



## River Rouge Historical Museum

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Tom Abair

# SENTIMENTAL JOURNAL

(Excerpts from the River Rouge Herald)

BY: Jenny Cooper

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The Best Cage Coach Ever – Lofton Greene – It took a while to do it, but the record books now show what all River Rouge High School Basketball players and fans have known for some time – that Lofton Greene is the BEST basketball coach in the entire nation. When the Panthers captured that Fifth Straight State Class B diadem last month at Michigan State’s Jenison Fieldhouse, it marked the eighth state title won by Greene, moving him one ahead of Gus Cohrs, who had seven champions back in the early 1930’s at Grand Haven. Local cage partisans have known for a long time that Lofton Greene has to be the top basketball mentor around – anyone who has watched his clubs play picked up the Greene trademarks quickly – the full court press, the withering fast break attack, and most important – the highly disciplined style of play which has characterized Rouge teams for the past 20 years. In these days of “run & shoot” basketball, where 30 and 40 point individual scoring points are common, you won’t find many Rouge players hitting these astronomical heights – and for good reason. The Panthers still play “team” basketball, where each player shoulders his share of the burden. Some nights all five Rouge starters hit in double figures – showing the kind of balance which Greene seeks in his attack each year. Perhaps this is the biggest reason for Lofton Greene’s success at River Rouge High. The Panthers are a team, rather than a group of individual “hotshots”. Outstate basketball fans, while they hate to admit it, sit and marvel at the consistently good play of Rouge teams, despite the turnover each year. The Panthers have “stood the test of time” and the big reason must be the coach. A native of Kentucky, Lofton Greene moved to Jackson, Michigan at an early age and played basketball for Jackson High in the middle 30’s. He then returned to Kentucky for his college training, attending Western Kentucky, where he played under Ed Diddle, the country’s winningest college coach until his retirement last year. Greene coached one year in Kentucky and for a short time in New Buffalo in Southwestern Michigan before coming to River Rouge in the fall of 1943. With time out for Uncle Sam, for 18 months in 1944-45, the genial Rouge mentor has been a fixture at the local school ever since. It took Greene a couple of seasons to get going, but since 1947 he has never had a losing campaign – in fact his teams have never lost more than six games during any year. The overall record speaks for itself – 378 wins and only 78 losses. In State Tournament play, the record is even more phenomenal. The Panthers have won 108 games and lost 13 for a terrific .893 mark. Eight times in the past 12 years Rouge has captured the State Class B Crown. Rouge has been runner up three other times since 1949 so the Panthers have been to Lansing 11 times in the past 17 years. No other team even approached the record. To most fans, Coach Lofton Greene is a big, soft spoken man who wouldn’t hurt a fly, but Panther players throughout the years known him to be a stern taskmaster – with a firm but gentle manner which quickly gains the respect of all the players. Greene seldom leaves the bench during the game to call down one of his players for continual mistakes – a stomp of his foot usually turns the trick. Perhaps the biggest tribute to Greene comes each year after the Panthers play some top notch foe. As the fans leave you can always see many former Rouge cage stars stop by to greet their old coach and wish him success during the season. Just this year, as Rouge got ready for the quarterfinal clash with Fenton, a letter from big Willie Betts arrived – urging the boys to play their best for the BEST coach anywhere. And it ended with “God Bless You and your family” so you can see that the Panthers get more from Greene than just basketball fundamentals. Lofton Greene molds more than winning basketball teams at River Rouge High School – he molds outstanding young men, who will be a credit to all during the years to come. His example certainly guides his charges to the better things in life.

That's why River Rouge is proud and happy to have him as a respected member of the community and why Lofton Greene's "Coach of the Year" every year in River Rouge.

