

Residents Attend Lions Convention

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Alexander and their son, Rodney, 1975 Shipman, Birmingham, are taking a vacation tour of Florida in connection with attendance at the Lions International Convention in Miami Beach.

In Sarasota, they visited the Circus Hall of Fame.

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Michigan Bridges Attract Tourists

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A feeling of participation in this progress is one of the reasons tourists will often drive out of their ways to see an unusual bridge. Michigan, with more than 10,000 bridges, is a prime area for this vacation travel activity.

AN UNUSUAL feature is that the whole unit can be raised like an elevator. When no trains are expected, the lower level is raised to permit small ships to pass under while allowing auto traffic to continue uninterrupted over the paved railroad section.

Large vessels can be accommodated by elevating the bridge to its maximum height, giving 100 feet of clearance. The masonry structure can be raised 100 feet in 90 seconds.

BASCULE BRIDGES, reminiscent of the medieval drawbridge, are fairly common over navigable waterways in Michigan. The State Highway Department operates 13 of these bridges. They are in St. Joseph, Benton Harbor, Grand Haven, Manistee and Charlevoix on route US-31; in Detroit and Port Huron on US-25; in Bay City and another in Zilwaukee on I-75; in Saginaw on state highway 81 on US-23 at Cheboygan; and on state highway 104 in Ferrysburg.

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Church Sets Youth Group Pool Parties

The Junior High Youth Group of the Congregational Church of Birmingham has completed plans for four "poolside get-togethers" to be held during the summer.

The dates are Tuesday at the Jack R. Copeland home, 18910 Beverly Road, which will also be the location of the July 11 meeting.

The July 16, 18 meetings will be held at the Thomas R. Tull home, 18161 Riverside Drive. All meetings are from 7 to 9 p.m.

LEADERSHIP will be provided by Mr. and Mrs. Warren Jones and the Rev. Raymond Fenner.

Reservations should be in as soon as possible to the church office, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Rainy Night
Dark night—rainy night
Walking in the city
Wet pavement shining and reflecting Neon lights.
Flickering lights dance in patent leather—
Reflecting pools of water in which Flickering lights dance and pirouette
As I pass.
Small rivers of water rushing in the gutters
Down the sewers and out to the sea.
Reminding me of the dark waters Of the Seine.
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Lonely in the city
Raindrops, treads mingling on my face
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ALMOST EVERY kind of bridge construction—cantilever, suspension, bascule, turning or siphon—has been used to satisfy particular needs, often with spectacular results.

Topping the list of Michigan bridges is the Straits of Mackinac structure. The five-mile-long suspension bridge was completed in 1957 at a cost exceeding \$100 million and is a major tourist attraction as well as a stimulant to travel between Michigan's two peninsulas.

The cities of Detroit and Windsor, Ontario, are joined by the Ambassador bridge. A clearance of 152 feet above the Detroit river affords travelers crossing the international border a view of the Detroit skyline. When built, in 1929, the Ambassador was the longest suspension bridge in the world—a title now held by the Mackinac bridge.

AT PORT HURON, the Blue Water bridge is an 8,000-foot cantilever truss span that is the only toll-free bridge between the United States and Canada.

Another international bridge crosses the St. Mary's river and connects Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan with its Ontario namesake. This bridge is a series of eight arch and truss spans that give the

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Cross of Christ To Hear Talk by Guest Preacher

The Rev. John S. Angle, director of the Lutheran Institutional Chaplaincy Service of the Michigan District, Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, will be the guest preacher at Cross of Christ Lutheran Church, Bloomfield Hills, Sunday.

Rev. Angle is also the religious consultant at the Michigan Episcopacy Center in Detroit and is presently working on his doctorate in guidance and counseling at the University of Michigan.

CROSS OF CHRIST Church is worshipping in the "Little Theater" of the Bloomfield Hills High School until its new building is completed at Lone Pine and Telegraph Roads.

The service of worship is scheduled at 10:15 a.m. and is followed by a coffee hour on the covered walkway. The Rev. Delayne H. Pauling is pastor of Cross of Christ.

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