

A Little Yankee Strategy Resulted in Gerrymandering

Take a good look at any map showing the waters and islands at the mouth of the North Channel of the St. Mary's river at the eastern tip of Michigan's upper peninsula.

The gerrymandering of land that shows Drummond Island as part of Michigan was not a surveyor's mistake but rather the result of Yankee strategy with the help of John Barlogroom.

In 1822, when it came time to divide the land between England and the United States, an international boundary commission was formed to make the decision.

The members were to sail the center of Lakes Huron and Erie, and all areas to the left of the ship were to go to the United States, to the right to England.

By the time the ship neared the St. Mary's river, there had been too much alcoholic conviviality which made it easy for the Americans to turn the trick.

THEY STEERED through false DeTour passage between Drum-

mond and Coekburn Islands, around Drummond and up through the river. No amount of argument could shake the commission's final decision, and Drummond has since remained part of the area that is now Michigan.

The British had occupied Drummond Island since 1815. Col. Robert McDouall, the garrison commander who had renamed Pontagamipiy Island after his boss, Sir Gordon Drummond, commander of British forces in Canada, found it was time to leave the island.

DISEASE and boredom had dwindled his original force of 400 to 91 men, and his earlier plans to turn Drummond into a second Gibraltar had found no support.

COLONEL McDOWALL and his men left their mark on the island. Massive chimneys reach out from the earth—the only remnants of the some 50 buildings that once were Fort Colyer—now a point of interest to vacationing visitors.

The roads where King George's red coats marched have grown

over into narrow footpaths. Visitors can still see the old parade grounds. The graves of His Majesty's troops lie unmarked and undisturbed.

Centuries before the arrival of the white man, Indians, attracted by the bounty of fish and game, made the island their home. Indian mounds and cemeteries bear testimony to these early in-

habitants.

DRUMMOND is a 136-square mile island surrounded by smaller islands. More than 50 small dots of land—all named—dot Potagamising and Sturgeon bays between Drummond and the mainland.

AS IF the waters surrounding

the island were not sufficient, Drummond boasts more than 40 inland lakes, and streams and tiny rivers vein the forests.

Drummond is surrounded by fish; the waters and islands that ring the land are an angler's paradise. Even the novice may find rewards with little effort.

By ferry, Drummond Island is about 20 minutes from DeTour. Island residents have smoothed and widened old lumber trails with gravel to provide convenience for the vacationing motorist. Hundreds of trails sneak through the woods to the delight of city folks who want to enjoy the primitive beauty of nature at her best.

RESORT AND restaurant operators cater to vacationing families, offering pleasant, modern accommodations, according to the Michigan Tourist Council. Guide service and boat livery are available for the visitor as well as

stores and the ever-present gift and souvenir shops.

For those who would rather meet nature on her own terms, thousands of acres of both public and private lands are available to campers.

History and the simple invitation of the Michigan wilderness beckon vacationers who seek the dignity of the silent forest; the vigorous pursuit of nature's bounty or just relaxation Drummond Island affords.

Champlain Society Honors Resident

Mary L. Stuecheli of Birmingham has been elected to the Champlain Society for outstanding academic achievement in French at University Laval in Quebec, Canada.

Miss Stuecheli is the only American to receive the honor, conferred on 14 of the more than 1,300 students studying at the university for six weeks.

Services to Honor War Dead

Brigadier General S.L.A. Marshall, of Birmingham, author and former military analyst for The Detroit News, will be the main speaker at the 18th annual Victory Day Services, Sunday, at 3 p.m.

Michigan's Gold Star Mothers and White Chapel Cemetery, East Long Lake Road at Crooks Road, sponsor this event in commemorating Victory Day and honoring the dead of both World Wars as well as the Korean Conflict.

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ices will be held at the Four Freedoms Monument in the White Chapel site dedicated to those who gave their lives in these three conflicts. There will be a brief parade featuring the Redford Highlanders Pipe Band, the Marauders Drum and Bugle Corp. and commemorative speeches by prominent citizens.

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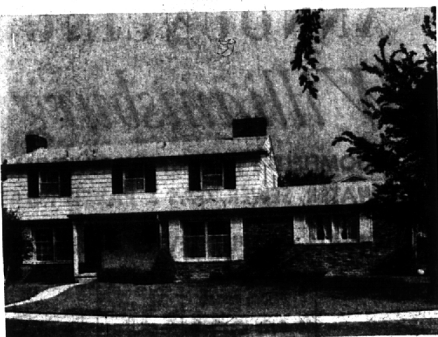
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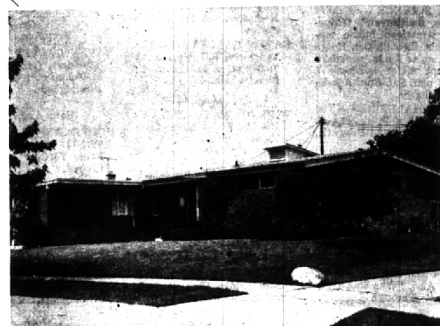
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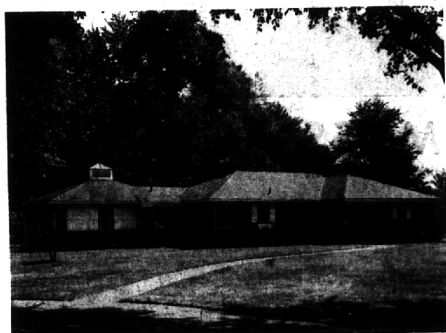
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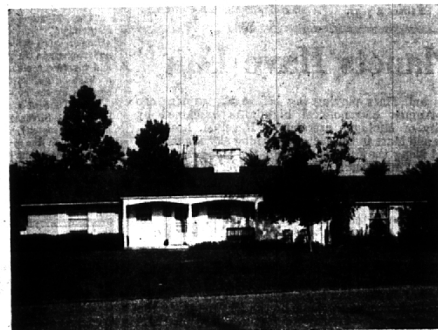
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