

MICHIGAN OUTDOORS



THE ELUSIVE OTTER

To a trapper an otter represents a valuable and highly prized animal and a trapping adventure, for indeed an otter is an extremely wary and intelligent animal. To the hunter an otter is a rare sight indeed. While he may have a chance to see one in the wild upland game along a river bank, the sportsman's chance of watching the otter for more than a fleeting moment is微乎其微. The pictures of the author, the publisher, the pictures of a family of otters playing in the water, or enjoying a slide down a steep river bank is a long-cherished dream and one which rarely materializes.

Otter Native to Michigan

The fact that few people ever see an otter in the wild does not mean the animal is nearing extinction in Michigan. The otter population probably just about as high as ever, for this interesting mammal has few enemies other than man—and man's trapping activities have very little effect on its population figures. Biologists say that no known North American animal found in other territory is capable of killing them in the water, from which they rarely stray but do so occasionally. When they do, they are fierce and dangerous fighters, and in England where hunting with dogs is an ancient sport, otters are often killed. Many have been killed in the fight to the finish which is often a result of a meeting

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Second Supper Planned For Lent At Christ Church

In the second in a series of weekly Lent dinners Lent will be held at Christ Church, 1000 Woodward, Wednesday evening, Feb. 25, at 7:00 p.m., followed by service in St. Dunstan's Chapel. The Lenten dinners and mid-week suppers are part of a two-fold Lenten program which also includes discussions in homes of participants. These were sponsored by local amateur organizations who participated in 1952 that they are being held again this year with the book "Christianity of Daily Living" by Canon Theodore G. Wedel, as the theme.

The Rev. Robert L. DeWitt, Rector, has also announced a series of Lenten discussion meetings consisting of 11 Sunday afternoon meetings and concluding on Sunday, May 24 when Bishop Enright will preside at the closing of the class.

It is hoped that those who have already been confirmed and feel the need of a "refresher" course will attend the meetings, which will include a lecture and a discussion period.

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Action Delayed On Parking Ord. By Commission

A series of zoning ordinance changes recommended by the Birmingham planning and zoning board to city commissioners Monday night, were referred to the March 2 commission meeting. City officials expressed a desire to study the changes.

Several of the changes concern minor revisions in the working of specific ordinances.

The most important zoning change contained in the report is the long-awaited parking ordinance.

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Wide Travellers

Otters are always active, winter and summer. The otter ranges over a wide area of time. Trappers say the animals have a regular "beat" of 20 miles or more, making the rounds of their territory. Normally, this course is along a stream or river, where fish are always available food. While the water may be cold, every now and then some fishermen and woodsmen say they have actually watched otters chase and overtakes trout under ice. Following the report, some lumbermen and woodsmen say they have actually watched otters catch and eat fish such as suckers and carp.

Most Playful Animal

With an intelligence far ahead of most other Michigan mammals, otters are built for safety and have a wide variety of suitable playgrounds. As judges they are second only to the seal. As a tobogganist (with a built-in steering device) they have no equal. In snow, ice and mud they construct slides from the tops of steepest riverbanks, straight down into the water. What they will play for hours and it is this ambition of writer to film such an episode here in Michigan. If any readers do go to see other playgrounds, a good place to start is the one in one of the other states which will bring immediate action, and with your help we'll try to bring this highlight of Michigan Outdoors to the attention of our fellow citizens via the modern miracle of television.

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YMCA Square Dance Planned For Feb. 21

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Mr. and Mrs. Charles Thurston are acting as hosts for this activity.

Reservations may be made by telephoning the YMCA as only a limited number can be accommodated.

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Industrial Safety Topic For Men's Club

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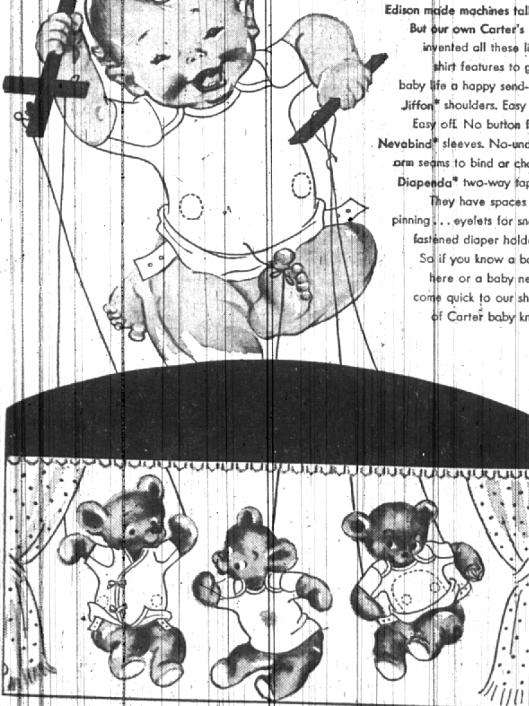
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Clawson Refuses To Approve City's Entry To District

The Clawson city council Monday night again rejected Birmingham's bid to enter the Southeastern Oakland County Sewer District. Clawson, like many municipalities, disapproves of the city's membership among the district's 11 communities.

City Manager Donald C. Geppert commented that the city felt Clawson's action would not create a block against entry into the district.

Between officials have continued to believe Birmingham drains have flooded their city in the past and refuse to recognize Birmingham's entry until more protection is assured them against further flooding.

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