

Suburban Seen

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CAUGHT IN the mid-summer doldrums with not much to be seen in the suburbs. Those who haven't migrated to northern cottages, camps, Europe, the mountains or the shore are lying low, more than likely poring over maps and Duncan Hines, prior to going and doing likewise. Nobody here but us chickens.

THE SOUTH rates a high drawing power, winter and summer, with Mrs. J. Collier and daughter of Santa Barbara drive vacationing at the Marlin Beach Hotel in Fort Lauderdale. In the "near South" are Mabel and Ellen Davenport of North Adams road who recently visited Homesnap Valley on their trip to the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, Gatlinburg, Tenn. While in the Valley they stopped at the mountain life exhibit and the pioneer museum.

NORTHERN MICHIGAN was the destination of the William Mackeys of "Mack Haven", Bloomfield Hills, who are spending a month at Burt Lake.

The Old Trail Inn up Harbor Springs way is host to a number of Birmingham families including Mr. and Mrs. Harold Chapel who spent the Fourth of July at the Little Traverse Bay resort. Highlight of their stay was the celebration of their thirtieth wedding anniversary complete with a cake and all the trimmings. Others on the roster are Mr. and Mrs. Clark Bennett of Westwood road who are spending two weeks. The Bennetts are usually accompanied by daughter Ann, who this summer is Europe-bound.

Joining the local contingent at Old Trail over the Fourth were Mr. and Mrs. Henry S. Booth and daughter Martha of Thornhill, Bloomfield Hills, who arrived immediately after daughter Cynthia's June 26 nuptials. Mr. Booth and Martha will remain until August 1, with Mr. Booth commuting occasionally down to Detroit. Missing is daughter Melinda who is on a camping trip through the West, with California, Washington and the Dakotas on her agenda. Martha marked the Fourth with a fireworks party at the Trail's dance pavilion.

At their nearby summer home on Shore drive over the holiday weekend were Mr. and Mrs. John F. Gordon of Fairfax road, along with son John and daughter Clara.

SPENDING THE summer at her cottage in Ephraim, Wis., is Mrs. Kirby B. White whose Brown street home is being occupied by Mrs. Duncan MacRae of St. Petersburg, Fla., mother of Mrs. Gordon J. McMullen of Larchlea drive.

BACK FROM a three and a half month trip to Europe where she attended the Coronation is Mrs. Arthur Wragby of Henley drive. Mrs. Wragby also visited relatives in England.

A 72 YEAR-OLD farmhouse at Lake Orion is the new address of Mr. and Mrs. G. Dean Spitzer who moved from their Wimbleton road home the first of July. New occupants of their former home are Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Rodgers and their three children who came on from Swarthmore, Pa.

More new residents are Mr. and Mrs. Fred Knorr who are now occupying the former Lewis Welch home in the Hills. Giving the giant spruce trees on the property their due recognition, the Knorrs are calling their new home "Tall Spruce", borrowing the title from the Harvey Hansen's former residence on Hill Crest drive.

EXPECTED BACK in Birmingham for a month's visit in the home of their former resident, Col. and Mrs. William Graydon Booth who have been stationed in England for the past several years. Col Booth has completed his assignment abroad and will next report at a Texas Air Force Base.

RECENT GUESTS of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey R. Hansen were three teenage students whose home addresses are Paris, Oslo, and Southern France respectively. The trio, the Y. S., on a student-sponsored tour, spent the weekend with the Hansens. And when it came to the culinary department, Mrs. H. reported, the guests took over with positively soul satisfying results.

ON PERUSING Sunday's Herald Tribune we note that Gimbel's will pay the top, positively the top, dollar for your diamond. It wasn't Gimbel's generosity that gave us pause, but the fact that they made their pitch right in the middle of the engagement announcement hoop, proving again, we suppose, that diamonds just ARE a girl's best friend.

Let House Plants Water Selves When Family Goes Vacationing

The day when vacationers had to ask neighbors to water their plants for them is gone. A sheet of plastic will do the job these days.

Developed by a Michigan State College student, the wrap will keep a plant healthy for up to three weeks without watering. Dale E. Sweet, graduate assistant in horticulture at M. S. C., reports samples of the plastic, either polyethylene or polyvinyl, will keep a plant healthy at room temperature for two or three weeks, depending on the plant.

"Some plants are more hardy than others," Sweet says. "A geranium will last three weeks without any damage."

POTTED PLANTS lose moisture through the porous pots. A sheet of plastic wrapped around the pot stops the wind and retains the moisture. Less of water through the leaves is significant, according to Sweet.

