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THE MYSTERIOUS GAME CYCLE

Sportsmen through the nation entrust the management of their natural resources to their Conservation Departments. Too many of them expect that word "management" to mean the maintenance of fish and game populations at peak levels year after year—a responsibility far beyond the control of mere man.

Game in particular pays little heed to the efforts of man in his attempt to stabilize populations. Strange "cycles" raise and lower the numbers of pheasants, rabbits, grouse, foxes, raccoons and other birds and mammals with surprising regularity.

It is nature's way of maintaining a balance, apparently—a balance between the species, and a balance in keeping with the food and habitat.

No Closed Seasons?

There are well-informed biologists who believe that a wide-open year-round season on many birds and animals would have little or no effect on their numbers. Gun pressure, they tell us, is the least important factor in the control of population.

But regardless of the theory such an action is a long way off in this state of Michigan. The psychological effect on sportsmen could be pro-

found! With no closed seasons much of the hunting and planning preceding "opening day" would be lost—and you and I know that's half the fun! Furthermore, with the arrival of the down-side of the natural cycle when wild-life population decreases, we'd blame over-hunting as the cause regardless of scientific proof to the contrary! And our Conservation Department would be in for a first-class lambasting!

So it'll be a long, long time before you'll see the words "NO CLOSED SEASON" in your game law digest in the column opposite grouse, pheasant, rabbit, squirrel and other favorite targets.

The Case for the Fish

On the fish side of the ledger it's a little different story. We're likely to see the day—and it's not too far distant future—when many if not most of our inland lakes will be open to year-round fishing. The case at point is just about open and shut as a result of conclusive experiments in which pressure has virtually no effect on the numbers of fish in a given lake.

Right now our trout streams could be opened to fishing the whole year thru without impairing trout populations—but again, that's not likely to happen right now. Why should we give up the thrill of "opening day"? It's an institution in Michigan Outdoors!

A former Birmingham resident, Mort Neff presents his half-hour show, "Michigan Outdoors" over WJL-TV, Detroit, each Thursday, 10:30 p.m.

WALNUT LAKE NEWSLETTER

All the rooms were decorated for Halloween. The kindergarten children watched breathers while a large pumpkin was carved. A parade in costume was the beginning of the parties. The kindergarten children marched around the fourth grade room where Mrs. Hunter was gaily masked.

The fourth grade children fell in line as the parade went on into the fifth grade room. Every room was visited before the parade ended, and every child marched.

Paul Spurlock played records for them. Unfortunately, a rumor had spread that the parade would be

outside and several mothers and small children were waiting. Next year if the weather is favorable, perhaps all can go outside for the big event.

Teachers and children are making plans for the open house program which was to be held during Education Week. However, as Dr. Ireland was able to get a speaker on the recent testing program for the night of November 9, Walnut Lake School will postpone its Open House until November 16.

The School Council is again sponsoring a magazine sale. The committee will soon be sending you news about it. The sale is to be in November this year instead of March.

A very interesting part of the Assembly that concluded the Torch Drive at Walnut Lake School were the original compositions by the sixth grade children. They read them and the younger children were quite impressed.



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BARNUM JUNIOR HIGH NEWS

By PHIL BROWN

Many interesting things can happen to the beggar on trick or treat night.

For instance, at one house the doorbell ringer was greeted with "Goodnight" and the impression that the occupant of the house was scared to death by halloween's witch, ghost and goblins.

She stuck her head out just enough to see the children's bags. Still sitting scared she would remark that they must want something with bags. Then she would go back and get her treat, drop it in their bags and leave them with a good laugh.

Some very interesting "Jack-o-lanterns" are part of halloween's gaiety, too. Three good ones were noticed at one house. They were cleverly carved with a rare "Jack-o-lantern" feature, extra. All by itself on a shelf above was a smaller one just as cleverly carved, looking over halloween's trick or treaters.

LIGHT BULBS are gradually replacing candles to light the Jack-o-lanterns in many homes. One noticeable advantage is that the top doesn't shrivel up and shrink to fit back on when it gets scorched by the candle.

Costumes are changing over slowly from cowboys and cowgirls to spacemen and spacewomen and to an occasional rocket ship outfit.

And so on the certain night of the year known as halloween, you see them, in all sizes, ringing the doorbells and greeting their receptionists with the familiar "Trick or treat."

Barnum Junior High School wishes to give its thanks to all people who made the halloween party at Barnum and downtown possible.

Games, movies and dancing in the gym was the program for the Barnumites.

THE END OF Barnum's football season has come. The Barnum gridders fell to Hazel Park in a scrimmage but they defeated the team 19-0 to advance to the state.

Barnum has started a new marking period so you Barnumites who do not do well in time get in there and work for an A plus.

Barnum's intramural grid squad proved too strong for the blue team, defeating them 20-7 in last Thursday's game.

Howie Davis, Tom Laska and Hank Bartholomew scored touchdowns and Bartholomew scored an extra point.

The blue team's score was the result of an open field run by Dave Muhlert.

Barnum's gold grid squad defeated silver 14-7 Friday in the season's last game for Barnum.

Capt. Tom Laska scored for the gold team on a short plunge and Hank Bartholomew added the extra point.

