

"In the good old days," two possibilities always thrilled me; one of them was to take of this overcoat in the spring; the other to go bare-foot in early summer.

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NORTHVILLE—Mary Geraghty, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Geraghty, was awarded the \$50 scholarship given for the first time this year by the Northville Woman's club. In case she does not use the scholarship, it will go to Alfred Cousins, son of Mrs. Jennie Cousins, and president of the class of 1939.

The Thad Johnson Knapp scholarship, given each year by Mrs. Thad J. Knapp, went to Laura Marie Lord, valedictorian of the class, and daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Harry J. Lord.

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Model Planes Will Soar Today in First Flight of Contest For Young Land Pilots

Once again all of Birmingham, from the oldest parent down to the youngest tot, will have the annual privilege of being spectators at one of the most interesting and thrilling outdoor sporting events to come this way in the past year as the Model Airplane Contest sponsored by the Birmingham Exchange Club, gets under way this afternoon at three o'clock on Sheffield road, north of 14 mile road.

Boys' hearts will be pounding and many a hand will be shaking when they send into the air their pride and joy—an airplane they built themselves. Adventure is in the air! Yes, for that parent who spends his time in tame pursuits, the vision of a son's plane sliding

down the runway and taking off into the air has the element of the spirit of adventure. Somehow his heart grows larger and crowds it into the throat, as the dip and turn of that tiny speck in the sky, careers crazily at each wind of the wind, carrying with it the high hope and aspiration of the boy whose craft weathers successfully the storm of uncertainty in hovering over that venture in the air.

Land Pilot
Not only is the boy a "land pilot" but he is a tool shop craftsman as well, for he has to build his own plane in order to enter it in the contest. Those boys with the gliding instinct will enter the rubber-powered plane; those with the gift of mechanical expertise will enter the gas engine model, each in a separate class.

When gravity decides that what goes up must come down, then try again in the word of the day. Three flights in all for each plane are allowed and the judges say if a ship cannot stay up at least one out of three times, then a study of the plans, later, might iron out the difficulty. They point out that another contest in August will give those disappointed today an other chance.

Adding to the thrills and the spills of the day will be the 20-second take off for the gas equipped models as they shoot down the runway. The rubber-powered planes will be hand-launched, of course, but that does not mean the rest of the take-off will be as simple as that. Sometimes proper technique does not respond properly; they do not fly in the right direction. A crack-up is the result. So it's thrills and spills on the men's for the model airplane contest. But someone will be fortunate enough to win. Someone always does.

Cash Prizes
Cash prizes and airplane supplies will be awarded the winners at the regular weekly meeting of the club at 7:30 tonight in the Community House. Boys and girls, who are not members of this airplane organization but have model airplanes may enter the contest this afternoon. Entry fee is one cent for the gas planes and ten cents for the rubber models. Those interested in joining the club and learning how to build model planes, see George Watt, 364 Hanna street, president of the Birmingham Model Airplane Club.

Other officers of the club are Bob Wolfson, vice-president; Bob Allen, secretary; and Eileen De Beaubien, treasurer.

Sponsored by the Exchange Club, with Howard Allen, club adviser, the Model Airplane Club now has a membership of 43. Plans are rapidly going forward for membership in the National Aeronautic Association. This is the goal of every airplane builder and flyer.

Birmingham Youths Make Old Manuscript
That fine, artistic work can be performed by our local youth is shown at the public library this week where a manuscript duplicating the features of thirteenth century work, is on display.

Laurie Walker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Claude E. Walker, 327 Pleasant street, and Stuart Linton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd S. Linton, 208 Oakland avenue, are the 10th grade craftsmen responsible for this typical medieval-model manuscript.

All work in creating, hand-drawing and printing was done by the two youths. Bound in leather and brass, with gold, silver and water color design, the manuscript is colorful indeed. Titled "Treatise On The Renaissance," it contains detailed biographical material on Francisco de Coronado, De Soto, Balboa, Martin Luther, the Spanish Inquisition, Michelangelo and Rembrandt.

LAKE ORION—Fire which apparently started from the electric wiring as the occupant threw a switch, preparatory to closing the place for the week, at midnight Sunday destroyed a boat house cottage at Orion Heights. Furniture, personal belongings, a speed boat and a canoe were destroyed with the place.