Last Rites Friday For Frank Gallagher – A solemn high Requiem Mass will be held tomorrow (Friday) at 10:00am from Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church for Frank Gallagher, River Rouge Funeral Director. Preceding the Mass, services will be held from the Gallagher Funeral Home at 9:30am. Mr. Gallagher, who maintained his establishment in the city for many years, passed away suddenly at Delray General Hospital on Monday, March 29. Interment will be in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Mr. Gallagher who was 73 years old, would have observed his 50<sup>th</sup> year as Funeral Director in River Rouge this year. The son of Patrick Gallagher, a native of Dublin, Ireland, Frank was born in Walkerville, Ontario (part of Windsor) and came to the United States as a small boy with his parents. The family settled in the Delray section of Detroit where Mr. Gallagher was reared and educated. After completing his education, he went to work for T. P. Sullivan, one of the area's early funeral directors, and studied for his chosen profession. At that early date there were no mortuary schools and Mr. Gallagher acquired his knowledge through experience aided by studies at Harper Hospital. In 1915, he decided to go into business for himself, and chose the growing community of River Rouge, opening his first funeral establishment in the 10300 block of West Jefferson, between Pleasant and Myrtle. He later moved to another building in the same block, and in 1929 built the structure now occupied at 10750 West Jefferson. In 1961, his wife, Mrs. Ruth Gallagher, passed away, as did two of his sons, Patrick J. and William. He was an honorary member of the Knights of Columbus, the Holy Name Society and the River Rouge Old Timers Club. He also belonged to the National Funeral Directors Association and the Michigan Funeral Directors Association. Mr. Gallagher is survived by two sons, Francis of River Rouge and James E. of Madison, Wisc.; a daughter, Mrs. Joseph (Rita) Haurert of River Rouge; twenty-eight grandchildren and one great grandchild; a sister, Mrs. James Kelly and a brother, Patrick.

Interest Centers On Council Race – Campaigning will reach a climax this weekend in River Rouge for Monday's election when voters will choose three Commissioners and two constables. The Mayor's post, the Treasurers position and the Associate Judgeship are uncontested. Interest in Council – Interest is center on the race for Commissioner. Only one incumbent, John McEwan, is seeking re-election. Others in the commission race are Sam Adolfo, James Doig, Hezekiah McDonald, Daniel Riney and Ernest Riopelle. Riney has previously served as a Commissioner. McDonald has served as constable. Four candidates, Ronkeith Adkins, Thomas Harris, James O. Lawson and incumbent Arthur G. Williams are vying for two positions as constables. Williams will be seeking his third term. With no contest, Mayor Donald R. Nettlow will begin his fourth term as Mayor on Tuesday, April 6. Incumbent Treasurer Gerald Laginess will begin his third term in office and Associate Judge Richard Valois, also an incumbent, is assured of his second full-four-year term. Valois was appointed Associate Judge in 1959, elected in 1960 to fill one year of a four-year term, and in 1961 was elected to a four-year term. Polls will open at 7:00am and remain open until 8:00pm.

#### Of Interest To Woman

1. Mr. & Mrs. Leonard Brandt, 134 Oak St., RR, announce the engagement of their daughter, Frances, to Charles Schultz. Charles is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Theodore Schultz, Dasher Rd., Allen Park. The couple, both graduates of Our Lady of Lourdes High School. Frances is presently employed with Wilson & Wilson in River Rouge. Charles is employed by the FoMoCo. The couple is planning a fall wedding.
2. A gift in memory of the late Norman Greig was presented to the Senior Citizens Club of River Rouge for the piano fund project. The gift was donated by friends and associates of the staff at his paper station.
3. Bernadette of Lourdes Circle #640, Daughters of Isabella, will hold its regular business meeting Wednesday April 7, at 8pm. The meeting will be held at the K of C Hall.
4. Joanne Dioszegi, 430 Genesee, RR, has become an active member in Kappa Phi, National Methodist organization at Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo.
5. Little Eric Douglas brought happiness to his parents, Mr. & Mrs. James Neumann, when he made his debut at Women's Hospital on March 18. Grandparents of the little one are Mr. & Mrs. Zeno Trudeau of 79 Oak St., River Rouge.

