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**Wins High Point Trophy in Interclub Swimming**

Pat Palmer, 15, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Palmer, 3565 Woodale, was awarded the girl's high point trophy of the Michigan Interclub Swimming Association Sunday. The presentation was made at the final meet held at the Detroit Boat club. Swimming for the Oakland Hills Country Club, Pat won the 50 yard free style, 50 yard back stroke and 50 yard breast stroke meets this year. She has been a member of the league since she was nine years old, and is also the holder of an AAU relay medal.

**NATURE NOW**

By LYDIA KING FRESHE

That portion of Michigan's above line which stretches from Harbor Springs to Cross Village was long known to the Indian as "The Crooked Tree." It was so named from a tall white pine overhanging a high bluff, which served as a landmark, to designate what was once the most important Indian village in the North prior to the coming of the white man.

Here tepees touched tepees for miles in an unbroken line. Now the tourist and resorter roam the paths and forests while only a few Indian families remain to ply their ancient crafts and to keep alive their ancient customs. But the hand of the Indian has been strong in the land of the Crooked Tree and some marks remain to bear mute testimony to a day that is done.

ONE SUCH PLACE we visited was Green Sky Hill on the ridge overlooking the west shore of Susan Lake. This lake was named for the wife of the first missionary who settled there some 150 years ago, and who built the church which still stands. This week it was in use for the regular summer camp meeting, making a motory than as a chapel, for the Indian likes to be at one with the wind, the earth and the sky and to him the Great Spirit speaks in all things out-of-doors. So he has built for his summer worship an enclosed platform decorated on its open face with an arching garland of white cedar. Here he meets his God, with such ceremonies as seem meaningful to him.

CHIG-WAK, THE SON OF the itinerant evangelist conducting the meeting, served as our guide. He proudly told us that he belonged to the Potawatami, that he was nine years old and that his Indian name was Little Fox. He took us first to the open meadow where stands the circle of Crooked Trees. Here the twenty-seven families of the original settlement planted each its own maple tree, and bent it toward the earth with a basswood thong, as a symbol of friendship and reverence for all growing things. Nine of these trees remain in a well-near perfect circle some seventy-five feet in diameter, each with a crook in its trunk about fifteen feet above the ground. In the center is a ring of stones where the council fire was made and where the yearly ceremony called the "feeding of the dead" was carried out.

AFTER ALL WERE assembled, a plate of food was passed and each of the living took a bite as a symbol of fellowship with the dead whose souls were then fed by emptying the remaining food into the fire. The trees have and straight above their crooks as do all things with an ancient hunger for the sun. The meadow is bright with wild flowers and the trees are festooned with a tangle of wild grapes. As we stood within the circle, only the silence spoke of past feasts and emotions long dead.

Little Fox encouraged by our interest, showed us the old church in which the assembled Indians were camping. Although the roof has been replaced, the main structure stands secure; its logs hand-hewn and expertly fitted together by master craftsmen, who took nine years to complete their task. Chig-Wak walked by our side next pointing out the dining hall where the tables were spread with clean white cloths and on to the kitchen where an ancient grandmother was presiding.

HER BRIGHT DARK EYES shone in her weather-beaten face as she told us of the old days when as a little girl she came with her father to camp meetings under these same trees. "There are many legends of this place," she said, "about the meetings of the tribes and their chieftains for their councils of war and peace but I am anxious to have you know that Sky Hill has always been a place for religious worship, even as it is today."

While he waited for us, Little Fox played a tune as Indian children do, on a wide leaf held between the thumbs of both hands. We then climbed to the ancient burial ground on top of the hill. Large granite boulders serve to define the head and foot of each grave. Here lie the dead, unknown and unmarked except in the memory of men. Their names and deeds passed down by word of

mouth from one generation to another.

AS WE CAME to the crest of the hill, we noticed that two graves violated this rule. They were enclosed each in a separate and well-weathered wooden fence whose pickets were hand-whittled into a diamond pattern and whose corner posts were ornamented with square facings. Noting how these were set apart, we inquired of Little Fox asking him to solve this mystery. Already well schooled in the lore of his kind, he said, "Them's preachers."

