

CASTLE PARK BANNER

3rd Edition

July 17, 1953

SCHEDULE

- Friday, July 17--Dune Supper and Sing (Dance Dune).
 Saturday, July 18--Dance; children, 8:00 to 9:00; adults, 9:00 to 12:00.
 Sunday, July 19--Vespers 8:00 to 9:00 p.m. (Dance Dune), Rev. Warner of the Grace Episcopal Church, Solo by Joel Ann Morris.
 Monday, July 20--Banner staff meeting at 1:30; "Our Gang" meeting at 7:30 p.m.
 Tuesday, July 21--Dance; children, 8:00 to 9:00; adults, 9:00 to 11:00.
 Wednesday, July 22--Open.
 Thursday, July 23--"Little Ravinia" concert at 8:15 p.m. (Dance Dune).
 Friday, July 24--July Varieties at 9:00 p.m. (Amphitheater).
 Saturday, July 25--Castle Park Junior Horse Show at 9:00 a.m. (Maple Brook Farm). Dance; children, 8:00 to 9:00; adults, 9:00 to 12:00.
 Sunday, July 26--Vespers 8:00 to 9:00 p.m., presented by play class (Dance Dune).
 --by Charlotte Butler

"LITTLE RAVINIA" PROGRAM

The "Little Ravinia" program on July 16 will be:

Fireworks Music--G. F. Handel
 Divertimento in E Flat--Mozart
 Suite of English Folk Songs--
 Vaughn Williams.

The next program will feature Lieder Music, sung by great artists.
 --by Scrib Mantle

NOTICE

This is to advise that the boardwalk running from the Castle beach to the South beach was constructed by the Castle Park Association, and everyone in Castle Park and guests of the Castle have the privilege of using it. We hope all will enjoy it.

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DON'T FORGET CASTLE CAPERS JULY 24 AT THE AMPHITHEATER!!

PAST TO PRESENT (a history of the Castle) Final Part

As more cottages were being built, Mr. Carter Brown, along with his wife's father, Mr. Harry Wilkie, purchased Castle Park in 1917. The first Castle Park Junior Horse Show was held in 1922 at the stable yard. Later, in 1937, Mr. Wilkie sold his interests to Mr. Paul McLean, who, together with Mr. Brown, managed the Castle. Later, in 1951, Mr. Paul McLean sold his interests to Mr. Brown, who is now sole owner of the Castle Park Hotel.

A list of places of interest and the dates in which they were built follows:

Building	Date Built
Addition to Castle	1908
Plantation House	1936
Dance Dune	1934
Barn Swallow	1936
Stable	1923-1924

--by Mary Bosch

LOST AND FOUND

The Barnswallow is establishing a Lost and Found "Department" for articles lost and found in its vicinity. To date, the following articles have already been found within the store: one swimming cap, two towels, one hand bag, a toy holster with guns, one tee shirt, and one handkerchief. Owners of these articles may claim them at the Barnswallow. It would be appreciated if finders of other articles would turn them in. And, if you lose something, please check with us--someone may have turned it in.

SUBSCRIPTIONS TO THE "BANNER"

To date, the following people have subscribed to the "Banner": Barber, Beatty, Bosch, Burton, Carr, Carter, Costen, Hair, Hall, Henry, Hershede, Holford, Elliott, Laing, Lamon, Langdon, Leach, Lindop, Mantle, Muzzy, Patton, Reynolds, Robertson, Stibbs, Treis, Veech. (Cont'd on Page 2)

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--by Scrib Mantle

Castle Park Players Present NOEL COWARD'S "PRESENT LAUGHTER"

Castle Park Players opened the season Friday night, July 10, with a play-reading of Noel Coward's light comedy, "Present Laughter." The audience was delighted by the near professional performance of the competent cast. The play, which was first produced in 1946, revolves about the popular actor, Garry Essendine, his wife, partners, and numerous admirers. Original stars in the cast were Clifton Webb, Eve Arden, and Jan Sterling.

Miss Carol Plamondon, house guest of Mr. and Mrs. Austin Brown directed the Castle Park production. Miss Plamondon, a television actress, revealed her extensive theatre background by her able direction and by her outstanding performance of the amusingly acid secretary.

Gil Carter effectively portrayed the superbly egotistical Garry Essendine. Well known to Castle Park audiences, Mr. Carter in this role even surpassed his portrayals of former years. He made the egocentric, but charming, Garry completely realistic and in several scenes cleverly revealed to the audience the underlying depth and strength of the character.

Mrs. Austin Brown, as Liz Essendine, Garry's estranged wife, gave a superior performance and made a stunning stage appearance. Lovely Gayle Yanson, house guest of Miss Sue Elliott, brought to the ingenue part a refreshing charm and intensity. An excellent sense of timing gave her performance a professional polish.

Mrs. Robert Carr made an alluring vixen, while Gene Patton and Arnold Moore handled their roles as Garry's partners in an admirably competent manner. Greatly appreciated by the audience was Bill Hamilton's zesty portrayal of an eccentric young playwright. Mrs. Ambrose Holford, as the Swedish maid, and Phil Harold, as the Cockney butler, added much to the play by their fine comedy sense and excellent dialect mastery. As the gushy lady Saltburn, Mrs. J. B. Costen gave a memorable performance.

The play moved quickly for a script-in-hand performance; only a few times did the dialogue become rather wordy. At certain times the stage groupings were less than perfect, but this was not a major

distraction. No curtains were used, and the minor scene changes were quickly effected by Mrs. Holford, in her role as the maid.

The natural beauty of the outdoor amphitheatre was enhanced by the simple, but attractive, stage setting created and designed by Gene Patton. Incidental music and props were capably handled by stage manager Sue Elliott.

