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#### Intro Note 5th Issue

Greetings All,

Regrettably, there were far fewer comments this month to view. Dale Bradford had included an old issue of the *Councilor*, written as you will see, in June of 1945. I think it was a student newsletter, which I believe was the forerunner to The Falcon that I recall. In any case, there are references to many names I clearly recognize and some I knew, as well as activities of the time. It made very interesting reading to me so I have included it in this mailing in place of the fewer comments.

I am very pleased to have received the few bio's I have so far, but I am sure there are others who have a fine story to tell. This is issue number five of the ten issues I have. The opportunity we all have to renew old connections is half way to a close. You will unlikely ever have the chance to reach so many old friends and classmates as you will in the next five months. I urge you to take advantage of it and participate.

I am contemplating what to do with the accumulation of all these old Lens issues, your comments, bio's and old memos. An idea I am leaning towards at this time is to slip copies of all of them separately into plastic sleeves so they can survive the handling by others and place them in the library or in the hands of Rochester's historic group. That way this review will be available to others in the future. If you have other suggestions, I would be pleased to learn of them.

Once again I mention the fact that I have been requested to pass my "Lens" e-mail list to the ladies who keep alumni informed of happenings of interest. I have no objections to honoring that request, but should you not be in favor of my including your e-mail address, please inform me and I will exclude yours.

#### Duane

P.S. Again I remind you, should you choose to print these, think about printing the covers (front and back pages) in black in order to save your color ink cartridge as it will use a large quantity of ink. Only the covers are in color. However, the comments sheet will have some color photos so you may want to print those in color.

#### LENS COMMENTS 4 TH ISSUE

Duane,

After all the work you have done I think it is time for a big thank you from all of us to you and a late picture of you for us to see. Many of us had great service from Duane Peltier at State farm insurance. Thanks Herb

Herb Hames (Daddy) Rochester Mich

Duane! Thanks again, so much!! I had SO much fun looking at these pix and it was amazing how many "kids" I recognized! I wonder if Judy Whipple remembers the BIG drawing she made for my parents the year they quit driving school bus in 1953 for Mt. Vernon (Dad, Clyde) and Stoney Creek (Mom, Dorothy) and had many of the kids who rode the bus autograph it. It still hangs, with pride, in the breezeway in our cottage in Central Lake, Michigan.

Love ya,

Sukie (Sharon) Blanchard Potere and Bob Potere



Duane, what fun again. Thank you so much for the fine placement at the top and finding my high school photo. I'm printing it all out for classmate Bill Roth.

I can attest that Dick and Mary Eberline had a third child, son John!

Yep, the older kids were named for their parents, and on the distaff side they were--to us--Big Mary and Little Mary. In Northern Italy in 2003, who should I meet but a first cousin of Dick! Best, Judith

Duane

I am just thankful that you are sharing the Lens with us ... not to worry. I hope all is well with you folks. I have had the joy of reconnecting with your sister Diane and she remains, as always, a bright light to me. Kay Flanigan Smith

Duane:

Just got through reading word-for-word, cover-to-cover your latest submission. THanks so much for the memories! Jeannine Dugas Lee

P.S. In case Rochester people don't know, my dear Dean passed away Sept. 19, 2010. I miss him terribly....

Yes I/we are and I used to hang with Sheryl your daughter. You were a State Farm agent and of course everyone new Johnny your dad the milkman.

Please bring me up to date with issues 2-4 also.

How is your family? They finally built on the Main/Glendale corner.

I did not move far only to Lake Orion, we still have a lot of our Rochester

friends/classmates we associate with. Mary Littell Rodgers

We are short on comments this month so I will add a short piece here. I married Dolores Huntley, my high school sweetheart, in 1951. It has been a fantastic 60 years. We built our first house on the southeast edge of Lake Orion where we spent four years and then returned to Rochester. I built a one story house on Glendale at the very top of the hill where we spent the next 10 years. I became an agent for the State Farm Insurance Companies in 1961 and we moved to a house on Beechview Drive in Oakland Valley in 1968. There we finished the task of raising 7 children over the next 35 years. We now live for 6 months of the year off Hamlin Rd in Rochester Hills and the other 6 months in Venice, Florida where we became permanent residents in 2011. Dolores and I have been living with and fighting the daily routine of the Alzheimer disease since 2004. It is, as some of you are or have experienced, a terrible debilitating monster. We live the best way we can from day to day as she deteriorates ever so slowly in our case. Nevertheless, we count the blessings we have enjoyed through the many years we have shared.

#### **Dolores and Duane Peltier**

I must also add, undertaking the LENS MAGAZINE PROJECT has been an exhilarating experience. The pleasure I have enjoyed exchanging e-mails with so many old friends, neighbors and people I have never met has been a blessing beyond description.

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March 18, 2013

Duane,

I really appreciate the effort you have put forth in resurrecting my old art teachers magazine. I, as well as all the others, remember our ville fondly.

