

'Water, Water Everywhere' Aptly Describes Oakland

Water Wonderland is a nickname that could apply to the Blackman area no less than to the entire state of Michigan.

A history of Oakland County covering the years 1817 to 1877, and published soon after the latter date, contains a fascinating account of the many lakes in the area. Within the county at the time were approximately 450 lakes, not to mention several mill-ponds produced by damming the outlets.

With the exception of two artificial lakes, created within the 20th century, most of the lakes of any size, as well as the Rouge River, are the result of retreating glacial ice.

Shock Treatment Steps Vital in Saving Lives

Automobile accidents in Michigan during the past year resulted in over 1,600 human lives lost—many the result of shock.

"It is likely that some lives could have been saved or recoveries aided if shock had been recognized and initially treated while the patient was awaiting transport to the hospital," says Dr. Alan P. Thal, director of the Wayne State University College of Medicine's department of surgery.

Dr. Thal, who has been collecting research data obtained from scientific observation of shock victims, says that such a victim may be recognized by four symptoms.

"He is usually conscious, pale, sweaty, and has a rapid, weak pulse. This distinguishes him from the fainting victim who is usually unconscious, breathes deeply and has a slow, even pulse."

"SHOCK," SAYS Dr. Thal, "is due to an impairment in the flow of blood to the tissues and organs of the body."

Although car accidents are frequently the cause of shock, this condition may also occur as a result of a gun-shot wound, blood loss or a heart attack.

Dr. Thal suggests six simple steps the person not formally trained in the treatment of shock may follow to help the victim until a doctor arrives:

- Move the victim as little as possible.
- Have the victim's head lower than his feet. This will bring the blood back to the heart.
- Maintain the victim's normal body temperature and prevent chills by covering him with blankets, clothes or newspapers. Do not attempt to administer any liquids by mouth.
- Hold the victim's jaw forward so that natural air passage to the lungs is possible.
- In case of vomiting, turn the victim on his side so that choking will not occur.
- Stop bleeding by applying pressure directly to the site of hemorrhage.

DR. THAL advises untrained persons not to attempt any treatment involving pressure on the chest when chest injury is suspected.

A summons to a physician or a professional ambulance service should be made as soon as possible after any serious accident.

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and the earliest settlers found apple trees growing. French traders were said to have planted the trees or to have obtained the seeds from Detroit.

Other larger lakes in West Bloomfield and Bloomfield townships include Pine Lake, Upper and Lower Long Lakes, Island Lake, Gilbert Lake, Wing Lake, and Walnut Lake, which many years ago was called Black Walnut Lake.

Meadow Lake, for many years a "pot-hole" called Bone Lake, has been drained and dammed and is now a swimming site for residents of the subdivision in which it is located.

ANCHOR ISLE, in its center, was a tamarack swamp. Dredging created a channel around the island and enlarged the entire area.

Muskatras bore their way through the earthen dam which had been built and 22 acres of water, four feet deep was let loose down the Franklin River.

Then a concrete and steel dam was built, stones were brought in

for the bottom and a sandy beach created at the south end of the island.

Within the Bloomfield Hills area there are three lakes of any size—Vahy, Edicot and Cranbrook. Cranbrook Lake, originally fed by a branch of the Rouge River, was a mill-pond which furnished water for a mill at the corner of Lone Pine and Cranbrook Roads.

In 1904 the farm property now the site of Cranbrook, was purchased by George Booth. The dam in the pond had been broken, the pond drained and the entire area cultivated for many years.

Booth rebuilt the dam in 1906, which allowed the pond to refill and it was used as a source of power to pump water for the estate.

When the construction of Kingswood school began in 1930, it was decided to drain the lake to obtain the silt from the bottom for filling and grading around the buildings, and to restore the lake to its original depth.

The dam was removed in November, 1930, and replaced in August, 1931, and the lake again began to refill.

Electronic Care-In Future of Hospital Patient

Hospital patients of the future may have "round-the-clock," electronic nurses watching over them. Dr. Ernest W. Reynolds, Jr., of the University of Michigan Medical Center, predicts that continuous monitoring of a patient's temperature, blood pressure, heart beat and pulse rate is "a coming thing" in medicine.

Under the direction of Dr. Reynolds, U-M doctors have run continuous electrocardiograms and heart beat recordings of about 30 inpatients for periods as long as one week.

ELECTRODES, WHICH look like small adhesive bandages, are fastened to the patient's chest. They pick up the heart's electrical

signal. It flows through thin wires to an intricate machine, resembling a large tape recorder, which is set up at the patient's bedside. The machine electronically computes and records the heart action on paper for the doctor to study.

By studying recordings of the patient's condition over a long period of time, doctors hope to find significant clues which might not be evident in a brief test or examination, Dr. Reynolds explains.

The U-M has two electronic monitors currently in use. A third machine at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor has provided the physicians with continuous recordings from an additional 20 cardiac patients.

CONTINUOUS MONITORING is particularly useful to the physician who is trying to make a diagnosis or determine the effectiveness of a particular drug or treatment plan, Dr. Reynolds notes.

U-M researchers are now trying to develop a system in which the recording machines won't have to be kept at the patient's bedside, and a single instrument will be able to monitor 24 different patients at once.

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