Lathrup Village News

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Neighborhood Notes

Returning from the New York automobile show are the Arthur Thornburys and Dr. and Mrs. Clark Miller, all of the village.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Stock will leave next week for a five-day automobile convention in Atlantic City. They will be accompanied by three other dealers and their wives and plan to spend several days in New York City also.

It was a canasta battle to the finish and chicken in pattie shells that drew the contestants to our chack last Tuesday. When the scores were tabulated the hostess, meaning this reporter offered no prizes at all.

Mrs. W. H. Harvie of Santa Barbara drive was hostess last week at a bridge luncheon. The foursome included Mrs. Harold Youngren and Mrs. Frank J. McLaughlin of Bloomfield Hills and Mrs. Howard Stock of the village.

Guild Activities

The St. Sebastian Guild of the Shrine of the Little Flower held its regular breakfast meeting Tuesday. Mrs. Lawrence McLaughlin, president, conducted the meeting.

Some important business was settled such as the purchase of individual trays which will enable hostesses to serve breakfast more easily, as about 40 members attend when the weather is nice.

The club which during the war worked with veterans' families, still encourages that project. Recently a large hamper of food was taken to a needy family, and every month members contribute towards their comfort, since the father is very ill.

Members voted to send monthly gifts to those hospitalized veterans with whom the Guild is acquainted, and to make and furnish infants' layettes.

The president appointed her committee chairman including membership, social, hospital, purchasing, and a representative to attend diocesan meetings held in Detroit.

Local Births

Mr. and Mrs. Robert McMillan of Lathrup boulevard, announce the birth of a daughter Gloria Jean, at Mount Carmel hospital, Jan. 5.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Francis Murphy of Jeanette avenue, are the parents of a son, Timothy Harold, born at Mount Carmel hospital Jan. 12.

Mr. and Mrs. Edmund C. Risdon of Beverly hills announce the birth of a daughter, Stephenis Cherly, Dec. 7.

Overseas Visitor

The Charles G. Walkers of San Jose boulevard have had as their houseguest Alec MacDonald of Glasgow, Scotland, who is touring the country with a group of business acquaintances. MacDonald is Mrs. Walker's brother-in-law.

On Monday he was the honored guest at a luncheon given at the Detroit club by Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Peppiatt of Saratoga boulevard.

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Polo Becomes Increasingly Popular Here; Winter Games Attract Out-State Teams

By Joe Nichols

Franklin Correspondent

Polo, the game that knows no age limit, is becoming increasingly popular in this area as well as throughout the entire country.

Localities who would like to enjoy the spectacle of man and pony-in action will be interested in the winter tournament taking place at the Outland riding stables located on 14 Mile road, between Lahser and Telegraph every Sunday at 6:00 p. m. There is no charge for the games which you can view from a well-heated observation room.

Many well known names in polo appear on the list of players, including Volney Bayley, Wendell Smith, Roy Pulver, Al Poole, Bob Cameron, Harold Troy, Gordon Miller, Bill Smith and Bob Peterson. They comprise four teams, two men each. Teams participating are Baywood, Evergreen, Franklin and Pontiac. Guest clubs from other cities furnish competition occasionally throughout the season.

A trophy has been donated by Arthur Searles and will be presented to the winning team at the close of the winter meet.

During the summer months outdoor polo is in full swing at the club's new field, Middlebelt and 14 Mile roads, making the game a year around sport for this vicinity.

Colonel Describes It

H. W. Johnson, Colonel of the United States Cavalry, explains the game as follows:

Polo differs from other sports because the player, in addition to being familiar with the game and its rules, must also have a speaking acquaintance with the horse.

Polo was born in Persia some 3,000 years ago where it was considered the final test of a man's character, courage, physical strength and stamina. Soldiers were chosen from the polo players and the best players were given the highest military rank. The word "polo" is believed to be a slight change from the Tibetan word "pulu," meaning "willow root," from which the balls were made.