A very short......what have I been up to since high school (1967):

I am a cancer survivor and have my second head of full hair. My left arm was amputated above the elbow. As you may have surmised this was caused by my military service. My fate and destiny are not resting with my Oncologist but with my Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. I've been in remission since December of 2010. Tomorrow is never promised.

Since I'm a fully disabled combat veteran, I felt an obligation to assist other veterans. I've become a veteran rights activist/advocate/liaison. My legacy will be 2 have helped other veterans and their families retrieve the benefits, they've paid 4 with their blood and sacrifice.

I am a Christian, (United Methodist). B4 my illness's and disabilities, I was a semi-pro musician....(vocals and rhythm guitar....6/12 jumbo guilds). I am still an American Muscle car guru. My experience with PC Systems is quite extensive. I have expertise in Security, and Graphics software, as well as building a system from the chassis up. I have been a Website and Network Administrator.

#### For Fun:

Drag racing/long range tri-cycling/cruisin' in one of my hotrods /music/anything near water/just to mention a few......

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# GOD BLESS YOU JIM. MANY THANKS FOR YOUR SACRIFICE AND YOUR SERVICE. DUANE

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#### Hi Duane,

I just love reading all the notes from our Rochester friends and family. Even though I don't know most of them, it's fun to hear what kinds of twists and turns their lives have taken since they left home. Here's my story.

As you know, I married Larry Detter whom I met when he moved into our house after answering your advertisement for an apartment above your State Farm office on Walnut Street. Since you were in the process of renovating the apartment, this young, clean-cut college grad needed a place to stay until the apartment was completed. While Larry was sitting across the desk from you, you called our mom and asked her if she'd mind having a renter until the apartment was remodeled. Mom felt there was always room for one more, whether it was at the dinner table or in this case a spare bedroom that wasn't being used. Larry had slept in his car on a country road in Auburn Hills the night before, because he had just accepted a position as a teacher with Avondale Schools. He was relieved to know he would actually have a bed to sleep in this night.

Since I was in Florida on vacation with some recently graduated high school friends, I was surprised to call home and have a man's voice answer the phone. I said, "Who is this?" Larry said, "I'm the roomer." I said, "The roomer! What the heck. I leave home for a couple of weeks and mom fills my room." Well, three years later we were married, and this summer we will celebrate our 47th wedding anniversary.

I think it is time I thank you for your part in introducing my hubby and I. He still rocks my world!!!

**Diane Peltier-Detter** 



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Larry & Diane's Family

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# FALCONS WIN CHAMPIONSHIP

### Seniors Take Trip To Mackinge Island

On Friday, May 15, was there a strange lack of noise and confusion about old R.H.S.? If you were here, perhaps you noticed it, but if you're a Senior, you likely didn't since there was also a strange disturbance going on around 9:00 of the same morning at Fifth and Main. What was the cause of this? Why, the Senior Trip, of course.

The fun soon started when we boarded the buses for Detroit; fun for us, that is. Of course, it wasn't quite as much fun to the unfortunate drivers who got whopped in the windshield by a nice, juicy, gooey wad of chewin' tobaccy. And how about the driver placidly sitting in his car waiting for a traffic light when what soul mysteriously spatter on his hood but another wad of the aforementioned substance. But these trifling matters

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## Come Rain or Shine Huge Success

Hurray! We've done it again. Yes, the Footlights Club can heave a big sigh! They came through with the second smash hit for old R.H.S. in one year. "Absolutely one of the best plays I have ever seen at the High School" actually could be heard coming from the mouths of the "elders" who attended the play. The Club had to take comparisons with the blg hit "Janie" but all comparisons were favorable.

Orchids go the scenery committee under the direction of Miss Hall and Mr. Ivens, All the other committees and faculty that helped are to be praised also,

Ably heading the cast were Wenonah Coltson, Barbara Freeborn,

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#### ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

June 7-Vocal Music Concert "Singtime".

June 8-Junior Class Dance.

June 16-Baccaleurate Sunday.

June 17-Senior Banquet. June 19-Honors Conterence. June 21-Commencement. June 22-Farewell Blues.

### Seniors Hail Successful Prom

To an outside observer, it would seem that literally hundreds of dreamy eyed dancers were floating over the lightly waxed floor to the tunes of King Carmichael under the heavenly starlight skies of the terrace of an elegant old southern plantation. And that's just how the seniors would have wanted it to seem. Yes the elusion certainly was convincing. It wasn't even necessary to pretend. Among the many lovely southern belles from good old R. H. S. and their gallant suitors, were Joyce Kennedy and Jim Reading, Elsie Gray and Dick Forbush, Nancy Wenzel and Carroll Chapman, Mary Kathryn Trulu and Larry Johns, Sally Riggle and Ted Lowes, Henrietta Zabel and Bill Kage, Mary Liz Garner and Bob Swarthout, Joy Goldsworthy and Bernard Brigford. Norma J. Schields and Ross Miller, Pat Johnson and Ben Beaton, Jean Hayward and Olly Juengel, Wanda Wagner and Art Ferguson, John Wells and Janie Riffle, Wenonah Colston and Bill Smith, Jerry Lefler and Bunnie (from Detroit), Dick Davis and Barbara Chambers, James Brazelton and Joan Wilcox, Bob Metro and Phil Rewold, Dlana Eggleston and Bill Mitzelfeld, Bob Mason and Gloria Bailey, Barbara Whims and Chuck Comps. Peg Coons and Tom Drewes, Margaret Hoffman and Bert Juengel.

