Mark Wildlife Week During March 25 - 31

School children, farmers, sportsmen's clubs, garden and nature clubs, and other conservation-minded groups will join in statewide observance of National Wildlife Restoration Week, March 25 - 31.

Special emphasis this year will be given to the nation's most basic conservation problem, soil conservation.

Governor Williams urges participation of all Michigan citizens "that they may become more aware of the need for conserving and restoring Michigan's natural resources, and learn how they can help in that important phase of good citizenship."

The 14th annual observance of the week, originally established by Presidential proclamation in 1938, is sponsored by the National Wildlife Federation.

Michigan United Conservation Clubs are arranging special meetings and programs throughout the state.

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Jefferson Jottings

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Mr. and Mrs. Ingram, Verne and Vonda of Port Huron, were week end guests of their daughter, Mrs. James Manning of Jefferson Street.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Mitchell and son Larry, who formerly lived on Jefferson Street, were Sunday visitors of the Bill Mannings.

Mrs. Clayton Spies of Inkster Road celebrated her birthday Saturday at a party given in her honor at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Fairley of Delaware Street. Among the guests were Mr. and Mrs. Howard Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Don Dorman, Mr. and Mrs. Walt Durham, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Menendez and Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Spies. The evening was spent playing cards, after which a lunch was served.

A party was given Wednesday evening at the home of Mrs. Edgar Mather of Oakland Avenue honoring her sister-in-law, Mrs. Jack McIntosh of Windsor, Canada, who, with her family, is planning to move to Farmington this week.

Mrs. Jack Carroll of Shiawassee has one of her twin boys home now. The other one has not yet reached the required weight, so it will be a few days before he joins his brother.

Saturday, March 17, was a great day for the Irish as they celebrated St. Patrick's Day. Many attended old time dances, while others enjoyed house parties.

The Clinton Spieses had several of their friends over for a St. Patrick's Day party. Among the guests were Mr. and Mrs. William Fairley, the Howard Jonses and Walt Durhams. The party also was an occasion to celebrate Mrs. Walt Durham's birthday.

"There's a car coming down the road!" was the exclamation of daughter Patsy. Anyone would think we lived in the backwoods, but we don't. It was just that our road, like many others, is suffering the annual thaw, which makes it impassable. Maybe some day this will be remedied and we can look back on the days when hip boots were a must.

In the past ten years bituminous coal production per man-hour has increased by 37 per cent.

Oil from coal provided most of the gasoline and oil used by Germany during World War II.

Class 1 railroads in this country bought $318,642,000 worth of bituminous coal in 1949.

ACES OF THE DIAMOND—Here's the pitch on New York Giants' hurlers Jim Hearn, Larry Jansen and Sal Maglie (left to right) as the right-handers get in shape for what they hope will be a big season. Maglie has the National League's best won-and-lost record from last year, Hearn enjoys the best earned-run average and Jansen has 19 wins to his credit.

WEST FARMINGTON

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About 30 people attended a blue and pink baby shower at the home of Mrs. Elmer See, 34201 14 Mile Road, given by Mrs. Floyd Cairns, Mrs. Irvin Wik and Mrs. Fred Lee Saturday evening in honor of Mrs. Harold See. Mrs. See received many gifts. Games were played, and a lunch of ice cream and cake were served from a table decorated in pink and white.

Mrs. Lawrence Giegler, Mrs. Lee Giegler and children Daniel and Nancy Lou were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Helker.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Williams and children, Sunny, Carol and Tomey, of Royal Oak and Mrs. Martha Williams and son Edward of Detroit were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dick Williams of 35935 14 Mile Road.

Mr. and Mrs. Graham Giegler of Howell were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Knapp.

John Westlake of Grand Rapids called on his mother, Mrs. Anna Westlake, last Sunday. Mrs. Westlake has been very sick.

Mrs. Katherine Merwin of Grand Rapids is spending the week with relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Lindsay are the parents of a baby boy born March 15 at St. Joseph Hospital. His name is Arthur Edward.

Harold Povall was home with a bad cold last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred German spent Sunday with Mr. German's cousins, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Rainey at Birmingham.

Mrs. John German and daughter Susie spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Povall.

The Walled Lake W. C. T. U. will hold a Starr Federation meeting at Walled Lake Baptist Church March 27, starting at 10 a.m.

Mr. and Mrs. William Knapp and children Evelyn and Nancy spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. William Westlake of Union Lake.

Bill Would Qualify State For Wildlife Funds

A bill introduced into the state legislature would enable the conservation commission to qualify for fishery improvement funds made available under the federal Dingell-Johnson law.

One of the federal limitations is that the state fishing license fees will not be used for any purpose other than fish activities under conservation department administration.

