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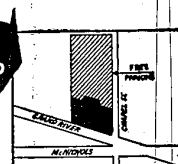
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Along The Creek In Woodcreek

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A welcome is extended to our new neighbors, the J. D. Downes and the Nevins Hummons. Mr. Downes, wife Maxine and children Gary 8, Linda 6, and Daryl 3, built their own home at 28661 Village Lane, next to the Watson Kinneys. He is a carpenter, tractor and builder, and Maxine's hobbies at present are home-making, child-raising and sewing. Nevins and Mildred Hummon, who live near the Nelson McCarty on Wellington, have two 22-year old sons attending Michigan State. William is keeping the household in a flurry of excitement, as he is getting married September 8, and Robert plans on getting married next June.

Nevins, whose business is landscaping, is a water ski enthusiast who drags his speedster out of his three-car garage at least once a week to indulge in his hobby when weather permits. Mildred is another of our Woodcreekers who enjoys sewing.

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and Dick Lam, all members of Boy Scout Troop 445.

Various garbled reports seem to include the following facts: All froze nights in their tents (there was ice in their water buckets each morning), but days were beautiful. Each and every one took an unexpected dunk fully clothed in the icy waters at some time or other when their canoe swamped, much to the glee of the ones who happened to be dry at the moment.

Food was quite good until the boys started experimenting with food coloring and served up such concoctions as pink, green and blue pancakes, milk, etc. Persons unknown made off with the camp supply of 91 gallons of milk and other supplies mysteriously dwindled, so breakfast the first morning consisted of a mixture of various soups.

Fishing was fine and the lucky Preuss family ended up with the final catch of fifteen or more trout which nobody else wanted to clean.

Jousting contests provided an outlet for the boys' effervescent energies. Two boys manned a cannon, one padding and the other buttoning, to see who could swamp the other first. After a series of eliminations the final winners, Dave Kreson and Arty Duquet of Farmington, were awarded fishing equipment.

All were thrilled with their new intimacy with mud turtles, snakes, muskrats, duck, beaver, lampreys, eels, stone rollers, blue heron and osprey or fish hawk, and fascinated with the rows of pickled animals including a small fawn, on display at a logging camp in the Hartwick Pines, the last of the great pine forests in that area.

James and Maxine Renfrew and children, Janine and Rodney, started their vacation with three weeks of riding, swimming, western dancing, hay rides and parties at the Don K Ranch in Colorado, and visits to friends in nearby Pueblo, where Maxine once lived.

After a week at home to rest up they spent two weeks in Akron, Ohio, visiting Maxine's mother, Mrs. Margaret McClincy, and sisters Mrs. Adele Glace and Miss Frank Aberill. Their vacation broke up rather abruptly when the children became ill with strep throats. Latest report is that they are fully recovered.

The Roger Overmeyers of Wallend Lake were hosts to the Woodcreek poker club last Thursday evening, cooking an outdoor steak dinner between raindrops.

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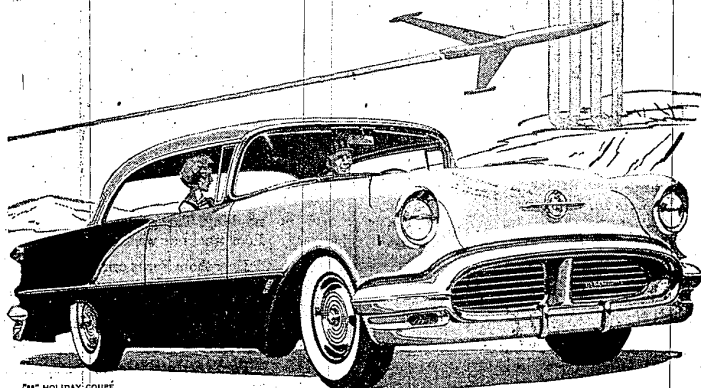
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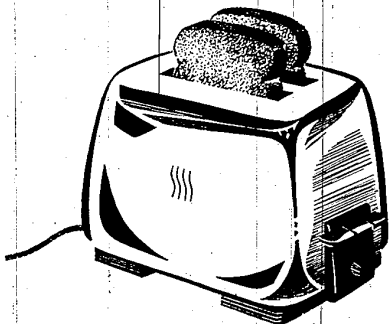
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