The Rochester nine took its second Trl-County Baseball Champlonship in two years.

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The Falcons jumped on Harry Tripp, Lapeer's pitcher and made a couple of runs in the first inning. In the third inning they got four more on a long drive by Bart. With two on, Bart hit a long smash to left center that the center fielder got his glove on but dropped. Bart was given credit for a home run.

In the fourth inning, with a man on, Harry Tripp got a hold of one of Buster's fast balls and drove it high and far over the right field fence. This was how Lapeer gained its only two runs off Buster in three years. The Falcons added three more runs to their total and the game ended with the score of 9 to 2 in favor of Rochester. The Falcons have now won 11 straight games and a tle with Utica. The Councilor Staff hopes you can keep up the good work. The Councilor wishes to express its heartiest congratulations on the winning of the Championship, Great work, gang.

## Rochester Welcomes Miss Hazel Pritzil

Everybody has been wondering who the new teacher is in the typing room these days. Well, taking Mrs. Bishop's place is Misa Hazel Pritzil from Swansville, Minnesota, but she has lived in Colorado, Kentucky, Pennsylvania, New York and West Virginia. So you can see she has gotten around quite a bit.

Miss Pritzil dislikes dishonesty and unfairness but is very fond of summer with its beautiful trees, lawns and flowers. Her favorite dessert is ice cream and she extremely enjoys herself when listening to the folk songs of America. Although she likes reading all kinds of books, her favorite is

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#### THE STAFF

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#### You-Master of Fate

Gh! So you're not a teacher's pet? So you don't get the best srades because teachers don't stay after school to give you extra help? Is all that right?

Recently the editor received a letter from a student voicing just such an opinion. It said in part, It seems that some teachers coach and assist them after hours.... others of us who aren't so good (because of lack of assistance) would like a little help also. I'm ready, willing, and able—but can't do much without willing cooperation.

He might be ready for and he might be able to profit from cooperation from his instructors, but is he really willing? "God helps him who helps himself" is a timehonored saying. Folks who reach the highest rungs of the ladder of success really work for their position. They don't wait for success to come to them; they go out after it.

Ask your teacher to give you extra help and tell her of your ambitions to make good. Ten to one you'll get co-operation.

You won't be a "teacher's pet" either. That brand doesn't really do any work; they just flatter people and bluff their lessons. Work for your own good and you'll be on top.

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# - SPORTS

### Rochester Defeats Imlay City Team

The Falcons took the greatest step toward that Tri-County Championship when they defeated the Imlay City Spartans. Without the services of Buck Jolgren who went to the Navy, coach DeGroot had to change his line-up.

In the first inning with a man on, Gordy Williams hit a long fly deep in left center field. The two out-fielders going after it collided and dropped the ball. Thus scoring a man and putting Williams on second. Then Forbush doubled to left scoring Williams. Here the rally ended. The Falcons got two more in the fourth inning and this was margin enough to win. Imlay City got one in the first inning and one in the fifth. With the bases full and Lee at bat, he hit the ball to Buster who threw to Williams at the plate forcing one man and on the return throw to Williams hit Lee on the head and the ball bounced away and the man on second came home. This was all the scoring in the game. In the seventh inning, with men on second and third and two out. the batter hit a high foul and G. Williams made a brilliant running catch that took "Buster" out of a rough hole and ended the game.

#### Line-Up

Cromie, SS: Swarthout, P; Harleyvitch, 1B; Williams, C; Forbush, LF; Bartholomew, CF; Mitzelfeld, 3B; Drewes, RF; Williams, 2B.

### Falcons Win Over Oxford High School

The Falcons journeyed to Oxford and came home with a 2 to 1 victory after a hard game. The Falcons lost a couple of runs by sloppy base running, thus, making the game tough. In the second inning "Buck" tripled to deep right center field and Drewes singled to right scoring Buck. Here the rally stopped. The game went on this way with Oxford threatening several times, but not being able to score. The Falcons got another run in the fifth on hits by Bart, Drewes and Lowes. The Oxford team got their run in the sixth inning. The star hitter of this game was Tom Drewes who got three hits for three times at bat. Bob Swarthout again did a splendid job of pitching and Gordy Williams was again the Rochester catcher. Thus, the Faicons take a big step in winning their Second Baseball championship in two years.