Polo sticks were similar to present-day hockey sticks with long handles and wide blades. The field was of size determined by the two teams before each match. The ball used today is made of rubber, inflated to a pressure between 15 and 20 lbs, weighs about six ounces and is about four inches in diameter. The sticks have become a mallet type approximately 54 inches in length.

American "Natural"

The game of polo is a "natural" for Americans, because it demands hard-riding, the contact and the clever playing that is so much admired in other sports.

The first essential in polo playing is an understanding of, and inherent ability at, horsemanship, for the player does not have the time while concentrating on hitting to watch his riding. Also, he must realize that the polo pony makes up much of the player's ability at the game. The pony must be trained for he is called upon to make turns and stops that he would not attempt if he were left to his own devices.

All players must have a thorough understanding of the use of the "aids" in riding a pony. The voice, the hands, the legs and the disposition of the weight all enter into this phase of horsemanship. The secret is to use all of these aids smoothly and evenly.

By "hands" is meant the ability to control the horse with the reins on the neck and the bit in the horse's mouth.

The four fundamental strokes in polo are: the off side (right) forehand shot; the off-side backhand shot; the near-side (left) forehand shot; and the near-side backhand shot. Each of these fundamental strokes is divided into shots which drive, pull or cut the ball. Since these shots are sufficient for the beginner, the "fancy" shots can be left until the player becomes an expert.

In order to maintain even play among polo teams, all players are handicapped. This merely means that his relative ability as compared to other players is from one to ten goals.

Handicapping of all players actively engaged in polo is usually done once a year. When two teams meet, the handicaps are usually added and the team with the smaller goal-handicap gets the difference added to their score.

In no other form of sport is the axiom that "the best attack is the best defense" more true than in polo. The players all move up and down the field, unrestrained by zone lines or any rules that force them to remain at one end of the field. Potentially then, every player is an attack man, as well as a defense man. Above all, play should be fair and unselfish.

Volney Bayley has recently been raised from four to six goals in the National Handicap which places him in the top 17 players of the nation. He is the leading goal scorer in the winter meet, followed by Wendell Smith.

VOLNEY BAYLEY
Has 6-Goal Handicap

Tips on Touring

By Carol Lane

Women's Travel Authority

I have a standard one-word bit of advice when people ask me about picking up hitchhikers. That advice is — "DON'T."

Unless you are capable of absolute infallibility in judging a person's character within a matter of the few seconds it takes him to climb into your car, you are asking for trouble sooner or later.

Miss Lane

It is unfortunate that the honest and deserving hitchhiker must suffer by this rule — but you can't afford the one-in-10 risk of picking up a possible escaping convict, murderer, rapist, thug, AWOL serviceman, thief, minor crook or plain dishonest moocher. I mention a one-in-10 risk, but many law enforcement agencies say as high as 20% of hitch-hikers are undesirable or dangerous.

The hitch-hiker problem is a serious one and 23 states have made it illegal to pick up ride askers. And, what is more, in 21 states the driver can be held liable for any injury the hitchhiker may suffer when in his car.

If you make a practice of refusing hitch-hikers you are bound to pass up a few deserving ones—but the point is, you never know. Don't tempt trouble.

February Should Be Colder, U-M Astronomer Says

ANN ARBOR—As the day grows longer, the cold grows stronger is an old but true saying, according to Dr. Hazel M. Losh, assistant professor of astronomy at the University of Michigan.

Coldest weather of the winter should come in early February since that is the period when the amount of heat from the sun, which has been increasing since Dec. 21, manages to overtake the rate at which the earth as been cooling off since winter's arrival, she reports.

"Before we get enough more heat from the sun to start the warmth that will bring Spring, we have to go through a period in which the heating and cooling of the earth's surface are pretty much in balance," Dr. Losh points out. "And that is when the thermometer is apt to start plunging to its lowest point of the winter season."