Capt. Jim Sechrist tied the score for the silver shirts.

A pass interception by Howie Davis won the game for the gold team.

Here are the final standings for the intramural games and the scrimmages against Hazel Park and Cranbrook

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Silver	8 3 .727 0
Gold	5 5 .500 1
Blue	4 6 .400 1

Community House Plans Newcomers 1953 Reception

The 14th annual reception of new residents of the Birmingham Community House on Wednesday evening, Nov. 18 at 8 p.m.

Designed to welcome newcomers to the area and to acquaint them with the community in general, the reception is open to all who have moved here during the year. It is sponsored by the board of directors of the Community House.

Invitations are going out this week to over 1,300 new residents.

However, said Mrs. Martin Butzel, board member and general chairman of the event, "there may be some new people whom we have inadvertently missed. We hope that every new resident, whether he has received an invitation or not, will feel free to attend."

THE PROGRAM for the evening will include a tour of the Community House, exhibits by various organizations, entertainment and refreshments. Newcomers will be introduced to city officials, representatives from social agencies, ministers from the local churches and others.

Among the civic leaders who will be present are Mayor Tom and Mrs. Lance Minor, City Manager and Mrs. Donald Egbert, School Superintendent, and Mrs. C. W. Redmond, head of the visiting nurse association and Miss Estelle Martin of the Family Service Agency will also be present.

COMMITTEE chairmen working on the reception are Mrs. Robert Diegel, in charge of invitations; Mrs. George Weinhold, handling House tours; Mrs. G. Howie Davis, hostess and hostesses; Mrs. Lynette Tabor, entertainment; Mrs. Robert Boon, exhibits; Mrs. Roger Emmer, refreshments; Mrs. Herbert Wood, table decorations and Mrs. Carlisle Joyce, Community House director.

Assisting as advisors are Mrs. Carlisle Joyce, Community House director; Mrs. Gertrude McIntyre, food service director.

Emergency Calls Answered Fast, Records Show

Response to emergency calls for ambulance service has been good according to police department records, Police Chief Ralph W. Moxley informed city commissioners this week.

He said between Sept. 7, 1951 and Feb. 8, 1952, the 18 recorded calls averaged 15.4 minutes until the private company operating from Royal Oak had an ambulance at the scene.

From Feb. 9 until Sept. 5, 1952, the 26 calls averaged 11.27 minutes each; from Sept. 6 to April 3, 1953, an average of 13.25 to 19.3, 28 calls; and April 17 to date, the 31 calls averaged 11.51 minutes, Moxley said.

"The longest call during the entire period was 21 minutes," he added.

THE ELAPSED time, Moxley explained, is from the time the police get the first call and relay it to the ambulance service, until the ambulance actually arrives at the accident.

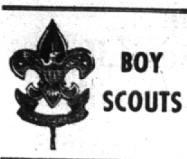
"Of course, we have no way of knowing how long it takes for the calls which are phoned direct to the ambulance service, and not through the police department," he emphasized.

Moxley brought out these figures at the request of city commissioners, who were discussing a letter from the Birmingham Real Estate board.

The letter claimed that in "several recent cases... a time lapse of over half an hour had occurred before arrival of the ambulance."

Two November Shoots

Two shoots are planned by the Birmingham Guy Club for the month of November. Dates for competition are Sunday, Nov. 8, and Sunday, Nov. 29. These are the only dates the club will be open this month at the new site on Richardson road in Commerce township.



Troop B5 Activities

First Aid instruction and demonstrations will be included in the program for Boy Scout Troop B5 tonight, Thursday, at Baldwin school. Bud Podlesak and other Explorers will head up the first aid contest of the Crew, Badger, Bat, Apache, Eagle and Flaming Arrow patrols.

Saturday, Nov. 14, all first class scouts will go on an all-day canoe trip on the Huron river near Kensington Park. The group will be headed by Harry Muenchinger.

Monday night, Nov. 9, the troop will hold the first in a series of monthly swim nights at Barnum school pool from 7 to 9 p.m.

Merit Badge and lifesaving will be under the direction of Phil Berger and other qualified life guards.

The regular monthly meeting of father committees will be held at 8 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 10, at the home of Charles Dyvick, 908 Yarrowood. All fathers of American Red Cross and scouts are invited to attend these meetings.

Sets Blood Bank Credit

The newly-formed Inter-Lakes blood bank, serving the area from Telegraph road to Walker Lake, has established a credit of 89 pints of blood with the Oakland County chapter of the American Red Cross. A bloodmobile collection at West Bloomfield Township hall on Oct. 27 drew 154 donors, but rejections were high. A second collection is planned for April or May.

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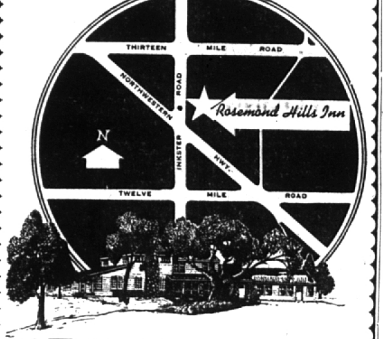
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