

Huron-Clinton Lures Amateur Naturalists

Thousands of adults and youngsters are gaining a more intimate knowledge of bird, plant and animal life this summer through the nature study program of the Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority. This Authority is supported by tax levies on the counties of Oakland, Wayne, Macomb and Washtenaw.

More than 1300 persons were taken on conducted tours of Kensington Metropolitan Park last month and hundreds more toured the Authority's other parks.

Much unusual bird life is reported by the Authority's two staff naturalists, William F. Hopkins and Charles Damm.

Marsh and water fowl abound at St. Clair Metropolitan Beach. While the common terns have completed their nesting on Huron Point and most of the birds have left, Cherry Lane marsh west of the parking lot offers many interesting sights for bird lovers.

THREE "FIRSTS" in water fowl nests for Macomb County were recorded recently with the Detroit Audubon Society as the result of bird hikes conducted by Hopkins. Nests of the least bittern and the black tern were spotted in the marsh by Dave Debuscher of St. Clair Shores and Hopkins discovered a nest of the Florida gallinule. All are located in spots difficult of access, the black tern nest in waist deep water on an old muskrat lodge. Hopkins estimates there are about 25 of the black terns and reports three broods of the gallinules have hatched this season.

Comparatively rare birds to be seen, and among the more unusual Park are American egrets, loons and grebes or "hell divers". Five broods of Canada geese have been hatched this season; young mallards and ruffed grouse may be seen, and among the more unusual tree nests are those of the chickadee, tufted titmouse and scarlet tanager.

IN AN EXHIBITION of beach bird life at the St. Clair Metropolitan Beach children's play area headquarters are mounted specimens of the least bittern, American bittern, blue-winged teal, green-winged teal, black tern, common tern, sandpiper, cardinal and red-winged blackbird, nests of the marsh wren, reedling, catbird, yellow warbler, warbling vireo, wood pewee and gold finch, and eggs of various birds, loaned by members of the St. Clair Metropolitan Beach Sanctuary Association. There are also photographs of the recently found nests.

Lower Huron Metropolitan Park near Belleville and Dexter-Huron Metropolitan Park near Ann Arbor are also popular spots for nature hikes. Trees have been labeled at Dexter-Huron Park and Lower Huron Park has a marked nature trail.

Nature trails, including the three at Kensington Park are now being relabeled for late summer and fall hikes.

Arrangements for conducted hikes for organized groups may be made by calling the Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority headquarters, 1750 Guardian Building, Detroit 26, telephone WO 1-5853. The service is free of charge.

City Taps Land Sale Fund To Help Defray Expense Of Future Fire Stations

The sum of \$17,987.86 has been earmarked by Birmingham city commissioners to help defray construction costs of future fire stations. The monies had been received from the sale of city-owned lands, and according to state law, can be used only for construction of new buildings or the acquisition of more land.

In his recommendation, City Manager Donald C. Egbert said he felt that in view of these state restrictions, tagging this fund for fire halls was about the best way to use it.

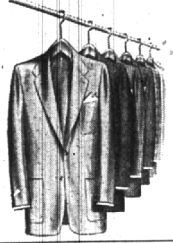
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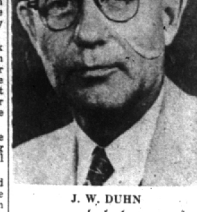


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Wins Advancement At Chrysler Corp.

The appointment of J. W. Duhn, 31875 Lahser road, as an assistant chief engineer in the electrical section of Chrysler corporation's engineering division was announced today by P. J. Kent, engineer in charge of that section.

Duhn, a native of Iowa, received his bachelor of science degree from the Milwaukee school of engineering in 1930 and for the next four years served as an instructor in drafting and design.

He became a project engineer for Chrysler in 1934 and has since worked in various departments of the electrical section, advancing to the supervisory position of the heating and air conditioning laboratory in the fall of 1949. He was placed in charge of all engineering division electrical shop work at that time, also.

Burned Out Family Continues Search For Home in City

Mr. and Mrs. James Shafar and five children, whose home on S. Woodward was destroyed by fire on July 29, are still hoping to locate a home in Birmingham.

"We'd like to keep our children in the Birmingham schools," Mrs. Shafar told a reporter from The Eccentric on Tuesday morning. "They liked it so much there and were doing so well."

In the meantime Gerald, 8, is a patient in the Children's hospital at Ann Arbor, receiving treatment for a severe head injury suffered when struck by a car about three years ago.

"I'LL BE there a year, at least," Mrs. Shafar said. "The doctors haven't finished their examinations, so we don't know yet what they will find."

In an effort to help bolster the finances of the family, clippings of stories of the fire have been sent to "Strike It Rich," a TV program.

"It would be wonderful if we could get on the show and earn that extra money," Mrs. Shafar commented. "Maybe that would be enough to help us get a home in Birmingham."

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