--by Edith North

DO'S AND DON'TS

Please do not drop lighted cigarettes in the brush and straw on the East side of the sea walls. Several fires have been started already, and we cannot afford to lose the sea walls by fire. Please drop cigarettes into the water. Thank you,

The Castle Park Association

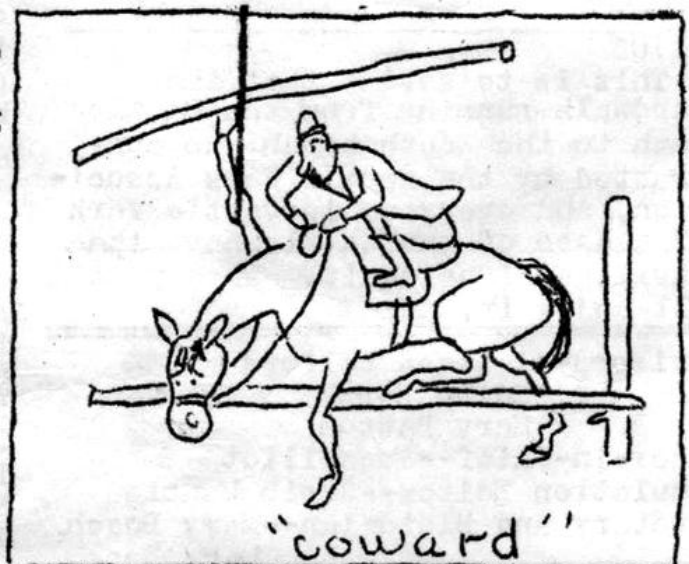
The girls' play class went down to Baldy last Thursday morning to clean up the beach for the overnight hike. There was a lot of glass and tin cans around on the beach. Will you please help us by not breaking any bottles on the beach. When you go on picnics, please bury garbage and bottles or take them home to throw away. Thank you.

--by Gail Butler

INTERMISSION FEATURE

A twenty-minute movie will be shown in the intermission of the Saturday night dance on July 26. This movie, which is about Castle Park activities, was made and will be presented by Mr. E. Hector Coates.

--by Barbara Hershede



(contributed by Mary Hershede)

SPORTS OF THE WEEK

Last Tuesday and Wednesday Mr. Cavanaugh and some of the boys set up a volley ball court in back of tennis courts 2 and 3.

Two shuffleboard courts have been made in front of the "pro shop." They are very nice and well equipped. However, some of the younger children have been using the courts rather roughly, and already some of the equipment is broken.

The Southwestern Michigan closed tennis tournament turned out to be a very good one. The semi-finals were played on the 11th and the finals on the 12th. Following are the results.

Norris	Belton	
5-4, 6-4	Belton	
Belton	5-3, 3-6, 6-3	
5-8, 3-1		Ferrell
Ferrell		6-1, 1-6, 6-4
5-5, 8-6	Ferrell	
Prekken	6-4, 3-2	
5-7, 6-1, 6-1		

Donnelly-Ferrell	
6-4, 6-2	Donnelly-Ferrell
Morgan-Devore	6-4, 6-4
3-6, 6-2, 6-1	Norris-Pratt
Norris-Pratt	6-3, 4-6, 6-4
6-3, 7-5	Norris-Pratt
Belton-Brogan	6-2, 7-5
6-2, 6-3	

Mr. Stagg called points for the singles finals, and Mr. Ageson called them for the doubles. Mr. Hershede presented the trophies.

Flash! The Castle Park Softball team won a 3-2 victory over the Mackatawa team Wednesday afternoon, July 15.

--by Carter Ratcliff and Rich Hershede

"OUR GANG" PRESENTS JOCKEY CLUB SKIT

"Our Gang" will open the July 24 variety show with a jockey club skit. The players will be resplendent with the racing colors of Austin Brown's Galax Stables. There will be two song specialties by Betty Reynolds and Carter Ratcliff, a couple of comedy skits by Bones Ageson, Mellonkolly Ratcliff and others. The program will be concluded by a "hammy" drama.

--by Scrib Mantle

BEACH DAMAGE

If you have been in the Castle lately, you have probably seen the photograph of the Castle Park beach in 1949. Yes, it was beautiful and big!!!

Now the high water has taken away all the sand. Mr. Carter Brown, Sr. has done a marvelous job on the beach. I wish to congratulate him for his wonderful job as I was here to see it in the winter when you couldn't safely set a chair on the lake side of the dance dune. The Barnswallow looked as though it would collapse any minute, all the stairs on the beach were washed away, and trees and shrubs, which were washed out by the high water, cluttered the beach.

I hope by my description you can see what miracles have been performed. Thanks, Mr. Brown!!
--by Mary Bosch

NEWS FROM THE HORSE WORLD

Everyone is looking forward to the Junior Horse Show, which will be held at Maple Brook Farm on July 25. We hope that there will be many exhibitors and spectators.

The Junior Horse Show committee has been meeting regularly. The members of the committee are as follows: Chairman--Mary Lou Van Patten, Secretary--Rosemary Brink, Corresponding Secretary--Mary Bosch, Treasurer--Bill Butler, Assistant Treasurer--Charlotte Butler. Other members are Lynn Winter, Katie Kalb, and Johnny Van Dam.

The show will begin promptly at 9:00 a.m.

--by Betty Reynolds and Mary Carter Ratcliff

BIG BONFIRE MEETING

"Our Gang" had a big bonfire meeting down by Baldy last Monday evening. We hiked down the beach. Some of the boys and girls went swimming. We sang and roasted marshmallows. Mr. Holford ("Uncle Anby") led us in our songs. Scrib Mantle and Barbara Higgins accompanied us on ukes.

--by Betty Reynolds