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Board of Education, Birmingham School District, Oakland County, Michigan will receive sealed bids for the erection and completion of a two room addition to Walnut Lake School and the new Terry Elementary School in Birmingham, Michigan until February 21, 1950, at the office of the School Board, Hill School, Martin Street, Birmingham, Michigan.

Separate proposals will be received as follows:

Proposal A—Architectural and Mechanical Trades—Walnut Lake School.

Proposal B—Architectural and Mechanical Trades—Terry Elementary School.

Proposal C—Lump Sum Bid — Both Schools.

Bidders will be required to furnish satisfactory performance bond and labor and material bond in the amount of 75% of the contract. The accepted bidder shall pay total cost of these bonds.

Plans and specifications may be obtained on and after February 7, 1950, at the office of the Architect, Swanson Associates, West Long Lake Road, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan.

PROPOSALS MUST BE SUBMITTED ON FORMS FURNISHED BY THE ARCHITECT and accompanied with a certified check in the amount of 5% or cost of the work in accordance with the specifications.

Bids will be accepted separately for each school although each bidder will be given the option of submitting a lump sum "blanket bid" for both schools.

Plans may be examined at the offices of Builders and Traders Exchange, the F. W. Dodge Corporation, Detroit, Michigan, and the Architect's office.

All proposals submitted shall remain firm for a period of thirty(30) days after official opening of bids.

Each bidder will be furnished two (2) sets of plans and specifications. A check in the sum of $16.00 must be submitted as a deposit for each set of plans and specifications, same to be refunded when plans and specifications are returned. Additional sets may be obtained upon request at a cost of $8.00 each.

The School Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids, in whole or in part, and to waive informalities therein.

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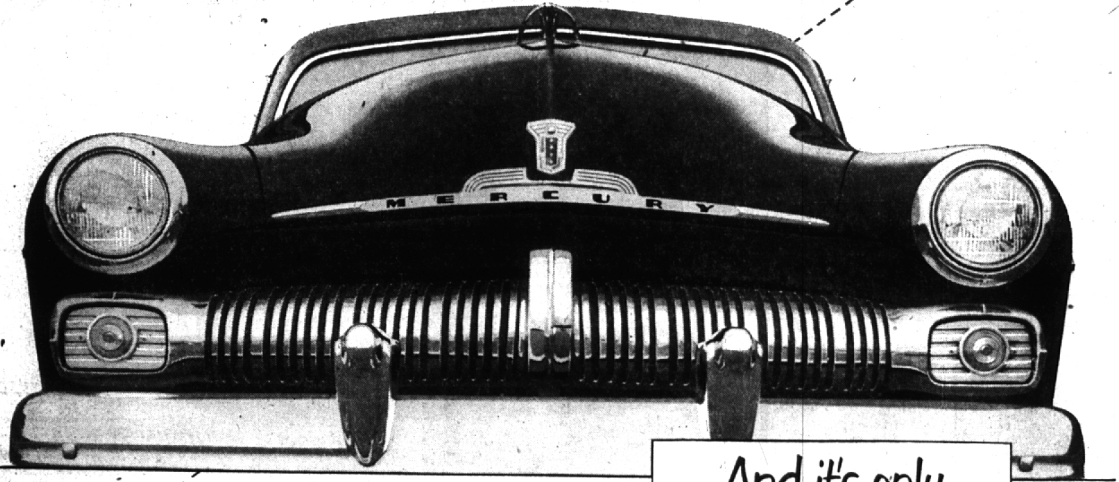

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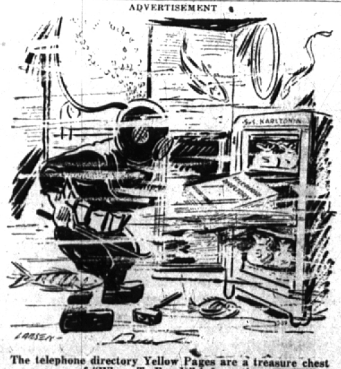

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