

LARGE GARDENS PLANTED BY INDIANS IN STATE BEFORE AMERICA DISCOVERED

Michigan had gardens before Columbus discovered America, according to Harlow O. Whittemore, professor of Landscape Architecture and Design.

Of prehistoric age and known as "garden beds," patterns of the long-eroded plots are found in the Kalamazoo and St. Joseph River valleys, and the prairie openings in southwestern Michigan, the landscape expert says.

They were located in nine Michigan counties.

Kalamazoo County, with 17, had more of the garden beds than any other county. St. Joseph County enjoys the distinction of having contained the largest -- a bed of 120 acres located near Three Rivers. Branch County had two: Van Furen, three; Cass, one; Berrien, one; Shiawassee, three; Sanilac, one; and Saginaw, one.

In 1748, Professor Whittemore states, the explorer La Varenne reported their existence to the French government. In 1827 Henry Howe Schoolcraft, Indian agent at Sault Ste. Marie, gave their plots and accurate measurements.

Professor Whittemore explains that the raised patches of ground were about 17 inches in height and were arranged in plots or blocks or parallel beds separated by sunken paths and ecotyled work with simple walls between.

"Some like the one which was situated in the City of Kalamazoo where the Park Club House stands, were in the form of a cart-wheel with radiating paths and ditches. Others were shaped like a pin.

Since 1949, game division workers from the Moultrie state game area have banded almost 30,000 waterfowl. Recoveries of banded birds ranged from six per cent for lesser scaup (blue-bills) to a high of about 26 per cent for mallards. A large percentage of all recoveries occurred within a 20-mile radius of the banding station.

Band recoveries demonstrated that the life expectancy of ducks is comparatively short. Of the banded birds, the largest percentage was taken in the first year after banding.

The study indicates fall migration in the area is characterized by a main migration peak, largely of mallards, around November 1 to 15. This main flight is preceded by a dabbling flight and followed by another peak in dabbling migration. Diver numbers drop rapidly while dabblers gradually decrease to the winter level.

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PREPARING to take off on an orientation flight in an Air Force T-33 is Robert B. Grinager, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert M. Grinager of 26135 Holly Hill. Cadet Grinager, who completed his junior year in advanced Air Force ROTC at Michigan State University, is now taking four weeks of summer training at Webb Air Force Base in Texas as part of his reserve officer training in college. While at summer training Grinager is observing and actually participating in Air Force operations.

CONSERVATIONISTS FROM FOUR STATES MEET TO DISCUSS DEER MANAGEMENT

Conservation Department workers met recently with representatives from Wisconsin, Minnesota and Ontario for discussion of deer management techniques.

The annual meeting of the Great Lakes deer management group, held in February at Lutsen, Minnesota, was attended by approximately 35 game biologists, foresters, law enforcement officers and administrators, including members of the U. S. Forest Service and the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

The four Michigan delegates to the meeting were I. H. Bartlett, in charge of deer investigations; Ben C. Jenkins, in charge of habitat management for northern Michigan; D. F. Switzenberg, in charge of Cusino wildlife experiment station; and Arlow P. Boyce, deer management researcher at Houghton Lake wildlife experiment station.

Past hunting seasons and regulations were compared along with the effect of hunting regulations on deer populations in various areas.

The group also discussed deer browse evaluation studies and how browsing affects different food species. The use of herbicides in management of deer range -- now in the experimental stages -- was considered at the meeting.

Bartlett emphasized the importance of browse evaluation in deer herd management.

"It is difficult to obtain a quick estimate on the number of deer a range or yard can carry and the possibilities of browse recovery," Bartlett said, "but many methods of evaluation are under experiment at present."

Bartlett, a charter member of the Great Lakes group, was named chairman of the organization for the current year and the 1957 meeting, which is scheduled to be held in Michigan.

Jenkins will serve as secretary of the group during the same period.

NOVI NEWS
By MRS. GEORGE WAITE
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Mr. and Mrs. Doyce Ward and two children are spending the week vacationing in the Upper Peninsula. They plan to visit Cap Harbor on Lake Superior while there.

George Clarke of Taft Road died at Sessions Hospital on Wednesday morning. Services were held Saturday from the Casterline Funeral Home. He was 62 years old and employed at the Young Wood Products Company.

He leaves his widow, five children, nine grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

He had been ill for about six months and suffered a severe heart attack three weeks prior to his death.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Darling returned from a two week vacation with friends at Lewiston and other points.

The William Hunsors, Sr., entertained their family at a pot luck dinner on Sunday honoring their son, William, Jr., on his birthday.

Glen Shirliff entered Pontiac General Hospital on Monday for an operation.

The Carl Evans are entertaining Mrs. Evans' niece and a friend from Cadillac for ten days.

The Waites entertained guests from Grand Rapids at dinner on Sunday.

Ed Richter, a former resident of Novi now of Pontiac, called on old friends in the area over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Miller returned home Friday from a vacation in the New England States.

William Hill died at Veterans Hospital a week ago. Funeral services were held Monday from the Bahnmiller Funeral Home.

Born and raised in Novi, he was 69 years old. Survivors include three brothers and a sister.

A pancake breakfast will be served from 8 to 10:30 a.m. Sunday, August 28, at the George Kahrl home on South Lake Drive in Walled Lake. If weather does not permit an outdoor breakfast, it will be held at the I. O. O. F. Hall in Novi.

The total amount spent by Red Cross for disaster services since 1881, if spread evenly throughout the 75 years, would approximate an average expenditure of more than \$365 per hour.

Only men still alive of the Civil War hosts are three Confederate soldiers -- Walter Williams, 113, of Texas; William Lindy, 103, of Florida; and John Salling, 110, of Virginia.

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