The owner is Mrs. Minnie Arm, 4424 Fifteenth street, Detroit, and she had leased the place to Mr. and Mrs. Lyman Lawrence, of Pontiac. The Lawrences and their small son had spent the week-end here and were ready to return to Pontiac when the fire started.

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M. E. Church Gives Certificates to Fifty Graduates

The School of Religion at the First Methodist Church held its third Commencement Day Exercises Sunday morning, granting 50 certificates for study courses completed during the past year. The certificates were presented by Mrs. Martin, wife of the Pastor, the Rev. J. E. Martin, D. D. Mrs. Martin has had charge of leadership training.

Those receiving the certificates were: Ella Adams, Charlotte Allen, Everett Tilen, Ruth Allen, Etta Armstrong, Esta Brown, Forrest Brown, Alma Cady, Nellie Campbell, Arthur Clayton, Olive Clayton, Ellen Davey, A. V. Dixon, Erma Dixon, Naomi Gregory, Grace Hawk, Harry Hawblitz, Edith Martz, C. V. McKinney, May McKinney, Harriett Parkyn, Edith Reigick, Frances Reigick, Mrs. Reigick, Lena Strong, Florence Wall, Ruth Wall, H. B. Wasson and Mrs. H. B. Wasson.

This school of leadership training has granted 150 certificates during the past three years for completed study of Bible courses for the past three years. The studies have included: The Bible as Literature; The Bible as History; The Bible as Science; The Bible as Art; The Bible as Philosophy; The Bible as Religion; The Bible as Literature; The Bible as History; The Bible as Science; The Bible as Art; The Bible as Philosophy; The Bible as Religion.

The Pastor delivered the Commencement Address on the theme "Behold I Show You a More Excellent Way." It was an appeal for an understanding of the Christian Ideals of living and service, and their practice in response to the challenge of a modern world's need. This alone is the way to a better world, and in this task we are all involved.

Fly Rod in Favor For Lake Fishing As Season Opens

LANSING, June 18—Official opening of the fishing season of Michigan inland lakes on Sunday, June 25, will find a greater number of anglers than ever before fishing by fly rod. This prediction comes from the fish division of the department of conservation.

Reports show a definite trend toward this type of fishing. Principal cause is the added sport experience from hooking even smaller fish on a light rod, a factor which in recent summers led fishermen to leave their rowboats and take up tramping the lake shoreline.

A further benefit will be the preservation of the lake stock itself. Fishermen find that the more delicate equipment used in fly rod fishing makes it possible for the fish under the limit to be released with less damage done.

Fly rod fishing may add to the catch, as it permits the bait to be thrown farther away from the fisherman, whose shadow may keep fish at a distance. This thought is prompted by information that the man with the longest pole gets the most fish caught in a boat, the fish division declared.

No expensive equipment is needed for shore-reading. A bathing suit and creel are common gear. As to the skill needed to master the light rod and bait, practice will make perfect in that regard, and those who have done it say "It doesn't take much."

WALLED LAKE—The Commerce Township quota of the Red Cross storm relief fund is \$100 and the chairman of the campaign locally is Mrs. Kenneth Wacker. Her assistants are: For Walled Lake, Mrs. Ira Carnes, Mrs. Rex Tuttle, Mrs. C. E. Hutton and Mrs. Richard McManus; for Commerce, Mrs. Joe Long.

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Oakland County Briefs

ROYAL OAK—A pan of hot, soupy water spelled double trouble Friday for Ralph Foss, age 21, 212 East Harrison avenue.

At 3:45 a. m., police were called to a restaurant at 1209 South Main street, where Foss is employed and took him to Royal Oak hospital for treatment of burns on the right shoulder and wrist, suffered when the water boiled over onto him.

Detective Sgt. Edward A. Lietzau saw the incident on the police blotter later in the morning and recognized the name as that of a man sought by Pontiac police on an embezzlement warrant. Lietzau arrested Foss, whom he had been unable to trace previously, and turned him over to Pontiac authorities this afternoon.

CLAWSON—Police, Thursday, received from the Federal Communications commission a license to transmit regular police radio calls from its two-way radio car. The license, assigning the call letters WJIA to the car, expires May 1, 1940.

The transmitter has been in service several weeks under a special testing permit and is the first outside Royal Oak, to receive a regular license.

