

Castle Park Banner

8th Edition

August 21, 1953

SCHEDULE

Friday, August 21--"Harvey,"
8:30 p.m., (Amphitheatre).
Saturday, August 22--Dance:
children, 8:00 to 9:00;
adults, 9:00 to 12:00
(Dance Dune).
Monday, August 24--Open
Tuesday, August 25--Dance:
children, 8:00 to 9:00;
adults 9:00 to 11:00
(Dance Dune).
Wednesday, August 26--Open.
Thursday, August 27--"Little
Ravinia" concert, 8:15
(Dance Dune).
Friday, August 28--Dune supper
on the Dune, 6:30 p.m.
The Ballad Sing will start
at 8:00 p.m. in the Amphi-
theatre, followed by
"Down in the Valley."
Saturday, August 29--Dance:
children, 8:00 to 9:00;
adults, 9:00 to 12:00
(Dance Dune).
Sunday, August 30--Vespers,
8:00 to 9:00 p.m. (Dance
Dune).

--by Charlotte Butler

ABOUT THE BANNER

The publication of the Banner was started by "Our Gang" under the direction of Mr. Holford. It became so popular that Play Class took it over as their project for Wednesday mornings.

Each person finds out his assignment. After he has finished writing his story, he turns it in to Edith North. Then Edie and Mary Patton edit the paper and prepare stencils. Mr. Butler then has the paper printed in (Cont'd page 2)

BANNER Staff

Advisors--Ambrose Holford
Edith North
Mary Patton
Circulation Managers--
Scrib Mantle
Gail Butler
Secretary--Mary Bosch

"HARVEY"

There has been a slight change in time for the play, "Harvey."

The time is changed to 8:30 p.m.

Our list of people in the play is now complete. It reads:

Edith North, Jean Costen Carr, Julius Goebel, Jr., Mary Margaret McClintock, Mrs. Paul W. Greoley, Mary Patton, Gene Patton, Bill Smith, Charles McLean, Muriel Monsell Bremner, Lloyd W. Hill, and Phil Harrold.

Members of the production staff are: Stage design, Gene Patton; Set construction, Joyce Huey, Cynthia Laing, Mary Margaret McClintock, Sherry Tries; Lighting, Cynthia Laing; Properties, Bill Butler; Music, Ambrose Holford; Make-up, Sally Brown, Dee Dee Burke; Stage crew, Sherry Tries, Mary Margaret McClintock, Cynthia Laing; Sound effects, Mary Margaret McClintock; Ushers and programs, Karen Horschback.

This hilarious comedy in three acts is under the very capable direction of Ambrose Holford.

Bring the children and see if they can see Harvey.

Tonight is the night! See you at Harvey!

--by Betsy McKenzie

"DOWN IN THE VALLEY"

After the dune supper on August 27, the operetta, "Down in the Valley," will be presented at the Amphitheatre. Leading roles will be taken by Amby Holford, Bob Cavanaugh, Gene Patton, Joel Ann Morris. There will also be a chorus and music by Everett Carter.

Direction is by Amby Holford and Gene Patton, and lighting and scenery will be done by Gene Patton.

"Down in the Valley" will prove to be very dramatic and exciting. So don't forget to go to the Amphitheatre after the dune supper Friday, August 27, for the operetta, "Down in the Valley. We know you will enjoy it.

--by Prather Palmer

DON'T FORGET "HARVEY TONIGHT AT AMPHITHEATRE AT 8:30!!

ABOUT THE BANNER (Cont'd)

Holland.

We hope that enough people buy the paper so that "ends meet."

Next year we hope the Castle Park Banner will be continued by the children in Play Class and that we can raise enough money to buy a mimeograph machine of our own.

--by Betsy McKenzie
and Elizabeth Layno

CASTLE PARK PROFILES

John Knoll
Castle Park Carotaker

What would you do if your hot water heater stopped working or if your sink was clogged or if your roof leaked? Why you would find John Knoll and ask him to come and fix it.

John Knoll was born in 1897 on a farm in Laketown township, one mile east of Castle Park. He went to a country school through the eighth grade. After working on the farm for a few years, he worked as a carpenter for Albert Kuypers at Virginia Park and Castle Park. At the age of 20 he started to work for the Castle, and he became caretaker when he was 26.

His wife, Minnie, helps him by cleaning, opening, and closing the cottages at the beginning and end of the season.

What would our summers be like without John and Minnie?

--by Scrib Mantle

ART EXHIBIT

At the art exhibit in the Castle there are all different examples of the summer school of painting in Saugatuck. The one that drew the most comment was the large water color of the horse that is over the mantle.

