

Travel

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and to enjoy lunch at a floating restaurant in Aberdeen. Said Centomini, "Then we will go to Japan, to Takamatsu, a small town of the Inland Sea, famous for parks and arrangements for flowers. We plan to be in Japan for the Cherry Blossom Festival. We will sleep on floors at a Japanese inn."

At the ancient capital of Kyoto BAA tourists will visit a wood block print shop and other places for arts and crafts. Next they will go to the Katsuga Shrine to see the Big Buddha, then to Ten Province Pass for a view of Mt. Fujiyama.

IN MIYANOSHITA of rolling hills, they will remain for two days, contemplating the garden and resting. Then, the group will proceed to Kamakura to see the Great Image of Buddha, one of the largest in the world. In Tokyo they will attend a Japanese drama performed at Kabuki-

za Theatre and visit the Japanese Academy of Arts. A paper lantern factory also is scheduled to be seen in Japan.

After an excursion to Nikko, upon hills where they will admire cherry blossoms, the group will see the Late Chuzoji and the Kyoto Waterfall. Next are scheduled visits to the Toshogu Shrine and Yonemizu Gate.

"We then will proceed to Honolulu for three days, just to rest," said Centomini.

THE TOUR costs \$1,900 including all meals, transportation and tips except in Honolulu.

The tour of the Scandinavian countries, London and Scotland will be made in July. It is offered at \$1,100 for 25 days, all-inclusive, except in London.

Further information can be obtained from Centomini at Birmingham-Atlanta Travel, 700 N. Woodward, Birmingham, or from the Bloomfield Art Association, 1546 S. Cranbrook Road, Birmingham.

Exhibits in Detroit

A one-man show of paintings by Howard Nordland, 1618 Meadowood, Southfield, opened Monday at the J. L. Hudson Co., Detroit. The show, which continues through Oct. 31, is being held in the third floor picture department of the downtown store.

Friday Deadline For Arts News

News for the Arts of Living section is due at noon Friday for publication the following Thursday.

Address your news to Arts Editor, Birmingham Eccentric, Birmingham 48008.

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NATURE NOW

By LYDIA KING FRESHE
Special Writer

Stony Creek Park Is Autumn Treat

For the last several years your scribe has watched with interest the development of Stony Creek Park.

While our autumn weather holds, why not pack the children in the car and head for the Nature Center at this newest of our own metropolitan recreation areas?

The 3,500-acre development is located between Rochester and Rome. The Nature Center can be reached by driving east on 28 Mile Road to Mound Road and on 1 1/2 miles to Ironwood Road, then west 1 1/2 miles to the marked entrance.

Centered in what was formerly the summer retreat of a General Motors executive, the museum and trails will be available to the public throughout the winter from 2-5 p.m. weekdays except Monday and from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

To this note the possibilities for nature observation and enjoyment on the three self-grading trails are a choice feature of the park. From my own experience in presenting to both children and adults, I have found this a rewarding technique since it exposes the individual to a series of related nature facts in an informal and

relaxed manner.

THE FIRST and shortest of these walks is called Reflection Trail and crosses and recrosses Stony Creek for which the park is named. The signs here are as yet incomplete, but they will eventually tell the story of the life seen below the reflection of the stream and pond.

"Landscape Trail" is 1 1/4 miles long. It presents a sequential story of the glacial period beginning with the history of Stony Creek and its valley and featuring the natural forces that have shaped and continue to alter the area.

A spur trail has been constructed which displays and names the three general classes of rocks as well as some with curious structure, coverings and odd shapes.

"HABITAT TRAIL," which is 2 1/2 miles long, is a panorama of plant and animal life extending through forest edge, marsh, dense woods and open fields. Its theme is the interplay of forces which determine the quantity and kind of wild life in any area.

An attempt to supply added food by planting buckwheat, millet, corn and sunflowers is already in progress.

THE NATURE CENTER Building houses exhibits, workshop rooms and a library which are interpretive to the outdoor trails and the general activities of the center.

Workshops for teachers, Scout and other group leaders may be scheduled by calling the Detroit office of the Huron-Clinton Authority. Children's school groups may also be scheduled at the above office, in which case a park naturalist will give a short explanatory talk and a loving naturalist will be provided in the trails area.

ROBERT KELLY, park naturalist in charge, has written the general trail signs which will be augmented in the future by interpretive changeable individual nature tags. This scribe was particularly pleased with their imaginative approach as well as by their scientific accuracy.

We believe that in this situation general information relating to habitat and history is of specific value.

It is more important to arouse an interest than to teach a fact. A connecting thread of information is effective not only in establishing continuity but also in fostering a sense of adventure as one moves on from sign to sign.

WE ARE NOT too sure just how the learning process takes place but most educators agree that if the experience is a pleasurable one we have taken a first step toward a lasting and meaningful interest.

AS A PARENT, take time to expose your child to a variety of nature experiences. If you have interested him in the outdoors you have given him a lasting gift. If you have helped him to become aware of his place in life's ongoing continuity; you have given him a sense of lasting security which will fortify him for all the years ahead.

Learning Persian

Jill Wald, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Wahl, Orchard Lake, is taking part in Kalamazoo College's experiment with little-known languages, now in its second year. She is studying Persian.

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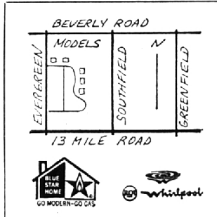
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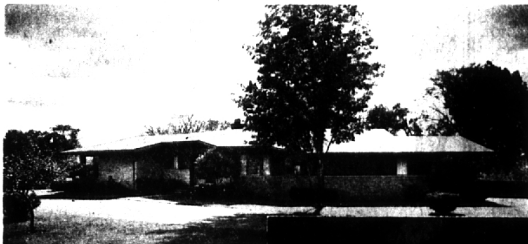
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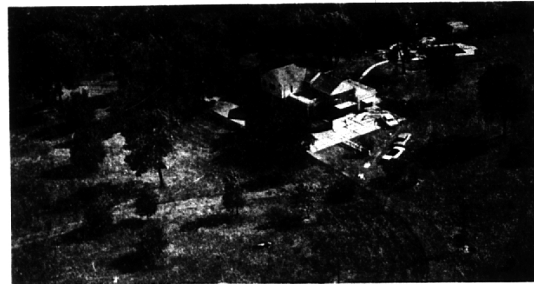
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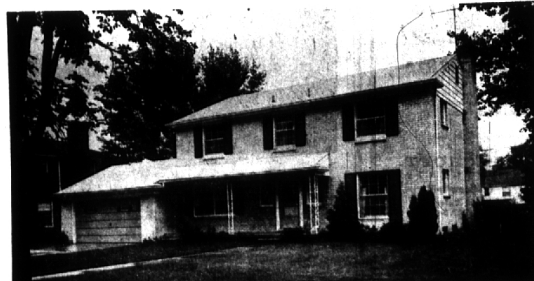
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