

OCAWS Files Petition For Renewal of Charter

A special meeting of the Oakland County Animal Welfare Society at Baldwin public library last week, saw the group vote to renew the charter for another 20 years.

Mrs. Marion Le Faive of Royal Oak, society president, said the application for renewal had been filed with the Michigan Corporation and Securities commission.

The society was formed for the protection of domestic animals, pets and wildlife, to protect them from acts of cruelty and to provide homes for unwanted pets where possible.

ATLANTIC FLEET (EHTC)—Midshipman Second Class John W. Roberts, son of Mr. and Mrs. John C. Roberts, 480 Yarmouth, sends a message by signal light aboard the Valley Forge. The Midshipmen took part in the aviation phase of

the U.S. Naval Academy's summer indoctrination program aboard the attack aircraft carrier USS Valley Forge. (U.S. Navy Photograph)

Beautiful Fall Colors Evident on Park Tours

Now is the time for color tours in the parks of the Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority in the Detroit metropolitan area. Some of the finest autumn scenery in the entire state is gaining color daily in Kensington Metropolitan park and elsewhere along the Huron and Clinton rivers.

Markers are in place for a 30-mile auto tour around Kensington Park located near New Hudson. This tour, which takes less than an hour and a half of driving time after entering the park, traverses hilly, wooded land and passes several lakes, the largest of which is 1200-acre Kent Lake in the heart of the 4,500-acre park.

The route also passes 80-acre Beach Lake in the park where a wide variety of local and migratory ducks and many Canadian geese may be seen.

The route starts at the park's main entrance on US-16 two miles west of New Hudson. It follows the Metropolitan Parkway along the east side of Kent Lake to a rotary intersection with the main park road.

FROM BUNO Overlook is obtained an excellent view of the island-studded Kent Lake, reflecting the autumn landscape. The tour continues through rolling, wooded countryside along the western shore of Kent Lake, past Beach Lake, and around the General Motors Proving Ground, returning to US-16 via the Metropolitan Parkway.

The steps of the tour may be obtained at the Park Office. Detailed descriptions of several hiking trails on which trees, shrubs and flowers are labeled are also available free of charge at the office.

Scarlet and gilt predominates in the autumn color scheme. Staghorn sumac and flowering dogwood are already assuming a brilliant red and large banks of aspen are yellow, orange and red.

THE YELLOW of sugar maples, aspen and hickory is rapidly intensifying to a deeper gold. Ash trees are turning purple, as is the gray dogwood with clusters of white berries contrasting with the purple foliage.

Open fields are masses of golden-rod and purple asters and in some swamps the orange-scarlet of poison sumac is like a brush fire against the light green of tamarack.

Still a green background are the oaks which will not turn red for a week or two.

Park picnic tables and stoves are available throughout the fall months.

Like all of the Huron-Clinton parks, Kensington Park is a wildlife sanctuary, and many birds, small animals and occasionally the park's deer herd, may be seen from the well-marked nature trails, most of which start at the parking lot at the west end of Kent Lake, near Beach Lake on Park Route No. 2.

FALL COLORS are more intense this year than last in all of the Authority's five parks, according to the report of the Huron-Clinton staff naturalists.

Lower Huron Metropolitan Park, located near Belleville, just off the Expressway, is beginning to blaze with color. There is a labeled hiking trail along the Huron River and motorists may continue their drive along the river from Belleville to Flat Rock, the route eventually to be followed by the Authority's Metropolitan Parkway.

Organized groups may make arrangements for conducted hikes in any of the Authority's parks, Kensington, Lower Huron, Dexter-Huron near Ann Arbor, Marshbank near Pontiac, or St. Clair Metropolitan Park, by calling the Authority's Detroit Office, 1750 Guardian Building, Detroit 26, at least a week in advance of the desired date.

William F. Hopkins and Charles Damm, staff naturalists, report that only a few dates remain open on week-ends during October.

THEY ALREADY ARE scheduling winter hikes and engagements for illustrated talks for schools and club groups throughout Wayne, Washtenaw, Livingston, Oakland and Macomb counties. There is no charge for these services.

Problem Is Not Water Supply, But Conservation

In spite of its huge surface deposits of water, Michigan shares with the rest of the nation a growing concern at the problem of water shortages.

Water generally does not change in quantity as it falls in the form of rain, pours into lakes and seas, and returns as vapor to the clouds. In this manner, estimates indicate, four billion gallons, or over ten times the average flow of the Mississippi River, circulate daily in the United States.

The problem, therefore, is less one of quantity than more effective control of the constant water volume in natural circulation, according to a report from Cranbrook Institute of Science.

ABOUT ONE-FOURTH of this four billion gallons represents the average daily run-off which reaches the sea, while the remaining three-fourths returns to the atmosphere as vapor.

It is possible, through sound management, to use this water efficiently and at the same time partially control its eroding and weathering action, says the report.

The Great Lakes store water equivalent to the average rainfall over the whole nation for two and one-half years. But compared with the water storage capacity of underground areas, the Lakes are a minor source.

Layers of porous materials left in Michigan by the glaciers are a tremendous storehouse for water, and will remain a permanent supply source as long as too many, or poorly planned drainage is avoided, the report continues.



GREYHOUND DRIVER Charles Szyperski shows passenger the location of an air-ride suspension unit on one of the new Greyhound suburban buses recently placed in service in Birmingham and several other Detroit area communities. According to R. W. Budd of Vaughan road, Bloomfield Hills, president of Great Lakes Greyhound Lines, air suspension ride presents a totally new concept in motorbus engineering. The coach has no metal springs. Passengers literally ride on air. The coach body is supported by eight giant air cells which breathe through metering devices. Road shocks are absorbed with squeakless, effortless compensating action. And special leveling valves act to produce the same comfortable ride in every seat.

Organist, Known Locally, Directs Detroit Festival

August Mackelberghe, well known throughout this area from his several appearances as guest organist at Christ Church Cathedral, will direct a 40-voice choir and its instrumental accompanists in the fourth annual fall festival Oct. 25-27.

The programs will be heard at St. Johns Episcopal church, Woodward at Vermont in Detroit, where the composer-organist is musical director.



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KID AND CROCS ARE PALS

Giggling at their wriggling, John Burwood, 4, of London, England, gets a close-up of four tiny month-old crocodiles in the London Zoo.

Just arrived from Uganda, Africa, they don't seem to mind the chilly English weather.

Small now, they will grow up to be potential man-eaters several feet long.



ply source as long as too many, or poorly planned drainage is avoided, the report continues.

OVERFLOW reservoirs would, in periods of plentiful rain, help both to relieve temporary flood conditions and save water for periods of drought.

Such a program requires joint management of land and water, and goes to the very heart of the general conservation problem, the report concludes.

Art Gallery Displays Deborah Gaffil Works

A tea on Oct. 11 will open the showing of oil paintings by Deborah Whitehead Gaffil at the Whitney galleries, 308 Park street. The exhibit, which will continue through Nov. 11, is in charge of William and Charlotte Whitney.

Mrs. Gaffil is a member of the Birmingham Society of Women Painters and this is her first exhibit.

According to Whitney her work shows a beautifully controlled expression, warmth and clarity.

Retired Public School Teachers Will Meet

A meeting of retired public school teachers will be held in conjunction with the Michigan Education Association conference at Birmingham High school Oct. 15.

The program under the direction of Mrs. Mina Land, will include a review of recent legislation, both national and state, for retired public school employees and an arts and crafts class for leisure moments.

The meeting will start at 1:30 p.m. in classroom A103.

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