Rouge High Hi-Lites – By: Helen Carrico – The Senior Class of River Rouge High School selected its class memorial last Wednesday, March 24. They voted for a portrait of Winston Churchill. An assembly was held in honor of the River Rouge High School basketball team Thursday, March 25. The guest speakers were Lofton Greene, Coach of the Panthers; Corda Horton, Principal of River Rouge High School; Clarence Sabbath, River Rouge Commissioner; and Louie Goniea, a member of the River Rouge Board of Education. The trophies were presented by Frank Price, Cedrick Dawson, Billy Tunstull, and Samuel Campbell – all team members. River Rouge High School track team won the Huron Relays, a Detroit News sponsored event which attracted over 50 area schools. Albert Taliaferro and George Miles combined to win the broad jump, and the Panthers won the shuttle relay. Cheerleading practice began Monday, March 29, no date has been set for tryouts. All girls from grades 9 through 12 are eligible. Baseball practice has started. Practice is being held in the girl's gym under the direction of Jack Wise, River Rouge High Baseball Coach. Practice will be held outside at the Great Lakes Athletic Field as soon as weather permits. Discussion is under way about the needed space in the present trophy cases, and the Athletic Department and the City of River Rouge Board of Education are considering a solution.

The Bear Facts – By: Justine Wojcik & Mike Kelly – Third quarter ends tomorrow and report cards will be given out on Wednesday. The school year is going quickly with the last quarter upon us. There will be many more interruptions this quarter than there were during any other. For the Seniors of '65, this will be their last lap in High School. Many now know their post graduate plans. Here's hoping they are successful. Although during Lent many activities are restricted, the C.S.M.C.ers came up with an excellent idea about two weeks ago to break the monotony. They scheduled a "Pizza Party". It took place last Friday after Mass, during lunch-hour. The auditorium once again, took on a community atmosphere. Members of the J.C.L. (Junior Classical League) and two sponsors, Sister Jane de Chantel and Sister Fabiana attended the annual J.C.L. Convention last Saturday at Michigan State University, Lansing. The attendance topped that of previous years – 3600 Latin students. Ave Roma Immortale! Feature Student: Patrick Dennis Joseph Smith, a senior, plans to attend Wayne State University this coming fall, entering the field of Math in the Liberal Arts Course. Pat started out as a freshman class president and his leadership has been felt ever since. He's an out-spoken young man who makes people sit up and take notice. He has played 3 years of football; two of which were on the varsity team (right end). He belongs to National Honor Society and ranks number 13 in the senior class. Personality plays a big role with this individual. Best of luck for the future years. The "L 'Espirit" seems to really be in full swing. Most of the work is finished and some lay-out results were shown to interested seniors in 12H last week. If all the setups are as stunning as the few shown, the "65" issue is bound to be the greatest!! Now, the campaign is out for orders. Get details on Bulletin Boards (2<sup>nd</sup> floor); also get to see some of the candid shots. The student body attended a Memorial Mass last Friday for one of their former members, Edward Rasmussen, who was killed in a car accident.

Newcomers Hold Key To Rouge Cage Hopes – 1964-65 Basketball season is history, but before we turn to the spring sports calendar, it might be wise to spend a few minutes looking ahead to next year – and what it will hold for the River Rouge Panthers. As everybody knows the Panthers made it five-in-a-row two weeks by whipping South Haven in the Class B finals at Jenison Fieldhouse. Now – what goes for 1965 – 66??? Most years are the same at River Rouge High – The Panthers win the State Class B basketball championship and graduate three or four top players. This is the case again this time, with only Frank Price returning from the lineup which started the final games during the tournament. Gone will be Sam Campbell, Rolando Shorey, Billy Tunstull, and Cedric Dawson, plus front line subs Allen Walker, Albert Taliaferro and Marv Popyk. With seven men gone from a 12-man squad, it will be another rebuilding year for veteran Coach Lofton Greene - and this time the task will be tougher than most, for most of the help will have to come from the reserve team. This means the newcomers will be plenty "green" and it will take time to whip them into shape. Rouge has one big plus going for it next year – Frank Price. The 6'1" senior-to-be is acknowledged to be one of the finest players in the State. He virtually carried the Panthers through the final week of the tournament with his excellent play. Next year, Price may have to carry Rouge all season long – or at least until the younger players get into the swing of things. Coach Lofton Greene, who calls Price one of the best he has ever coached, has a problem with the versatile senior – where to play him. Price played forward through the regular season, and did a bang up job. Then he switched to guard in the final week of tournament play and was terrific. Now Greene must decide where he needs him most in 1965 – 66. Could be Price will play both spots. The Panthers will have one guard back with plenty of experience, Benny Benford. The stocky junior took over a first string role midway through