We looked off into the distance from our vantage point to see through the tree tops the blue of Susan Lake. So had it done when Susan Lake was the home of the Potawatami, even before the circle of crooked trees had been planted as a symbol of friendship and reverence for all living things.

We said good-bye to Chig-wak, the Little Fox, who smiled as he pocketed the shiny new coin my husband had just pressed into his hand as a parting gift.

**Board Stiffens Restaurant Code**

Four Southfield township restaurant owners, charged with violations of the State Board of Health sanitation regulations, will appear before township board members at the next meeting to tell their story.

**Sportsmen's Club Ready to Build On Township Site**

Southfield township board members Wednesday night approved a transfer of a club liquor license from the City of Detroit to a site on Northwestern and Franklin roads.

The Sportsmen Club of Detroit intends to build a \$40,000 club house in the township and sought permission of the township to operate the food and liquor license in Southfield.

The club, composed of 200 Detroit businessmen, has been in existence for 15 years and members assured board members that it had suffered no violation of the liquor laws since organization.

The petition stated that the club was moving because of the number of its members who live in Northwest Detroit and Southern Oakland County.

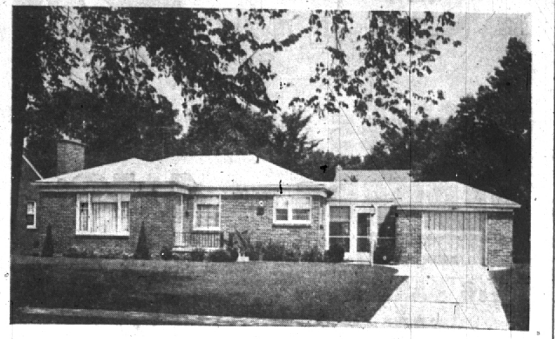
**Awarded Culver Medal**

David G. Andreae, son of Robert D. Andreae, 1033 Glenbury, has been awarded the Tuxis Bronze Medal by the Culver Military Academy summer school, Culver, Ind.

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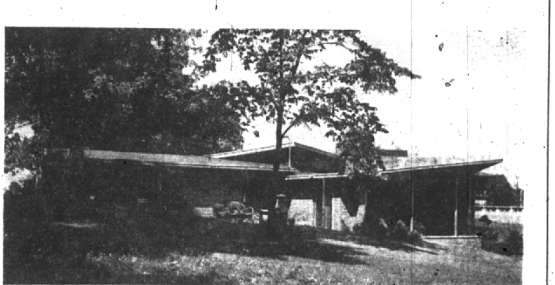
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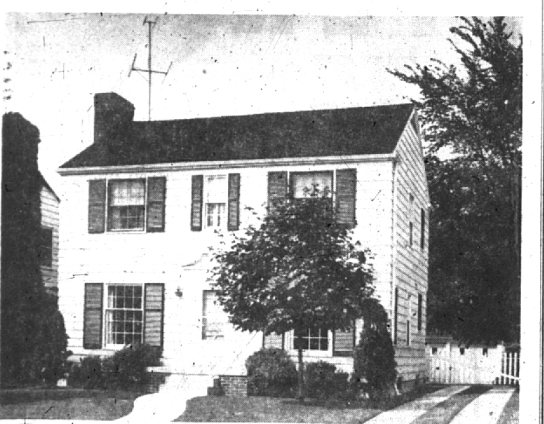
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Inside and out, this colonial is in marvelous condition. The living room has a fireplace and is beautifully carpeted in green; the separate dining room has the same carpeting. To the rear on the corner of the house you cannot see in the picture is a cozy den, extending out and overlooking a charming garden.

There are three bedrooms, all carpeted in taupe, and a tiled bath up.

Other features are a 1st floor lavatory, knotty pine-paneled recreation room, Dutch door to kitchen, Quarton School of course.

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