

keeping in touch

DEAN PALMER, son of Mr. and Mrs. Theron Palmer, 5817 Beck road, is a member of the cast of "Brigadoon" being presented this Wednesday through Friday by U of M. students at the Michigan Theatre. Dean is a member of the dancing chorus.

JOYCE SMITH of Plymouth is also participating in a campus show. She was in the Catalina Club swim show, "Great Books," at Eastern Michigan College last weekend in the college pool. The show is an annual event.

NAMED AS divisional personnel director of the Central Foundry division of General Motors was Richard S. Smith, Jr., a former resident of Plymouth. Central Foundry has plants in Saginaw, Defiance, Ohio and Danville, Illinois.

AMONG THE 75 top students initiated into Kappa Delta Pi, national honor society in education, at Michigan State university was Miss Doranne Wilton, 146 Union street. The initiates were addressed by Dr. Ernest Melby, dean emeritus of education at New York university, a visiting professor at MSU.

HERBERT WOOLWEAVER, director of Plymouth's Adult Education and Recreation department has been elected treasurer of two state recreational organizations. One is the Michigan Recreational Society, an organization of professional recreational workers with social agency, municipal, hospital and industrial programs, and the Michigan Recreational Association, an organization of 69 Michigan recreational departments.

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American Legion News

Correction on last week's news. Proceeds from the Toy party went to the general fund and proceeds from the Linen party of \$18 went to the Red Feather drive.

Melva Gardner, president of the Auxiliary, attended the Polio Drive campaign meetings and he dinner. She has been named chairman of the Plymouth Township Polio drive.

Melva Gardner, Marie Thompson, Evelyn Gardner and Fern Burleson attended the 17th District School of Instructions. Peggy Crawford of Redford was hostess and served refreshments after the meeting. Marie Kedle, 3rd Zone vice president, and Lena Hammond, president of the 17th district, presided.

Third Zone Steering committee was held in Flint last Thursday night. Those attending from Plymouth were Chairman Robert Wilson and Ernest Koi.

Our annual monthly visit to the Veterans hospital in Ann Arbor on Thursday night was well attended. Those attending were as follows: Harry Burleson, Phyllis and Vern Miller, Lillian and Donald Kinghorn, Barney Kot and Dorothy Koi. Barney Kot showed a movie on fishing in northern Michigan. We would like to take this time to thank the junior members of the Auxiliary for the favors they made for the veterans. Girls, the fellows really enjoy the things you are doing for them.

The post will again sell Christmas trees. Be sure and buy your tree for them. There will be more about the trees next week. Don't forget the 17th District Christmas dinner at the Redford Township post Friday night, December 7.

Don't forget the Christmas party Sunday. Let's have a good turnout.

The post meeting was held last night and a lot of business was discussed. Let's try to have more members at these meetings.

Don't forget the Auxiliary's meeting December 13 at the Veterans Memorial home.

The Juniors held their regular business meeting yesterday afternoon and started to make their Christmas favors. Keep up the good work, girls.

Don't forget to send your card to Harold Wilson, at the University hospital in Ann Arbor, Room 1106, 4th floor, East Wing. Hurry up and get better so you can come home, Red.

Still time to order your Christmas cards from Maxine Kunz, Phone Fly. 550-R.

Save all newspapers and magazines. Call Vern Miller, 715-W, or Donald Kinghorn, 1026-R, for information or pick up.

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A CHRISTMAS tree decorated with mittens can be seen at the National Bank of Detroit now. Members of Girl Scout Troop 3 are urging citizens to place mittens on the tree within the next few weeks. Mittens will be distributed to the needy through the Goodfellows. From left are Mrs. E. P. Light, co-leader; Jody Edgar, Genie Light and Helen Otwell.

OUTDOOR NOTES
From The
MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT
OF CONSERVATION

Early deer season reports indicate slight declines in the number of hunters afield and in the total deer kill, compared with the 1955 season.