The Dingell-Johnson law, passed last year, allocates funds to qualifying states for fishery research, lake and stream improvement and other purposes that will benefit sport fishing. No new tax was created. The law diverts revenue from an existing 10 per cent excise tax on sport fishing tackle from the general treasury to the states.

The law is comparable to the Pittman - Robertson federal-aid-to-wildlife law in effect for some time.

Anglers Can Shift From Ice To Rivers

With fishing through the ice nearing the end of the season, the conservation department points out that fishermen soon can shift to fishing in rivers during the spring spawning runs.

Besides the popular hook and line angling for perch, dip-netting is legal on non-trout streams and some designated trout streams, when ice conditions permit, during March, April and half of May.

Hot Cross Buns Have Long Story

Almost as ancient as worship itself is the hot cross bun.

Although the stories of the origin of these spicy, sugar-coated buns are varied, their association with religious custom has never faltered.

Records claim that Cecrops, legendary Greek hero said to have been the founder of Attica, known today as Greece, offered a sweet bun to the gods as far back as 1,000 B.C. Petrified and perfectly shaped buns were discovered at Herculaneum, destroyed by Mt. Vesuvius in 79 A.D.

The early Egyptians offered buns, bearing two horns, to their Moon Goddess. The early Greeks changed the horn mark to a cross. The Saxons marked their buns with the cross in honor of Eastre, their Goddess of Light. Romans, too, ate crossed bread, buying it at the temple doors when they went to offer public sacrifice.

The Christian fathers adopted the Greek and Roman custom of eating crossed buns as a religious factor in Lenten observance. Some reports state that this custom stems from the bun's universal religious observance, while other reports say the bun was something the people felt they could eat during the Lenten period to replace pastries, cakes, and other rich foods which they may have decided to forego.

In England, which most people consider the native land of the modern hot cross bun, they were designed to be eaten on Good Friday, fast day. Today, however, hot cross buns are eaten during the entire Lenten period.

Hot cross buns are most popular today in England and in the United States, where the custom was brought by the early English settlers.

The religious significance of the hot cross bun has been lost today, and it is no longer emblematical.

Quaint traditions and superstitions still cling to the hot cross bun. In England, it is believed if a hot cross bun is hung in the chimney place on Good Friday, and left there during the entire year, it will bring good luck.

Another older superstition calls for the preservation of hot cross bun crumbs in strong boxes to be dissolved in water and taken as a cure-all when needed during the year.

If you stir eggs that are to be hard-boiled while they are cooking, the yolks will be better centered — making them more attractive for slicing and stuffing.

U-M Engineers To Hold Open House April 27 - 28

Engineering Open House will be held at the University of Michigan on April 27 and 28.

Every two years, the faculty and students of the University's College of Engineering invite high school students and the general public to see the college at work.

This year's Open House is being expanded to include an exhibit of engineering equipment and processes by industrial concerns, according to Co-chairmen Donald Couden, an engineering senior from Dearborn, and Alfred B. Lang, an engineering junior from Ann Arbor.

Repair Sea Lamprey Experimental Dam

Repair of the experimental sea lamprey control dam at the Lake Michigan mouth of the Black River is expected to be finished in time to trap the first spawning runs. High water last spring damaged the banks adjoining the structure.

The control experiment is a cooperative project of the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the conservation department.

The structure is a barrier to the spawning lampreys but permits passage of rainbow trout. A step and short apron below the crest of the structure provides a "jumping" pool which allows the trout to get over the dam. A curved steel lip bolted to the face of the dam wall is designed to prevent the lamprey from scaling the dam.

The lumber industry, in spite of its giant size, is actually made up of small businessmen. There are over 59,000 mills now operating in the United States.

IT'S A GIRL!

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Songer of 13 Mile Road are the parents of a baby girl, Leslie Ann, born March 6 at Women's Hospital. The new arrival checked in at seven pounds, five ounces.

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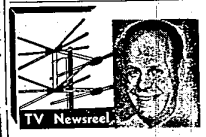

By GENE HYMES

The other day we got to thinking about how many shut-ins there are in Farmington, and all over the country for that matter. What an exciting thing television is to these folks who don't get around much. Just imagine how a whole new world opens for them . . . a world that we take for granted . . . being out and in it all the time. When people who are ill or old get a chance to watch TV . . . it diverts their attention, makes them think less of their ills and more about what's happening on the screen in front of them. It's relaxation and pleasure for the harrassed head of the house and his hard-working lady, too. So . . . if you have shut-ins in your family, or if you feel the need of letting down and relaxing yourself, then Television is the thing for you. It's the new treatment for a nervous society.

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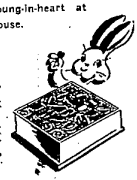

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