A great deal of interest in the exhibit has been shown by Castle Parkers. They all enjoyed the interesting talk given by Miss Ulbricht at the opening day tea.

Some of the different examples of art are: oil, water color, lithograph, etching, pottery, weaving, printed materials, and jewelry of silver and enamel.

Some of the favorites of the play class were: "Deep in the Forest," "The Mexican Scene," "Old Pink Barn," "Fly the Bird," "River and Trees," "Horse," and "Mexican Dogs." (Cont'd page 3)

PLAY CLASS NATURE GROUP

On the last meeting of our group we went with Mrs. Nobel up the beach towards Half Way Creek. We made plaster casts of blue heron, squirrel, and crow tracks. They all turned out well, too.

--by Carter Ratcliff

SPORTS OF THE WEEK

The last married men vs. single softball game was won by the single men, as it has been most times.

The ping-pong tournament has been played into the first round.

--by Carter Ratcliff

HAY RIDE SPONSORED BY BANNER

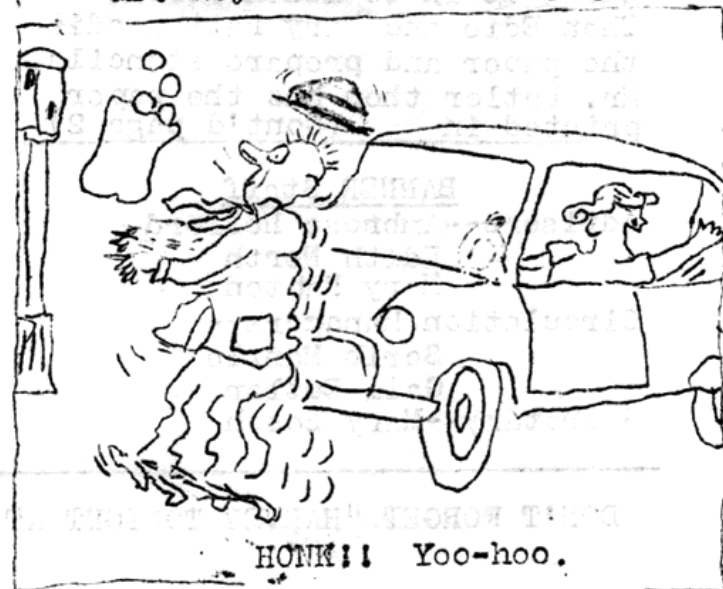
On Monday night, August 31, at 7:15 p.m., the Castle Park Banner will sponsor the second hay ride of the season. The hay ride will be for members of Play Class and "Our Gang." All those who want to go on this hay ride must pay the fee of one dollar to Scrib Mantle before August 20. Meet to go on the ride at 7:15 p.m. on the Castle lawn.

--by Jack Thier
and Scrib Mantle

NEWS FROM THE HORSE WORLD

Mrs. Sally Brown and Mrs. Connie Hinga have been teaching play class riding this summer. They have been teaching two days a week each. Sally teaches Mondays and Tuesdays and Connie teaches Wednesdays and Thursdays. There is an advanced class on Mondays and Wednesdays and a beginners' class on Tuesdays and Fridays. This year both classes are very big.

Mr. Reynolds (cont'd page 3)



(Contributed by Gail Butler)

ART EXHIBIT (Cont'd)

This is the first exhibition of its kind to be held at the Castle. We hope next year to have another.

--by Holley Humphrey
and Jeff Depree

NEWS FROM THE HORSE WORLD

(Cont'd)

is going to judge the Barrington show to be held at Barrington, Illinois this week.

--by Betty Reynolds
and Mary Curtis Ratcliff

A POEM BY THE NICHOLSES

The following poem was written by Dr. R. H. Nichols, Jr., son of Dr. R. H. Nichols of Holland.

Here's just a note to let you know
We enjoyed the Castle Canine Show!
Those doggie capers were so cunning,
And all the acts so smoothly running.
From "bag of tricks" to "best of breed"
To "dress parade," twas fun indeed.
The wigs and waggles were a joy
To every watching girl and boy.
And all for such a worthy cause.
Mary, you win our great applause!

And, Amby, the concert on the knoll
Gave us music to stir the soul,
Out there beneath a vesper sky,
With gently lapping waves near by.
In a picturesque setting so superb
Even the moderns fail to disturb!
Be it Beethoven symphony or
Copland ballet,
It's music sublime, each in its own way.

