

Junior Players Plan Sept. Performances

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This is the week of instant-fall. Softening the blow for those of us who wonder where the summer went is the prospect of seeing two delightful plays by village Junior Players on the evenings of Sept. 4 through 8 in the tent on the village green.

Sight unseen, we recommend that you plan to take in a performance of each, "The Silver Whistle," Sept. 5 and 7, and "The Bishop's Mantle," Sept. 4 and 8 with curtain time at 8:30 p.m. all four nights.

MR. AND MRS. Richard Galley of S. Cromwell are hosting a belated cast party for the members of the Birmingham Newcomers drama group who produced the children's play, "Zelda, the Good Witch" late last spring.

With Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Jackson of Birmingham as co-hosts, the party will be a patio barbecue (weather permitting) for about 20 couples.

The Galleys, by the way, just returned from a two-weeks vacation at Port Austin.

BACK HOME on Susanne is the Jack Skel family who spent two weeks at Torch Lake.

Visiting Grandma is always exciting, especially when Grandma lives in Scotland.

The Doty children, Ann, David and Susan, accompanied their parents, Jane and Arch Doty of 13 Mile Road, for three "heatherly" weeks near Glasgow, staying with Mrs. Doty's mother for the most part.

With distances in Scotland relatively short, it was possible to swim in the sea and climb mountains all in one afternoon. It was a wonderful opportunity to "know" the country.

STRANGE OBJECTS such as skulls, bones and teeth, decorate the trees of the N. Cromwell home of the Orland Ellises since they've returned from a Western holiday.

While at a ranch near Nye, Mont., sons Bryan and Craig collected a number of remnants of coyotes, deer and what-have-you.

In the six days at the ranch the whole family rode trails and played cowboy to their hearts content. An expert and enthusiastic horsewoman, Mrs. Ellis shed her suburban trappings, donned a 10-gallon hat and blue jeans for the entire time.

SOMETIMES you get to know your neighbors better by learning about their vacations.

The Adam Schubels returned last week and read this column only to find that the Harlds had preceded them in all their favorite haunts around Petoskey and Walloon Lake by one week.

Seems they also feel the same way about Lake Michigan sunsets. With such carbon copy tastes, the families ought to share them simultaneously sometime.

College Bound
Frank G. Baglin of Birmingham was recently admitted to Washington State University. He will begin the fall 1963 semester.



Up the Ladder

Three Bloomfield Township firemen received promotions last week. They are (from left) Charles L. Moss of Pontiac, from fireman to lieutenant; Duane Kline of Keego Harbor, from fireman to lieutenant; and John H. Moyses of Pontiac, from lieutenant to captain. Participating in the ceremonies were Bloomfield Township Supervisor Homer Case and Fire Chief Voly Yanuszski (far right). Moyses has been with the department seven years; Kline and Moss have served five years.

Timetables Announced For Freeway Project

State Highway Commissioner John C. Mackie has announced a timetable for construction of 132 miles of Interstate Freeway to be started between 1965 and 1969.

The projects, which will cost an estimated \$142 million, will complete Michigan's 1,080-mile portion of the 41,000-mile National Interstate Highway System, Mackie said.

Michigan now has 948 miles of Interstate Freeway in various stages. This includes 635 miles open to traffic, 190 miles under construction and 153 miles in preliminary engineering and right-of-way stages.

"ALL OF OUR remaining Interstate mileage must be put under contract by 1970 if it is to be opened to traffic by 1972," Mackie said.

The Interstate Highway Act, passed by Congress in 1956, provides that the entire Interstate System will be open to traffic by the end of 1972.

"We are announcing these pro-

jects now because it has been our policy to give local governments and individuals as much advance notice as possible when we develop our own engineering and construction timetables," Mackie said.

INTERSTATE projects announced, their estimated cost and tentative dates for start of construction include:

Over 5.7 miles of I-75 from M-61 at Standish to existing I-75 south of Grayling. Estimated cost, \$26.6 million. To be put under contract in 1966 and 1967.

Some 22 miles of I-96 from Holland to Grandville, a Grand Rapids suburb. Estimated cost, \$17 million. Bids to be taken in 1967.

About 37 miles of I-275 from I-75 north of Monroe to I-96 near Farmington. Estimated cost, \$42 million. Bids will be taken in 1968 and 1969.

Waterfowl Season Expected Better Than Last Year's

There are indications that Michigan's 1963 waterfowl season will be a shade more liberal than last fall, according to Conservation Department game officials.

Although regulations will remain tighter than they were during the mid-1950's, the state's duck hunters may find their bag limits and number of shooting days liberalized this October.

A slightly longer goose season may also be in the offing, but no change is expected in its bag limits.

FALL FLIGHTS of ducks and geese should be up moderately from last year throughout the flyway, which includes Michigan, judging from the council's latest pooling of survey findings by state, federal and Canadian agencies.

The brighter forecast is tied to last year's highly-restrictive regulations which saved thousands of birds for this spring's nesting season, and a general improvement in water conditions throughout much of North America's waterfowl breeding grounds.

Surveys point to an overall six per cent increase in this spring's breeding population of ducks as compared with a year ago. Preliminary figures indicate that mallard production has doubled its 1962 total, but remains well below the five-year average.

MALLARDS are the Mississippi Flyway's "bread-and-butter" birds; they account for a sizable part of the flyway's duck kill each season.

Canvasbacks and redhead ducks have made gains, but their populations remain low. Both species are expected to be off limits to the nation's hunters for the fourth straight year.

In general, Canada's water conditions are 100 per cent better than last year. Rains have been well-timed with the crucial nesting season to raise hopes for a good-sized crop of young birds.

Michigan's duck and goose seasons will be set late this month within the framework of federal options.

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