### Rochester Triumphs Over Romeo High

On a dreary day in May the Falcons defeated their old bloody rivals—Romeo. The Falcons took a one run lead in the second inning. Mike Bartholomew walked and stole second. Then "Buck" Jolgren doubled to left scoring Bart.

This lead was sufficient until the fourth inning when "Buster" couldnot get his curve to work and Romeo made four runs.

Then in the sixth inning the Falcon batters went crazy and so did Romeo's team. Lee Cromie led off and walked. He stole second and when the catcher threw the ball into center field Lee went to third. The center field picked up the ball and with a very accurate peg, he hit the telephone pole-here Cromie scored. Mitzelfeld was hit by a pitched ball and he stole second. "Buster" hit a long fly deep to center field. Gordy Williams then lined a single to center scoring Mitzelfeld and on the throw to the plate, Williams went all the way to third. "Red" Forbush then smashed a double to left scoring "Willie Fitch" with the tying run. Bart then hit a high bouncer in front of the plate and was thrown out, with Forbush taking third. With "Buck" at bat Lothery committed a balk and Dick scored. In the next inning the Romeo batters went out 1-2-3. The ball game was over, and thus the Falcons took another step to the Championship. Bob Swarthout and Gordy Williams were again Rochester's battery.

#### LINE-UP

Cromie, SS; Harleyvitch, 2B; Swarthout, P; Williams, C; Forbush, LF; Bartholomew, CF; Jolgren, RF; Drewes, 1B; Lowes, 3B.

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# EGGLESTON'S Dry Goods - Menswear



Heard Bob Pohler threw a hay ride the other night. Couples seen were Bob with Barbara School, Dick Campbell and Betty Faulker. Chuck Boyd and Shirley Alverson, Riddeelle Gregory and Louise Mc-Gee, and Harry Harper and Corrine Brander. Everyone enjoyed a meal of potato chips and pop. After the juke box was fixed, dancing became popular. Bob gave a so-low combination jitterbug and snake dance and Greg played the Also seen were Mararet plano. McBurney and Dizzy Jones, Wanda Wagner and Art Ferguson, Pat Woodie and Basil Shaver, Peggy McFarland and Fred Noyes, and Mary Jackson and Skip.

What's this we hear about Doris Brode? Seems she went up north on a fishing trip? She says she slept all the while. Hmm-m-. We wonder!!!

Also heard Barbara Whims and Donna Scott rode their bikes out to the Comps residence. All four went for a hike in the woods. We wonder what they could possibly find to do in the woods? Pick flowers—Perhaps?

Heard Chuck Comps ripped his pants at the Lapeer baseball game last week. As you can imagine it led to MANY embarrassing situations!! What about it Chuck????

Brigette Lantavch and Wanda Wagner drove all over Lapeer, Mt. Clemens and Selfridge Field, May 30th. Where do you get that precious stuff called gas, Brigette?

Bob Berry and his steady Phyilis Willick, her two sisters, and another couple went to Edgewater, May 30th. Seems everyone had loads of fun!!

Hiking seems popular-Irene Sparman, Tige Williams, Lorretta Darling and Melvin Peters all went on a hike. If you haven't noticed the sun burns-take a look next time you see them.

Speaking of SUN BURNS, have you seen Miss Willits????

#### COME RAIN OR SHINE

Continued from Page One Bill Mitzelfeld and Jerry Leflerthey all seemed to have a natural talent for their parts. Everyone in the cast was on their toesincluding Larry Johns with his three words.

During the intermission, Miss Eloise Tallant, who directed the play, was presented with a corsage by Elsie Gray, Footlights Club president, on behalf of the club and cast.

The school orchestra, under the direction of John Tomlins, furnished the intr'act music.

Miss Tailant has directed another play for us and proven that where there's Tallant, there is bound to be a success!

### Inquiring Reporter

What is the first thing you notice about a boy when you are introduced?

Barbara Bailey-"height, build, and looks".

Jean Hayward-"actions, manners, and personal appearance".

Barbara Dear-"neatness and looks".

Joy Golds worthy-"nose".

Toni O'Stien-"their hair". Sally Riggle--"if he's nice-just

nice".

Mary Garner-"his face".

Pat Johnson-"smile, and mannorisma".

Grace Lobzien-"his eyes and height".

Nancy Wenzel-"height and hands".

Vera Chapman-"sissies, conceited, or what!-appearance, eyes and hair".

Norma Schields-"I guess I notice just-them".

Wanda Brazeiton-"his hands". Donna Scott-"his personality counts first, but then he has to be a slick chick with a drape shape!".

Barbara Freeborn-"his smile and sense of humor".