And as for the play, those Thospians all
Showed talent that Broadway is sure to call.
The direction was super, the sets so smart,
The lines so clever in each one's part.
Thank you, Edie, and Gene, and Bill,
Mary, Billie, Ann, and Phil,
John and Jack and all the crew
Who made the "Westcotts Wild" come true.

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Our stay at the "Castle" was pure delight,
The food and atmosphere--just right;
Swimming, tennis, and riding, too;
Gave us plenty of things to do.
The beds were fine when day was done,
And all the services A-1.
The entertainment was surely grand--
The shows and concerts and dance band.
Our only regret is to depart.
Instead of the end, we wish 'twere the start.

Good-bye -- Good Luck -- and
Thank you all,

The Nicholsons,
Nancy, Nick, and Lois

MASQUERADE DANCE

The following article, written by Harry Kasson and Prather Palmer, was reprinted in the Holland Evening Sentinel.

The Castle Park Masquerade took place Saturday night, August 15. This year there seemed to be more and better costumes than ever before. Clowns, bears, gladiola girls, birds, Indians, and many others added to the success of the party.

After much difficulty the judges awarded the prizes to the following:

The Stekotee children dressed as junkmen and the Richard Muzzy children as an organ grinder with his monkeys tied for the funniest costume.

The prize for the most unusual costume was awarded to Laurie and Phil McClain for their water ski scene.

Jack and Nancy Thier won the prize for the prettiest costume as a Dutch girl and windmill.

The Castle Park Birds, worn by Carter and Mary Curtis Ratcliff, won the prize for the best-all-round costumes.

After the Grand March, Mr. Veech, the mayor of Castle Park, invited all contestants to the Barnswallow for free popsicles.

--by Harry Kasson
and Prather Palmer

THANKS TO MRS. MARIAN RATCLIFF

Since all three advisors for the Banner were deep in rehearsal for "Harvey" Wednesday morning, Mrs. Marian Ratcliff helped with the writing of the stories for this week's Banner.

Thanks, Mrs. Ratcliff!

COSTEN HUMMINGBIRD NEST

Those who have been interested in the hummingbird that built near the Costen cottage will be glad to learn that the two baby birds have left the nest.

In June, Mrs. Costen noticed the nest, a small round grey cup, built right on top of a small beech tree branch. The mother hummingbird seemed to have chosen the ideal location, because it was protected from winds and direct sunlight and as it was near some old lichen-covered trees. The nest is constructed of lichens cemented together with sticky spider webs. It was about two inches across.

Sometime early in July two pearl-sized eggs were layed. Later in the month Mrs. Nobel, Mrs. Flight, and Mrs. Costen observed the mother feeding the young.

During the days in August Mrs. Kehler Carr saw the little, white, grub-like creatures, very much like tiny shmoos, poking above the rim of the nest. When it rained, the mother sat squarely on the nest, keeping the young from getting wet.

Meanwhile, the babies grow bigger and acquired brown spots. Their bills and tails were tiny and pointed. At the time they left the nest they were about two inches long. One left the nest Sunday, August 16, and the second the next day.

On the last two or three days the mother was not seen at all except early on the 15th when she was seen sitting on the nest ruffling her feathers a little and looking all around.

It is a rare event to see a hummingbird nest and even rarer to observe the mother raising the young. Mrs. Costen has been asked by the Audobon Society to write a report of her observations for their November bulletin.

--by Carter Ratcliff

PING-PONG TOURNAMENT

The second bracket of the ping-pong tournament, sponsored by the Barn Swallow, is under way. A few people have been a little slow to play their first matches. We wish those few people would please come and play their matches, so we can continue with the tournament and find out who will be the champion boy and girl.

--by Renny Burke

DEER FOREST TRIP

Next Friday the Play Class is going to Deer Forest. The kids will bring their lunches and a dollar for admission and food for the animals. We will get back in the afternoon.

--by Phil Sweeterman

SALE AT THE CASTLE

There will be a sale of linens, aprons, baby clothes, and unusual Christmas gifts on Friday, August 28, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Mrs. Gray Muzzy is the chairman of the sale of these items, which have been made by the Detroit League for the Handicapped. In the past the Junior League of Detroit has put on this sale. This sale will take place in front of the Castle.

--by Tommy Stevens

NEWCOMERS' IMPRESSIONS OF CASTLE PARK

We think Castle Park is a very nice place. There are many things to do, like golf, tennis, riding, play class for children, dune suppers, and many other things. The meals are very good here, and they have nice cottages.

--by Linda Danner

and Susan Arnold
and Jack Arnold