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Three B'ham Boys Grab Junior Sailing Title

Three Birmingham boys, Don Van Doren, Dan Rodgers and Tom Van Doren, captured the Inter-Lake and Detroit River Yachting association's junior sailing championship at Put-In-Bay, Ohio last week.
They represented Pontiac Yacht club in the competition among teams from 78 yacht clubs in Michigan, Ohio and Pennsylvania. The Pontiac team will represent the Detroit River Yachting Association and the Inter-Lake association in the Sears Cup series to determine the North American junior sailing championship.

THIS REGATTA starts on August 31 at Noroton, Conn. Competition will be among eight district finalists from all parts of the North American continent.
In qualifying for the Sears Cup the local boys first won their elimination series and then went on to win the Wakefield cup by a margin of 5 1/2 points.

FINAL SCORES were Pontiac 27 1/2 points, Buckeye Lake Yacht club 21 1/2 points, Vermillion Boat club 20 1/2 points, Edgewater Yacht club (Cleveland) 20 points, Sandusky 19 points and Grosse Pointe Yacht club 14 points.
Boats used in the competition were Rebels and these were rated, so that each team had to race each boat.
There were four races in the elimination series and six races in the finals. These ten races were run from Sunday through Thursday of last week.

DON VAN DOREN was skipper and Dan Rodgers and Tom Van Doren were crew. Don and Tom are the sons of Dr. and Mrs. James H. Van Doren, 1266 N. Glenhurst.

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and Dan is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Rodgers, 952 Wimbeldon.
Don, 17, and Dan, 16, will be seniors at Birmingham high in the fall, and Tom, 14, will be a ninth grader at Barium.
"Since Dan" is one of Birmingham high's American Field Service Exchange students, he will leave for Bern, Switzerland on August 26 and will be unable to compete for the Sears Cup.

JOAN GRAY, 14, of Bloomfield Hills, the alternate crew member, will take his place for the series. Trophies received by the boys were the Commodore Wakefield Trophy, the Commodore William H. Miller Trophy and the Allen Hall Memorial Trophy besides individual cups and flags.

Construction Shows Steady Gains in B'ham

Birmingham experienced another surge in building during the month of July as compared to the same period in 1958, according to Andrew F. Butt, city building inspector.
Included in the 40 permits issued last month were six for new homes, six for private garages and one new swimming pool including the foundation of the new Sportsman building at 190 Pierce.

AN ESTIMATED \$284,060 was spent on construction last month as compared to June of last year when \$145,308 worth of building was started.
Totals for the first six months of this year, however, are still short compared to 1958.
The first six months of last year saw \$2,204,000 being spent compared to \$1,988,739 for the first half of 1959.

Revise Bond Issue In Troy Again

TROY—Troy citizens committee has revised its recommendations for a school bond issue this fall. It is the third time in two weeks.
The latest recommendation was devised at a meeting Monday. The first figure was for \$2,800,000. It was dropped to \$2,500,000 and finally to \$2,300,000.

T. H. Wagner Reports On Eye Congress

More than 1,000 eye specialists representing 15 nations met in Chicago during the week of August 12-15 for the world's largest contact lens conference. T. H. Wagner, vice-president of H. W. Optical Products of Grand Rapids, Michigan, reported on the first World Contact Lens Congress.
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Some thirty research papers by eye specialists on various subjects including Argentina, Colombia, France, Germany, Hungary, Japan, United States, and others. Use of an IBM translator system eliminated language barriers and a closed circuit TV system gave everyone in the huge assembly a "front row seat."

Among the reports presented were studies on contact lenses for babies and children, bifocal contact lens improvements, effects of long term contact lens wearing, sub-normal vision aids, a special use for contact lenses and other vital phases of eye and contact lens research.

Michigan Has Desert Lands In Dune Country

The Sahara has nothing on Michigan.
For the Great Lakes dunes country, awesome as a desert and as incalculable in its movement and the tide of the sea, is one of the top tourist attractions in this vacation state.
A typical dunesland scene is found along the coast of Lake Michigan and Lake Superior are the great dunes of Michigan that change with every wind that blows. The Warren Dunes on the state's southwestern shore vie in vacation popularity with the famous dunes of southern France. Other Michigan formations include Lake Sand dunes near Nears, Old Salt head at Saugatuck, those at Holland, Muskegon, Grand Haven and Ludington; and in the upper peninsula, the Great Nipissing dunes west of St. Ignace, the Grand Sable dunes near Grand Marais and the Dunes Drive of Grand Sand Bay in the copper country of the Keweenaw peninsula.

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But perhaps the most famous of Michigan dunes is the giant Sleeping Bear, which looms like a colossus over the resort village of Glen Haven and beautiful Glen Lake. The dune looks out across Lake Michigan and the Sleeping Bear National Monument, the little finger of land that juts into the great lake northwest of Traverse City.

THOUSANDS of hikers each summer swarm over the wind-blown hills and swept-out gorges of this largest shifting sand dune in the world, while specially equipped dunes cars play the sands with passengers on "h r i r" and "scentic" rides. Dunes rides also can be taken on the Goshorn Lake sands at Saugatuck and the Silver Lake dunes south of Ludington.
Meanwhile, blown by the prevailing southerly winds, the dunes advance inland with relentless force at a rate of three to four feet a year.

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Broomfield Warns U. S. On Food Surplus Jam

WASHINGTON—Uncle Sam is paying out \$3,500,000 a day just to store a growing mountain of surplus farm crops.
The cost for storage and handling alone of some \$12,000,000 (billions) in surplus crops by 1963 will reach \$4,000,000 (million) a day unless steps are taken to stop overproduction, warned Congressman William S. Broomfield (R-Oakland county).
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EARLIER this year, Broomfield sponsored a bill to abolish the farm subsidy and price support program and outlined an orderly program for doing away with the \$2,800,000,000 in surplus wheat, corn, cotton, butter, dried milk, barley, rice, oats and soybeans now being sponsored at government expense.
In many cases, farmers themselves are paid to store the surplus crops they have grown.
Increasing efficiency of present farms makes present control programs even more unrealistic, said Broomfield. "In 1940, the average farmer could produce enough to meet the demands of about 10 persons a year."

UP Bridge Is Nearly Finished

LANSING, August 13—One of the nation's spectacular bridge-building feats will be completed in Michigan's upper peninsula shortly after the middle of August as part of the construction of one of the world's unique bridges.
A 3.5-million pound, double-deck combination road and railway steel lift span for a new 10-million dollar vertical lift bridge over the Portage canal between Hancock and Houghton will be floated into position by tug boats and attached to the bridge's 200-foot high tower piers from which the lift mechanism will operate.

THE NEW bridge, which will replace an ancient swing span built in the late 1800's, is the only highway connection between Michigan and its famed Keweenaw peninsula and copper country.
Great Lakes shipping traffic, which uses the canal for a shortcut through the Keweenaw peninsula, will be blocked for at least a 12-hour period to enable engineers to move the 200-foot span 1000 yards from a shore assembling site to the bridge structure.
The huge lift bridge has two levels of roadway—the lower level to carry train traffic across the canal, and the upper level to carry motor vehicle and pedestrian traffic when the concrete roadway and rails for train traffic are in place, the lift span will weigh 4.5 million pounds.



CONRAD EKKINS On 'Y' Staff

The Birmingham YMCA has announced the addition of Conrad Ekkins, 28, to its staff as program secretary, wickets, who will make his home in Birmingham, is from Bay City and graduate of Alma College. He also attended the McCormick Seminary in Chicago. Ekkins has done previous work with the 'Y' and will handle the youth and adult programs.

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