### Seniors Can't Spare Any More Boys

First our vice president and now our president groans the Senior class, as another senior goes off to do his part for victory. When our star athlete, Jim Burns left for the Navy, everyone sighed and said "We'll get by some how". Then one of our leading class wolves left us-George Boyd. Dale Sutherlund and Ed Hudson made the man shortage worse shortly thereafter. Then the most popular guy of the Senior class-"Buck" left. "Well, they can't take our secretary away from us-she's a girl!", sighs the Seniors, "but we're scared about our treasurer-Willy Fitch!"

It is easy to breakfast in bed if you will be satisfied with a few rolls and a turnover.

"What did you do when the ship sank in mid-ocean?"

"Oh, just grabbed a cake of soap and washed myself ashore."

Lois Haggadone-"if he has a brush-cut or not, and what he looks like".

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Ruth Wold-"his smile".

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### SENIOR SKETCHES

Int-oducian another Senior girl-Miss Barbara June Dear, and 18, and a native of Rochester, (Perhaps Barb gets her middle name from the fact that she was born in June!)

Barb's favorite sport is football, Lauren Bacall and Alan Ladd are her movie idols. "Terry and the Pirates" is the comic strip she looks for first each time.

Jr .- Sr. Girls in the only club honored by Barb's presence. Miss Schuyler is her favorite teacher ns "abe is easy to get along with and you might may she's really on the beam!" Home and Community Health is her favorite class as it isn't hard for her.

Schoolwork is Barb's pet hatred for no special reason. but Her chief annoyance is having the phone ring when she is sleeping and thus making her have to wake up and answer Sleeping or play- female in the class that hour.

ing records are her chief forms of entertainment.

"You aint a kiddin'!" is Barb's get e pression and "Sentimental Journey" is her theme song. To be a housewife or a telephone operator are her main goals. It looks as if the first might someday be realized-her guy is Elwood Good luck. Barbarn Johnson. Dear!

Miss Arla Spencer takes the apotlight now for a few moments She is 17 years old, a mative of Lake Orion, and her birth-date la August 28th.

Aria likes all sports, but swimming and skating are her lavoriten. Jon Hall, Turhan Bey, and Lauren Bacall rate as tops in her Footlights Club is movie-heart. the only one of which Arla is a member. "Prince Valiant" is her favorite teacher, and drafting is her favorite class. The last answer is because she is the only



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Lucky girl-and with a manpower shortage, too!

Aria's pet hatred is having a locker-mate who musses up things after she has just straightoned them out, (Well, don't we all?) Hor chief annoyance is that of most girls-having someone tickle her in the ribs when she is interested in something, "Dream" is her theme song, and her ambitions are to get a job as a drafter and then get a car.

Listening to Perry Como and Louis Primo sing is her invorite entertainment. She won't tell us who her guy is as she says it would surprise us. Maybe we can find out anyway, though One of her sisters ought to know!

Best of good luck to you, Aria.

For the last Senior Sketch of this issue, we present Miss Rovie Bailey - an Indiana gal and 17 years old.

"Red", as she is affectionately called, enjoys swimming and tenuls most of all the sports. Lon Mc-Callister and June Allyson are her favorite movie stars. "Jiggs" is her favorite comic strip (she likes the way Maggle leads him around.)

Jr. . Sr. Girls and Footlights Club are the only clubs honored by her flaming red-hairod head. Miss Tallant and Miss Willits are her favorite teachers. American Lit is her best-liked class as she likes the teacher and is interested in the subject.

Red's theme song is "Let's Take you're cute!" is her pet expression the Long Way Home" and her ambition is to get a car. "Ah, and singing is her chief form of entertainment. What annoys her msot is to be in a crowd and have Earl Boehmer holler out "Gol darn ya, Red"! Harold Witsoe in her best guy.

Good luck to you, Roxie Bailey!!



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and the resultant curses were soon lost in the "speed" of our chariot (Martin brand).

Arriving at the boat, we got on without a single person being pushed in the river. Following up this miraculous record, we found our rooms and unpacked and were soon ready for the fun to begin. It soon did! First, we found to our dismay that ship's time was an hour slower, so that when dinner was finally served (around 3 or 4 o'clock ship's time, getting in with the first famished bunch was like trying to storm Iwo Jima with a broomstick.

However, the edge was finally taken off our hunger, and everything went well, except the freezing blasts of lake air, until the tub pointed its nose into Lake Huron. At this particular point, we were again eating, and it seems that the rough handling the lake gave us didn't agree with some people's appetites. More than one person was seen to rise abruptly from the dinner table with a pale and sometimes greenish-looking face to join the throngs already lining the rail. It may be said that at this particular time sailing didn't seem too pleasant to many of the boys who had been contemplating a stretch in the Navy.

But a little rolling and pitching can't keep a good man (or woman) down, so before long couples surrounded by blankets were to be seen wending their way to the top deck up near the pilothouse, commonly known as the "smoochers deck." Additional attractions were the magician's show put on in the "Grand Salon" and, of course, the everpresent card games.