the regular season and held it through the Regional's, but lost his spot when Greene decided to go with Price in the back court during the final week. Benford is a fine defensive player, and showed some offensive spark at times, but needs to improve his ball handling. Up front, the Panthers will have to rely on untried talent. Three or four youngsters will be scrapping for starting berths. Art Hudson and Darrel Saulsberry return from this year's club, but they will be hard pressed by Henry Shelton, who moved up midway in the season from the reserve team and looked very good in the tournaments. LaJoel Wasson, another reserve player, also figures to challenge for first team berth. Should Greene decide to play Frank Price up front, it wouldn't be a surprise to see Shelton and Wasson team with the Panther ace, as Rouge looks to the future. The back court problem also is acute, with little experienced held on hand. Ben Benford will likely be the top guard, with Loren Pittman, up from the Reserves, or Clem McIver a good bet from the other post. Looks like a wide open struggle for the guard posts, with anything likely to happen. The over-all picture for next year is not bright, but don't count the Rouge forces out. As one Panther partisan put it – "Greene will use his bag of tricks – to win again, in '66".

### Our Men In The Armed Service

1. Electronics Technician Third Class James W. Sebastianelli, USN son of Mr. & Mrs. Dominick Sebastianelli, Jr. of 17 Perrin St., RR, completed a course in specialized communications equipment March 12, at the Naval Schools Command, Mare Island, Vallejo, Calif. He learned to install, maintain and repair special communications equipment aboard ships and at shore stations.
2. Seaman Apprentice Charles E. Horvath, USN, son of Mrs. Rita Horvath of 295 Goodell, RR, was part of the recovery force during the first manned Gemini Flight March 23. His ship, the destroyer USS Harold J. Ellison, was one of twenty vessels assigned to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration project. Navy & Coast Guard ships took station along the path of the space craft's orbital track. The recovery area, whether one, two or three orbits were completed, was calculated to be between Cape Kennedy and the Canary Islands. Several weeks prior to the mission, his ship underwent extensive training in recovery techniques and communications procedures necessary for smooth task force coordination, assuring safe recovery of the astronauts and Gemini craft. Following completion of the project, his ship returned to her regular duties with the Atlantic fleet.
3. Private Kenneth E. Burr, son of Mrs. Audrey P. Burr, 514 Polk, RR. Completed an eight-week Personnel Administration Specialist Course at the Army Armory Center at Fort Knox, Kentucky, March 26. During the course Burr received training in the use of business machines such as addressographs and calculating machines and in facets of the Army Personnel Management program. 19-year-old soldier entered the Army in November 1964 and completed basic training at Fort Knox, Kentucky. He is a 1963 graduate of River Rouge High School.

### **APRIL 8, 1965**

Rotarians To Sell Easter Lily Tags – Rouge Rotarians are placing special emphasis on their annual Lily Parade this weekend to be certain that each crippled child and adult living in the area of the Easter Seal Society of Western Wayne County (including River Rouge) has a worthwhile future. Reg McFadden, President of the River Rouge Club, stated that work for crippled children has long been one of Rotary's most outstanding activities. It all began, according to the record, back in 1913 when the Rotary Club of Syracuse, New York, helped its first crippled child. This first held eventually grew into one of Syracuse's most outstanding services. Out of that small beginning has developed many State, National, and International organizations of which the best known is the Easter Seal Society. Art Greig, River Rouge Chairman of the Western Wayne County Easter Seal Drive, announced that his committee will be on Jefferson Avenue Friday afternoon and Saturday to exchange miniature Easter Lily tags for cash contributions, large or small. Donations mean wheelchairs, walkers, special shoes, braces, etc., and make possible the summer day camp for crippled children as well as classes and clubs for teenagers and adults. Donations keep the Easter Seal Center a busy, friendly place in which new ways of meeting long-time needs can be developed. Other members you will meet on Jefferson

Avenue include Jacob Wilhite, Rhudie Komraus, Gene Forgette, Charles Matthews, Ollie Neville, Max Parker, Richard Crosson, Sam Adolfo, Donald Hooper, Robert Howey, Carl Licht, Orlando Rinna, Phillip Field, Kirby L. Wilson, Jr., and John Butler (who is the Chairman of the entire Western Wayne County Easter Seals Drive). Art Greig, Jr. says the goal for River Rouge in this drive is \$1,000.00.

