

Water Is the Cradle of Life

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Life was cradled in water. Now, some uncounted millions of years later, it still beckons to man, offering to him its insistent lures, answering in some unknown way his cruelest frustrations, his deepest needs.

Water appears in many guises. The vacationer may choose the hidden brook, the lazy river, the lake, large or small, the mysterious sea. Within their varied habitats, they yet harbor more forms of life than are sustained by their more recent competitor, the land.

Water-dwelling plants and animals offer many practical gifts to man. Now, with my chair drawn close to the quiet lagoon, my eyes follow a shallow trail in the sand made by one of these, a fresh water mussel of clam.

HE IS ONE OF SEVEN mollusks, his phylum, which bear one of the principal groups of invertebrates.



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limestone rock, they became the cemeteries of the animals which lived with them in the ancient seas, and the museums in which the fossil records of past life are preserved.

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And thus is our modern life intertwined with the past and with that of the lowly clam which leaves its slow trail in the gandy inkepot at my feet.

Have You Met Mr. and Mrs. Charles S. ... who moved in April from Detroit to 16242 Wetherby road? Low is special programs coordinator for the Ford division of the Ford Motor company. He is the president of the Detroit Alumni chapter of Delta Sigma Epsilon, professional business fraternity, and a member of the board of governors of the U. of M. club of Detroit. Mrs. Low also a graduate of U. of Michigan, affiliated with Alpha Chi Omega, national social society.

Parties Fete Bride-elect

Sally Andrus, bride-elect of Guy Widman Tunnicliffe, has been honored recently by a series of pre-nuptial parties given by friends and relatives. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Andrus of Grosse Pointe and he is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Max Browning Tunnicliffe of Cranbrook road. The wedding will be Aug. 11 at Grosse Pointe Memorial church.

MRS. GEORGE MASON and Barbara Mason entertained at a "bride shower" and "bride party" on Aug. 2 at their home on Fairview road.

On July 29 at their home on Fairview road, Mrs. Andrus and Mr. Tunnicliffe were joined in matrimony.

On July 31 Sally's aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Stoen, and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Molyneux hosted at a cocktail and supper party for Sally and Guy.

Mrs. Gilbert Jerome was hostess on Aug. 2 at a luncheon and linen shower for Sally at the Grosse Pointe Hunt club.

Mrs. William Austin, Jr., and Mrs. Charles Chalkbank were co-hostesses for a luncheon and kitchen shower at the Detroit Boat club on Aug. 31.

ON AUG. 1 Mrs. Holmes Martin was hostess at a luncheon at her home on Fairview road. The afternoon was spent in hemming dish towels.

On Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Welch of Harrow road hosted a cocktail and supper party and bath shower for Sally and Guy at their home.

Mrs. Herbert Allee entertained for Sally and her friends on Tuesday at a swimming party at the Detroit Boat club.

Mr. and Mrs. Tunnicliffe will give the rehearsal dinner at the Oakland Hills Country club on Friday.

Mrs. Laurence Hetzelt, who moved July 1 from 816 Bates to live temporarily with her brother, Robert Hebert, at 696 W. Lincoln, Royal Oak, is already looking at plans for a new home. "I want to build a small home and have another pink kitchen," she says, expecting to have one underway soon and finished in about three months.

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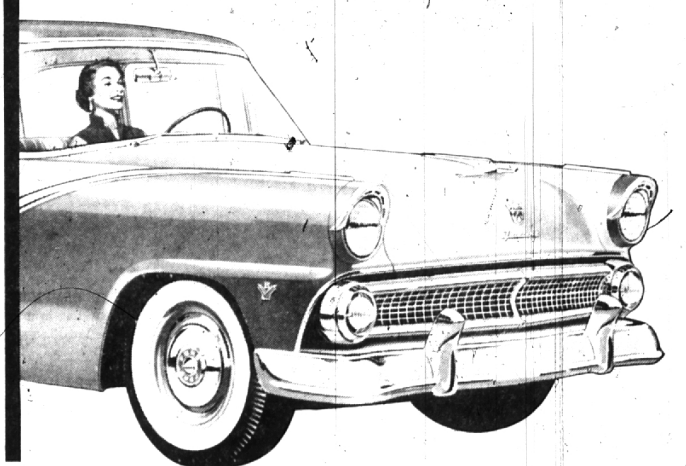
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