The real attraction came when we reached Mackinac Island, Since there were very few carriages. most of us pedaled our own trusty steeds around the island. Many of us were a little surprised at the size of the island. From the water it looked so small, yet after pedaling and pedaling (puff, puff!) we still found ourselves well away from civilization (it turned out to be 9 miles around the island). Enough excitement was furnished for us just trying to reach the boat in time. But one Senior on the trip going by the handle of Larry Johns, decided that more excite-

ment was needed, so he promptly rode into a dry, concrete swimming pool bike and all. It is rumored that he got a jolt.

That Saturday night, on the boat on the way back to Detrolt, an amateur show was held with students from all the schools exhibiting their talents". Those from Rochester were Juanita Sartor, Roxie Bailey, Larry Johins, and Sara Cassey. Following this, there was dancing with the mellow ship's orchestra furnishing the music.

On Sunday morning about 9:00 we sighted the low waterfront dives of Detroit once again (all except a few who were blissfully sleeping, unaware of the rude awakening soon to follow). But were most of us worn out? Heck no, we were as fresh as daisleszz.

The doctor's work fills six feet of ground, but the dentist's work fills an acher.

#### ROCHESTER WELCOMES

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reading the Bible and Shakespeare.

Her idea of an "ideal" student is a student who does his part in work or play—and does not overdo. Miss Pritzil is planning to teach here next year and would be glad to get acquainted with any student who wishes to come in and see her.

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We wish it were possible to make LENS a weekly publication.

You see, we have to put LENS to bed about the middle of the month. Thus, if some interesting event occurs say on the 18th of the month and we cover it, the story can't appear for six weeks. It would be ideal if we just declined to cover any stories during the last two weeks of any month, but that way we'd miss some good ones.

Consider our problem for the December issue. The big thing in December is Christmas, so we should have a nice Santa Claus cover with lots of snow. But we can't be too sure of snow on November 15, nor are we sure Santa has his red suit back from the Avon Cleaners (advt.). That's just one of our problems. Don't you feel sorry for us?

LENS gets around. We have a post card from a minister in Illinois. He saw a copy of LENS in Seattle, Wash., liked it and wrote for a subscription.

We suppose we should say something significant about our town's new sidewalks. The only thing we can think of is how nice it is not to have to do mighty leaps and bounds or tight-rope walking to get into Main Street stores.

LENS is proud that eight new advertisers appear in this issue. We hope you'll buy lots of things from our advertisers and that you let them know you saw their ads in LENS. We told one advertiser that if his LENS ad wasn't profitable, we'd eat the magazine. Then, to be sure, we tasted it. Confidentially, it's awful. Don't please, make us live up to that claim.

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# Leader Dogs Find New Life For The Blind

Harold J. Stewart of Fort Wayne, Indiana is blind, but he travels the streets of Rochester almost as well as those who can see. The reason—his German Shepherd dog, Clipper, educated at the Leader Dog League.

Harold Stewart is only one of many blind who literally have found new life since the Leader Dog League was started here in 1938.

Let's make Mr. Stewart a typical example of the blind people who come to Rochester each month to obtain dogs.

First of all he spends several days with a trainer during which time the trainer gets a line on the man's temperament and mannerisms before assigning a dog to him. The trainer in this period teaches the proper methods of giving commands; how to modulate his voice in giving commands; and most important of all, how to praise his dog for good work done.

#### NEVER LEAVES MASTER

Once a dog is assigned to his new master, he never leaves his side. He shares the room and never is returned to the kennels. His new master assumes full care and direction.

Before the blind man and his dog tackle the perplexities of village traffic, a preliminary session is held on the practice court on the grounds of the school. This has proved a most helpful step in training.

Consider a typical day in the life of a blind person at the Leader Dog League. His day starts at 6:30 when he unhooks the dog from the foot of his bed and takes him out for relief. Breakfast is at 7:30 and at 8:30 the student and



Mrs. Frances Slattery, Muscatine, Iowa, with her German Boxer, Tammy, follow Harold J. Stewart of Ft. Wayne, Indiana, and his German Shepherd, Clipper, across one of the main streets of Rochester.

dog leave in the station wagon for the village and "street training."

Back at school at 10:30, the dogs are fed and taken to the exercise ground for relief. More street training follows in the village at 1:00 o'clock. Student and dog rest between 3 and 4 o'clock, after which the dog is fed and again taken to the exercise grounds for relief and grooming.

#### PROBLEMS DISCUSSED

After supper at 5:30, the evening is begun with a round table discussion of the day's events and problems. After that comes free time to listen to radio, play cards, checkers and dominoes or simply to sit and chat. At 9 o'clock the dogs are taken out for relief for the last time.

When the harness comes off the dog for exercise and relief, the working dog reverts to puppy ways and clowning and play, but as soon as the harness is on again, he is all business. His master never plays with him when the harness is on.