Lt. Col. Miguel DeLaPena Cited For Heroism – Lt. Col. Miguel DeLaPena, a former Rougite and holder of many citations and medal for bravery, has again distinguished himself in action at Ben Dong So, Binh Duong Province, Republic of Vietnam. Information received at the Herald-Advertiser indicates that on the morning of December 30, 1964, following an attack earlier during the night by an estimated two battalions of Viet Cong on two companies of Civilian Irregular Defense Guards at Ben Dong So, Colonel DeLaPena, in spite of overwhelming evidence of a complete enemy victory, in the face of a total lack of intelligence regarding enemy strength or disposition, and with complete disregard for his own personal safety, flew to the battle site. On arrival he quickly and skillfully assessed the situation, organized immediate air evacuation of the dead and wounded, and rallied and reorganized the survivors into an effective fighting group and then re-secured the Ben Dong So forward operational base. By his daring display of courage and skillful leadership, Colonel DeLaPena prevented any further attacks on the beleaguered CIDG forces and contributed greatly to the successful continuation of their mission. In August of 1963, Lt. Col. DeLaPena was awarded the Soldier's Medal by the late President John F. Kennedy. In addition, he holds the Bronze Star Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster; Commendation Medal; The Purple Heart with Oak Leaf Cluster; and several other campaign ribbons and medals for action in World War II and Korea. A former employee of the River Rouge Savings Bank, Lt. Co. DeLaPena is married to the former Ruby White, the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Edward White of the Reno Building. The DeLaPenas, married in France in 1944, have four children. Mrs. DeLaPena and her children reside at 95 Oak St., River Rouge.

5,087 Voters Trek To Polls Monday – The victors in River Rouge Monday election were sworn in Tuesday night before a capacity crowd, following the regularly scheduled Council meeting. Affable City Attorney T. Roy Finn served as Master of Ceremonies for the inaugural proceeding and veteran City Clerk Roy A. Berger administered the oath of office. A total of 5,087 votes were cast on Monday, which can be considered fairly heavy in view of the fact that Mayor Donald R. Nettlow was unopposed in his bid for a fourth term. There is a total of 8,607 registered voters in River Rouge. The general election in November of 1964 brought 7,000 voters to the polls. Nettlow polled the highest number of votes with 2,958; Gerald Laginess, unopposed in Treasurer's race, was second with 2,543; and John McEwan, seeking his second term as commissioner, polled 2,052 votes. Other successful candidates in the Commissioners race were James Doig with 1,792 and Sam Adolfo with 1,738. In the contest for constable, James D. Lawson Jr., was out front with 1,729 votes and in second position, was incumbent Arthur G. Williams was 1,564. Incumbent Associate Municipal Judge Richard E. Valois (running unopposed) drew 2,153 votes and will hold office until April, 1969. In colorful ceremonies, Finn introduced the winning candidates, the losing candidates and other city officials whose terms of office were not contested in Monday's election.

#### Of Interest To Women

1. Honored – Anaheim California's most famous citizen, Walt Disney, was honored recently during Founders Day ceremonies at an Anaheim school named in his honor. The famed cartoon creator was presented with a booklet signed by all the students currently enrolled at the Disney School. The presentation was made by Sharon Figg, Richard Williams, Debbie Smeltzer, and John Good. The fellow on the right is known throughout the world and is no other than Porkey Pig. Young Miss Figg is a pupil of Walter Popyk, who is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Walter Popyk of 132 East Great Lakes, River Rouge. Popyk is a 1959 graduate of River Rouge High School and received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, in 1964.
2. Joseph Devereaux brought happiness to his parents when he made his debut at Riverside Osteopathic Hospital, March 26. Parents of the little fellow are Mr. & Mrs. William Farrand Sr., of 49 W. Cicotte, River Rouge.