Conservation Department game workers, who have made random checks on hunting activity, report a general decrease in deer kill, due in part to lower hunting pressure and bad weather during the first two days of the November 15-30 season.

Weather conditions improved during the weekend, however, throughout most of the state's deer range and hunting success was running closer to normal.

In the upper peninsula, warmer temperatures were recorded during the weekend and heavy winds subsided. There is snow on the ground in much of the U.P., except in the Straits area and along the Lake Michigan shore.

Hunting success improved along with conditions, after a rather slow start. The number of hunters in the U.P. seems to be somewhat below the 1955 level, but heavier than normal north-bound traffic at the Straits was reported during the weekend.

The general picture was much the same in the northern lower peninsula, when improved hunting conditions brought about heavier kills. There are traces of snow in most districts in the region, but little tracking snow. In general, hunting pressure seems lighter to normal, but good kills are reported in some areas.

At the Rifle River area near Rose City, hunters bagged 35 bucks through Sunday, compared with 24 in the same period last year. Thus far, the Rifle River kill has exceeded the total season kill at the area during each

of the years 1948, 1951 and 1952. Through Sunday night, Conservation Department field workers checked some 1350 antlerless deer taken by special permit holders in Area 2—a seven-county area centering around Baldwin—where a concurrent special season is in effect to take 3000 antlerless deer.

Michigan received 50,000 brook and 50,000 brown trout eggs from Pennsylvania this week to start a long-range, long-planned production of disease-proof, trouble-proof, game and lustrous hatchery trout for Michigan fishermen.

The eggs came from brood stock that were selectively bred to eliminate disease and to encourage better color, flesh and fighting qualities. They were a "gift" of the Pennsylvania Fish Commission. Dr. A. S. Hazard, assistant executive secretary of the Commission and former head of Michigan's institute for fisheries research, was instrumental in making the egg transfer. The eggs will be hatched at Oden hatchery.

Last month, Wisconsin gave Michigan 50,000 high quality brook trout eggs, now being processed at Thompson hatchery near Manistique, which will probably be used in another phase of the same program.

Michigan has long planned a program of selective breeding with native trout, but to date this has been stifled by a lack of necessary fish, pond space and technical assistance. The brook and brown trout from Pennsylvania and Wisconsin, if they can adapt to Michigan conditions, will be the first important move in the breeding program.

Selectively-bred trout might solve a number of disease and hatchery problems for Michigan and might make it possible to extend the state's trout range to more southern, warmer, waters.

Progress of the program, however, would depend on how soon Michigan could set up tank and pond systems at hatcheries to handle the necessary brood stock. Several years are needed to produce each generation of fish used in selective breeding work.

About one million lake trout eggs were collected from Lake Superior this fall and will be at the Conservation Department's Marquette hatchery.

Thirteen commercial fishermen from Munising and Marquette participated in the cooperative spawn-collection venture.

The total this year was smaller than previous years. The decrease is probably a reflection of sea lamprey devastation to lake trout numbers.

Also, 90,000 eggs were taken from 44 females of the 162 brood stock lake trout being reared at Marquette hatchery. These fish have spawned several year classes of young fish that will provide

eggs and fish in future years to take up the slack being caused by lamprey losses.

And 8000-9000 "splake" eggs are also being processed. These are eggs taken from lake trout and fertilized by brook, or speckled trout.

Banded birds play an important part in game management programs, both on the state and federal level. Hunters can participate in helping their sport by returning these bands to the proper agency.

State and federal conservation workers urge that banded birds be reported by waterfowl hunters and others finding them. If the bird is dead, the band and full information on place and date of recovery should be mailed to the Fish and Wildlife Service, Washington 25, D. C. or the Conservation Department, Lansing 26.

Banding data gives an indication of bird migration routes, life span and other information. The band will be returned to the hunter on request, along with information on the date and place of banding.

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