from the Yoder family.

Doctor's Family Now Remodeling Middlebelt Road "Castle" For Use

At some time in our lives we have all dreamed of living in a make-believe castle with a spiral staircase leading to a tower. For Dr. S. A. Broadman and his family this is not a dream but a reality, as the Broadmans are the proud new owners of the "castle" at 25705 Middlebelt Road.

Passorably have expressed an interest in the house and wondered about the now-famous landmark, so with the gracious consent of the Broadman family, your Enterprise correspondent and photographer were permitted to prepare this article.

Since the castle hasn't been properly cared for in the past several years, painting, plastering and landscaping are all part of the future plans the Broadmans have to make their dream come true.

When finished, the castle will boast new white outside paint and the inside will feature traditional design and some antique furniture.

Work originally began on the castle in 1938 by Mr. and Mrs. Howard Yoder with the help of a mason, a carpenter, and a scrubber full of pictures that were accumulated through the years.

Each member of the family had his say in designing the house. The structure which resulted represents a compromise between modern and Roman architecture.

The three-story house has four teen rooms and an untold number of closets. It sits on a hill at the end of a long, winding driveway surrounded by seven and one-half acres of apple and peach orchards and a large grape arbor. It takes six hours to mow the lawn.

Besides the castle, the estate has a spacious guest house and the inside will feature the remodeling is completed.

After going up the entrance walk of flagstone, one enters a large hallway with a built-in

Stock Cedar Creek In Fish Kill Payment

Conservation Department Director Gerald E. Eddy has asked the city of Cedar Springs to stock trout in a portion of Cedar Creek to pay for a pollution fish kill in June.

Pollution occurred near the sewage treatment plant downstream from the city. An estimated 1,000 brook and rainbow trout were killed; about half were legal-sized.

Eddy requested the city "to voluntarily offer to pay for trout in number and size of those killed."

Care of nylon hose begins with their purchase, point out MSU home economists. Buy the correct size and select the best denier and gauge for your particular use.

ENERGY PRODUCED IN FOREST FIRE EQUAL TO A-BLAST

There's as much total energy released in 40 acres of burning brush as there is by exploding one medium A-bomb, according to Kenneth P. Davis, University of Michigan professor of forestry.

And it doesn't give an idea of a forest fire's destructiveness, Professor Davis cites figures which say that 10 million acres a year catch fire, with yearly dollar losses running in the 100's of millions.

He points out that the U. S. as a whole spends some 70 million a year for forest-fire fighting and prevention, but there are still about 100,000 fires each year. And, he emphasizes that "93 percent of all forest fires are man-caused."

Consensus Shows Increase In Deer Numbers

A substantial increase in deer numbers was noted in a deer drive census held in Lake County recently.

Fifty-five boys and leaders from the annual Michigan United Conservation Clubs summer camp at Ludington state park drove a half square mile of typical deer country and counted 25 deer.

The same area was censused three times last year and the highest total was 19.

Conservation Department district game supervisor Phil Baumgardt at Baldwin said the boys, ranging from 13 to 17 years in age, gave excellent cooperation in the drives.

Plan Water Ski Tourny At Metro Beach July 30

Tournament competition in water ski tricks, slalom and jumping events will provide a day-long, free show for spectators at Metropolitan Beach on Saturday, July 30.

Fifty or more Michigan skiers, mostly from the Metropolitan Beach Water Ski Club and the Walled Lake Water Ski Club, are expected to enter the second annual Metropolitan Beach Water Ski Tournament, to be held from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Deadlines for entries is July 29.

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