Calls to Clawson cars are dispatched from the Southern Oak land county police station located at Royal Oak police headquarters where calls transmitted by the Clawson car also are received.

PONTIAC—Building repairs and awards to families in Oakland County who sustained severe losses in the recent storm started through the agency of the Red Cross which is coordinating the relief work.

This report of progress in aiding the storm victims was made by Dr. George N. Fuller, chairman of Oakland County Red Cross chapter, who asked that the public continue to donate funds for the humane task.

Fifteen families' requirements have been registered at the Red Cross, 218 River Building, and these serve to spur the fund raising work of St. Clair County. The National Red Cross includes building aid, household necessities, clothing and other articles.

ROYAL OAK—Two girls were hurt, one seriously Friday morning in an automobile-truck collision at Coolidge highway and Normandy road. Seriously injured was the driver of one car, Miss Virginia Kiley, 21 years old, 3305 West Fourteen Mile road, who is in the Detroit Outpatient Hospital with a possible skull fracture, scalp lacerations and cuts. Her sister, Miss Annette, 28 years old, suffered minor injuries. Clarence Aiken, 44 years old, 507 East University avenue, driver of the milk truck, also suffered cuts and bruises.

OXFORD—Promotion of William Clock, high school principal, to superintendent of Oxford Schools for the coming year, to replace W. R. Zinn, was revealed with the release of the faculty list for the coming year. James Jones, athletic coach, will succeed Mr. Clock as high school principal, and will coach basketball next year, in addition to other duties. Mr. Zinn has not announced his plans for the future. There will be eight new members of the Oxford School faculty the coming year.

BERKLEY—The city commission approved City Treasurer Donald Chisholm's request that property owners be allowed to pay \$39 city taxes in four monthly installments. The taxes will be levied and due July 1. Installments will be payable in July, August, September and October.

ROYAL OAK—Judge Arthur E. Moore of Oakland County Probate Court, who recently underwent a minor operation in a Detroit hospital, is convalescing at his home in Royal Oak and expects to be back in his office within 10 days.

PONTIAC—Appeal to the State Tax Commission for "increased

millage" over the 5.13 mills allotted Pontiac City by the Oakland County Tax Allocation Commission was authorized by City Commission at a special meeting to consider a financial condition described as "a public emergency."

The move was indicated by Commissioner George W. Booth to be a "showdown" in a situation which he declared finds the city and schools unfairly dealt with while the county benefits.

ROCHESTER—A new plan for meeting WPA objections to a water main installation program in the unplatted Rochester Farms subdivision, southeast corner of Fourteen-Mile and Crooks roads, has been approved by the city commission.

The YPA halted the water main project several weeks ago because the streets, Ottawa and Genesee drives, had not been deeded to the city. The city had refused to approve the plat and accordingly the streets until improvements were made.

ROYAL OAK—Single residences again headed the May construction list in Royal Oak with permits issued for 31 new homes at a total estimated cost of \$14,500, according to the report of City Inspector Owen C. Perkins. In April there were 35 single residences listed at a construction total of \$177,100.

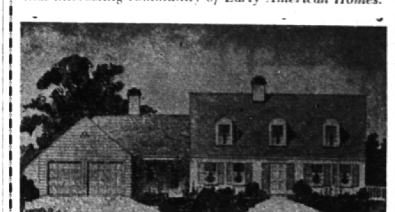
The total estimated cost of all May permits, including one new store, 10 private garages and minor buildings, a funeral home and 29 additions and alterations, was \$175,678, as compared to the April total of \$186,550.

ROCHESTER—The fifth annual banquet of the Avon Pioneer Society was held Thursday, with 109 residents and former residents of the township attending the dinner at noon in the Avon Community rooms here.

George N. Fuller, secretary of the Michigan State Historical Commission, discussed the settling of Michigan and Avon Township and progress of the past 100 years. He said the pioneers of today were those research workers who seek nature's secrets in the laboratories, and compared the details of a past generation with those of today.

UNION LAKE—A fire at 3:30 a. m. Sunday burned a small home in the roof of William Meg's cottage on Willow road, Union Lake. The West Bloomfield Township, Westacres and Walled Lake fire departments were called and responded.

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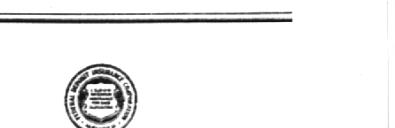
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