

Thoughtfulness

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Area Outing Held For Migrant Kids

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DEWITT—There's a group of a few unnamed citizens in the area, headed by college students, who made 80 persons, age 4 to 20, happy recently with a little bit of thoughtfulness.

The youngsters were all from migrant families. Their parents, and sometimes they too, spent long hours bent over picking pickles for 65 cents to \$1.25 an hour.

The group of college students usually collect bedding, clothing and canned goods for migrant families.

But their latest achievement

came when they treated the kids to an all-day outing to Lansing's Potter Park, Michigan State University, Capitol City Airport, Lansing Fire Department, the Capitol, and then picnicked, played soccer and baseball in an East DeWitt hay field.

Simple, everyday occurrences for many. But fascinating pleasures to the migrant children, most of whom never saw a monkey, fireman slide down a pole, airliner land or hoped to walk on college campus.

It was also a thrill for the college kids. There are those who care.



Special Day Completed



SCOTTISH ANTECEDENTS — Mr. and Mrs. David Martin (left) of 14071 Turner, DeWitt, pointing to map of Scotch Highlands to pinpoint ancestral locations, and Kenneth Jones (right), of 4370 Stoneycroft, Okemos, are proud of their backgrounds. Jones is piping in the haggis at a recent Bobby Burns dinner of the St. Andrews Society of Greater Lansing.

Scots of Area Gather

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Another Clan Macrae piper is Andrew Campbell, 1521 River Terrace, East Lansing, who is a native of Locherbie, Scotland. He's been at it since he was 13, and last August returned to his native heath to pipe in the world-famous Edinburgh Festival. His wife, Margaret, is a native of the Scotch Lowlands.

The society was organized in September, 1966, when Jones sounded a call for other pipers and Scots of the area to band together.

President of the group is David Martin, 14071 Turner, DeWitt, a native of Motherwell, Scotland.

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The society is sponsoring a pipe and drum band for this area, headed by Jones. At present 16 pipers and 14 drummers meet at the Jones residence each Thursday evening.

Jones has a great deal of interest in Alma College, whose nick-

name is "The Scots," and which sponsors a kiltie band. It also sponsors scholarships to pipers, drummers and dancers, and Jones and his fellow club members are watching with interest as plans develop for a Highland Games meet in May.

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Wary Watcher

Observer at DeWitt Council Causes Some Distractions

DEWITT—One of DeWitt's residents watched city council proceedings Tuesday night from outside city hall.

No one was sure for what action the resident planned to petition the city council, because he (or she) left about an hour after the meeting started.

But then that DeWitt resident was no ordinary resident. For one thing, he scratched his fleas a lot.

The observer was a large rac-

coon. It sat on the window ledge and watched the city council proceedings through the glass.

Mayor Eldon Smith had a rough time keeping the city fathers's attention on business, but, despite the distraction, some items of city business were transacted.

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Councilmen agreed to install a sewer from Cedarwood Street to the city limits on DeWitt Road at an estimated cost of \$11,000. They noted that the sewer will be installed seven feet west of the blacktop so that the roadway will not be torn up.

Councilmen agreed to exchange mayors with Owendale (Huron County) during Michigan Week.

A preliminary reading of an ordinance regulating standards for construction in new subdivisions was made. More action will be taken on the ordinance after 30 days.

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Friday and Saturday, May 10 and 11, were set for the annual DeWitt Clean-up Days.

Councilmen warned residents that two city ordinances, one covering rubbish, junk and waste material in the city, and the other covering issuance of building permits, will be more strictly enforced in the future. Maximum penalty of violation of the ordinances is 90 days in jail and \$100 fine.

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