Most rigorous part of the training comes in the streets of Rochester. The dog has full responsibility on the street. He must recognize all down and up steps,



In the above pictures, Fred Maynard, director, and Everett Espy, instructor, work with a German Shepherd on the Practice Course. Espy, trained by Maynard, came to the League in 1944.

must slow down for unevenness in pavement, must avoid overhanging branches of trees and low awnings, must observe objects on the right, must never run his master into objects or persons, must take full responsibility in traffic, and learn to obey and disobey his master. The master must know where he's going and direct the dog with commands of "right," "left," and "forward."

The dog learns to judge traffic by motor sounds. He is taught first of all by the trainer using League cars. Prearranged, the dog and trainer leave the curb. The dog and car meet. Simultaneously, the trainer "slaps" the car with his hand to make a loud noise and corrects the dog. The dog associates the correction with the car after repetition of the act and is highly praised when he observes traffic.

After a four-week period the blind person and his dog leave the League, but he may stay longer if necessary.

#### MAYNARD HEADS WORK

Fred L. Maynard, whose geniality cannot mask the deep earnestness he feels in his work, directs the Leader Dog League. A graduate of the famous Seeing Eye organization of Morristown, N. J., Maynard came here in 1938, the first year of the Leader Dog League. He is largely responsible for the splendid growth of the League.

He works with a staff of six men, three instructors and three apprentices, whose training lasts three years.

In the first six months an apprentice does kennel work under the guidance of a man in charge of medication. The second six months are spent in "obedience work," in which he learns to handle different types and temperaments of dogs.

The second year finds the apprentice blindfolded and working with dogs in town traffic. It is not until his third year that he is allowed to work with a blind student and then only under the guidance of an instructor.

#### SERVICE TO THE BLIND

Maynard points out that only individuals whose satisfaction comes from working and doing good for others less fortunate make good candidates for this rigid training. Those who want to earn "big money" are advised to seek something else. To pass at all the apprentice must have an innate sympathy and understanding of human beings as well as animals. His greatest reward is service.

The Leader Dog League uses

German Shepherds and Boxers, finding them best suited temperamentally for this work. Dogs are between the ages of 10 months and two years and are given a three month training course. They are graded weekly by their trainer, who works with them blindfolded. In order to graduate, an educated dog must have the highest marks consistently. No cramming or fooling the professor here.

#### DOG'S REPORT CARD

The dog's report card is almost as forbidding as most grade school cards. For example, under General Obedience he is graded in: Come, Sit, Down, Rest, Retrieve, Heel, Forward, Closeness, Crossings, Turns, Regularity, Traffic Check, Traffic Follow and Responsibility. When he passes all that with the required high marks, he is truly an educated dog, not a trained dog.

Both sexes are used for working dogs, but the female seems to be preferred. She is not as easily distracted on the street, is not as aggressive as the male and makes the transition in affection from trainer to new master easily. The service life of a dog averages



Maynard and Espy and several of the dogs in the outside enclosure of the splendid new kennels recently completed. In this modern and beautifully equipped kennel, the dogs are given excellent care during their stay at the school.

from 8 to 10 years.

The Leader Dog League is one of four training centers in the country and the only one in the Middle West.

The four training centers combined can turn out only about 300 dogs a year. Michigan alone has 6000 blind, 2500 of whom live in Detroit area. There are about 250,- 000 blind in civilian life alone and about 15,000 or 20,000 could use dogs. The tragic gap between these figures indicates the great need of a breeding farm for dogs to be used in this worthwhile work.

At the present time dogs are donated or bought from individuals or kennels.



Edward Upthegrove of Rochester, instructor and member of the staff since 1941, working with student on street-training in Rochester.



Everett Espy working with a German Shepherd on the practice-course. They are practicing the difficult job of going in and out a revolving door. The little building also houses a swinging door.

# FALCONS TRIM

LENS goes behind the scenes to show you what goes on before and during a Rochester high football game. These pictures were made the night the Falcons beat Lake Orion. Coach Eugene Konley's men beat Orion by 45 to 0 to remain undefeated. In the picture below Student Managers Gerald Hunt and Don Walker leave for the field with varsity hooded jackets.





An important pre-game chore. Coach Konley tapes ankles for Bob Mason, while Don Staser awaits his turn. Care like this helps prevent football injuries.



Dressed and ready to leave for the field, the squad gathers for a last word from Coach Konley as in top picture. Below, Norwood Cromie fixes a pad for Sheldon McBurney. Ernie Shreeves is seated, while Paul Stephens pulls on the jersey for Lowell Kage. Players have eaten an early dinner and report at the gym by 6:30 in plenty of time to dress.



## MORE ON FALCON FOOTBALL

Pictures on this page reflect more of the conventional aspect of Rochester High games, but they don't begin to show the mass of work involved in staging a game. There are ticket sellers and cheer leaders and band members and the lads who transport and set up chairs for the band. Someone has to be responsible for water bottles for the team, someone has to line up officials for the games, someone has to supervise the preparation and selling of refreshments. There's lots of work for many more persons than the boys who play the game. But everybody loves it!