He discovered his "vacation wrap" while experimenting with the plant's ability to grow plants without soil. The plastic is much the same as is used to wrap food from the freezer. The film allows the exchange of gases—oxygen and carbon dioxide—but it will not let moisture pass through.

TO "WATERPROOF" a plant, a sheet of the plastic is wrapped around the pot and fastened at the base of the stem with a rubber band, but not tightly. The leaves are left to exceed. A hole should be cut at the bottom of the wrap, allowing excess water to drain.

Air layering plastics are now sold commercially for this purpose.

Knotty walnut is a new style note to watch. It shows signs of becoming as popular as knotty pine. Less attention is being given to pencil striped walnut veneers. More emphasis is being placed on the character marks of nature.

The "king size" bed, confined to custom merchandise in the past, is shown in a number of lines introduced at the Chicago furniture markets. They will be available shortly in many retail stores.

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To the pessimist, everything is dark. But the optimist is like the ray of sunshine which, when told that darkness existed in many places, went looking for it and, of course, never found it. What you carry in head and heart is what you mostly find.

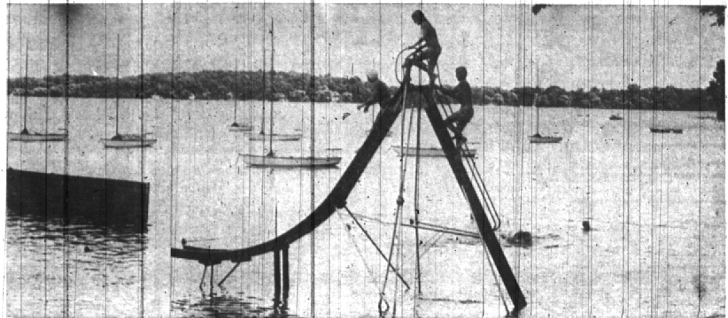
Orchard Lake Country Club Scene of Summer Fun As July 'Dog Days' Settle on Birmingham Area

O.L.C.C. Members Use Lake Breezes In Escaping Heat

JULY, traditionally the time of mass exodus from the city, find some localities taking their summer fun just a stone's throw from home. For a great many the waterfront at the Orchard Lake Country Club is the perfect prescription for a summer day. For those who don't actually get "in the swim," there are the tennis courts and the golf links. And the terrace is always popular after day is done and the entire family gathers for dinner.

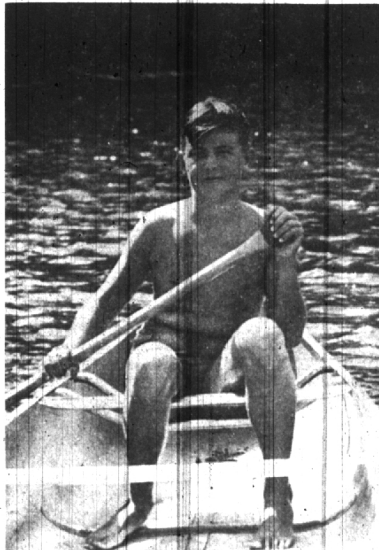


BUTCH SPENCER
"Waterboy"

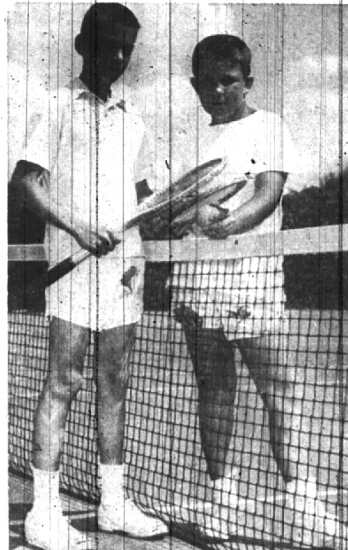


THE FLEET'S IN
Lake scene of summer-long regattas.

(Eccentric Staff Photos)



LONE VOYAGEUR
George Slayton starts out for some exercise.



KARL PIERCE JOHN POWER
Take to tennis courts.



SALLY HIBBARD PENNY PIERCE
A put-up job.



CINDY SCOTT BEBE BLAKEMAN MIKE THORNBURY
Sailing classes draw teenagers.



MRS. BEN RUHL AMY EDWARDS ANNE CIPOLLA MRS. J. A. CIPOLLA STEVIE EDWARDS MRS. JAMES EDWARDS RICHARD CIPOLLA
Mothers sun while children swim.



MRS. W. L. SETTLEMIRE MRS. JOSEPH F. PAGE MRS. P. G. FUGER
Terrace attracts luncheon guests.