Here's a shot of the crowd raptly watching the band in its appealing torch presentation when the field lights are out.



Clyde Wilson is pictured scoring a touchdown on a 70-yard run with an intercepted pass in the Orion game.





Coach Konley and his men watch a tense bit of action in the Lake Orion game.



Here's a near touchdown in the Lake Orion game. Norwood Cromie made a grand try for this pass late in the game but he could just get his finger tips on the ball.

# WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU REPORT A FIRE





Fire Chief George Ross helps LENS show you what happens when a fire alarm is turned in. At the left Chief Ross calls police headquarters for the fire's location, writes location on blackboard. At the right he points to truck as Driver Art Hanlon races through door in answer to alarm.

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# Field Trials Attract Sportsmen to Washington



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With a splendid layout just beyond Washington, the North Macomb County Sportsmen's Club is attracting a wide membership in this area. Skeet and trap shooting are popular with club members and an excellent rifle range draws its quota of shooters. The picture above was made at field trials sponsored by the club recently at the J. P. Mikesell country place on West Road. From left to right are G. M. Calvert with "Pal"; Beth Mikesell with "Spot"; Ronald Lowdermill and J. Robbins with "Babe"; W. M. Reeves with "Lady"; and T. W. Marsh with "Pug" and "Buck." The trials, which lasted all day, attracted a large entry. The club already has a membership of close to 500 and is planning many future events of interest to sportsmen in this locality. Archery equipment and a casting pool are other features to be found at the club.

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Here's more action from the recent Field Trials held by the North Macomb County Sportsmen's Club. The committee in charge of the event is pictured at top right. From left to right are W. Murray of Mt. Clemens, who brought a carfull of dogs for the various events; W. M. Reeves; Johnny Wells, secretary of the club, with "Bud"; Ed Brunk; and in the rear is Mickey Mikesell on "Tar Baby." At top left are Mr. and Mrs. William Trask, their daughter, Jennifer, and Trask's entry in the field trials-"Dagger." Pictured below are Curt Heide and his 6-year-old son who gave an exhibition of fancy and trick shooting a: the club recently. Heide operates u gun shop in Utica and has won wide tame for his shooting. His son started shooting at 3 and gives an impressive exhibition in his own right.

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## BROOKLANDS HOMECOMING



The first annual Brooklands Fire Association Homecoming proved a real success from all standpoints, the prime object being the raising of money for fire equipment. LENS was on hand for the celebration. One feature of the day was the Baby Contest. The top picture shows a number of contestants during the judging. At the left is pictured lovely Linda Lee, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dorsey, 2470 Harrison, who won first prize in the girls' division. Linda isn't quite sure she's pleased with the attention she's getting, is she? The boys' division winner was Harold Parkin, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Parkin, 5800 Willow Grove, Rochester,







### More On Brooklands

One of the big features of the day was an ox roast. More than 200 pounds were roasted in a deep pit in the ground, the cooking beginning the night before. The picture at right shows the start of digging to bring up the ox. In the lower picture a group of small fry await their turn at the pony ride, one of the most popular attractions. The committee in charge provided a varied program for young and old which kept things moving at a lively pace all day. Of course there were hazards, the chief one being Hazen S. P. Briggs who officiated in the kangaroo court. Judge Briggs levied fines with a heavy hand for some outrageous "crimes" but no guilty party complained and the result of the fun was to swell the amount raised for new fire equipment. Plans are already being made for a bigger and better celebration next year.

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# **RECEPTION FOR VIOLINIST**



Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Davis, 501 W. Third Street, opened their home to a number of guests following the recent concert given by Leona Flood, violinist. Mrs. Luther Green is pouring, while at the table, left to right, are Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Mills, Dr. W. M. O'Brien and Luther Green. The concert was sponsored by the Rochester Lions Club.



You can be sure that talk was about music in this group pictured at the Davis's reception. From left to right are Mrs. Worth Mallory, Mr. Mallory, Miss Flood and Winitred Connolly Bullock of Snell Road, Rochester. Mr. Mallory is the new voice teacher at Rochester high, Miss Flood was the evening's featured performer. Mrs. Bullock is also a concert violinist, widely known throughout the Detroit area.



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Born in London, England, Tom served in the first World War and came to the United States in 1927. In the first year in Rochester Tom served as a male nurse at The Haven.

He has a son, Tom, Jr., now a

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student at Western State, and a daughter, Mrs. David Hackett of Rochester.

Tom has been married for 25 years. Everything was swell until Tom discovered golf a few years ago. Since then Mrs. Hughes has done most of the gardening, which once was Tom's joy.

The Hughes are known to a number of Rochester area families for their kindness and their availability in times of trouble.

Both were active in British War Relief work and Mrs. Hughes was honored with the King's Medal for distinguished service. There is some talk that she soon will be awarded another medal for putting up with Tom's golf.



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