3. Mr. & Mrs. Ernest J. Morris of 94 Leroy, River Rouge, are the proud parents of a little daughter Donna Sue. Donna was born March 26 at Riverside Osteopathic Hospital.
4. Boys were born at Wyandotte General Hospital to the following couples: Mr. & Mrs. John Behm, 35 Cherrygrove, Ecorse; Mr. & Mrs. James Kandrevas, 55 Elizabeth, River Rouge; and Mr. & Mrs. David Ringerman of 54 Forest, River Rouge.
5. Mr. & Mrs. Johnny Miller, 43 Orchard, River Rouge, are the proud parents of a little girl, Sandra Lynn. Sandra arrived at Outer Drive Hospital March 15, weighing 5 pounds and 11 ounces. Grandparents of the little one are Mr. & Mrs. William Miller, 62 Hill, River Rouge and Mr. & Mrs. Steve Kovach, 50 Forest, River Rouge.
6. An Easter Cantata will be presented Sunday evening, April 11, at the Epworth Methodist Church in River Rouge. Beginning at 7:30pm, the Chancel Choir will present "Halleluiah, What A Savior" by John Peterson. The Cantata will be held in the church sanctuary and is open to the public without charge. Mrs. Evelyn McHugh, organist and choir director, will be in charge.
7. The Beechwood Block Club is sponsoring a waistline social, which will be held at the Beechwood Community Center April 10, at 8pm. The public is invited to attend.

Rouge High Hi-Lites – By: Helen Carrico – The History Club of River Rouge High School was honored to have Mrs. Shannon of the Peace Corps speak to them Tuesday, April 6, at their weekly meeting. The entire school was invited. The River Rouge Thinclads won the Michigan State Relays at Jenison Fieldhouse in Lansing, Michigan. The trophy is on display in the high school office. Albert Taliaferro won the broad-jumping event. He set a new state record jumping 21'7". The sophomores have chosen their class shield. The shield was designed by Dennis Luke. It is on display for the school to see on the senior bulletin board in front of the auditorium. A new club is being organized at River Rouge High. It is a Human Relations Club, sponsored by Mr. Edley. The meetings are every Monday night after school in Room 316. All students are invited to join. The club's purpose is to promote better understanding. An assembly was held third hour Wednesday, April 7, in honor of the straight "A" students. In the eighth grade, the students earning their first awards were James Albright, Denise Bellfi, Claudia Chester, Gwendolyn Dawson, Deborah Lane, George Mihaiu, and Delphine White. There was only one student in the tenth grade to receive an award. Linda Skaggs received her first medal. In the senior class, Diane Chrin received her fourth medal and Cedric Dawson received his fifth. Bruce Wardrop holds the title with seven medals. Also at the Assembly, the art students were honored. Crowley's and the Detroit News sponsored an Art Exhibit, and four Rouge students were given awards. Robert King and James Field were given key awards. Delilah Burgess and Daryl Puckett were given certificates. Two seniors were commended on their achievement in the National Merit Scholarship program. Linda Burns received a letter of commendation and Cedric Dawson received the National Achievement Award.

The Bear Facts – By: Justine Wojcik & Mike Kelly – Our senior religion class teacher, Sister Immaculata, has spent much time making arrangements for guest speakers for the class. Last week, Miss Obisizinski spoke to the students about service offered by Catholic Charities and Social work. This week, Sid Rosen will speak on public social service in the Downriver area – and Father Singleyn will speak about Relief for the Christian Community. Father Singleyn will also bring his guitar. Next week the brother of the late Dr. Tom Dooley will speak. Record cards were given to students April 7 by Monsignor E. Glemet. Monday, April 5, Coach Sytek made his first cut. It was a difficult task for "Coachie", because the team has been outside but once. Tom Theeck: Mr. Professor of the senior class, is our feature student of the week. Tom ranks big Number 10 in the class and will attend Michigan State in the fall. His aim in life is to become an electrical engineer and work for McDonald Aircraft. Tom has been an honor student during high school and plans to work his way through college. He has been an active member of the Holy Name Society, the Dad's Club, and the Year Book Staff.

Panthers Cop Second Major Indoor Crown – The River Rouge High School Track Team made it "two-in-a-row" Friday night at Jenison Fieldhouse in East Lansing when they won the second Annual Spartan Relays Class B Championship by scoring 25 points. Twin Valley Conference rival Romulus was second with 17 points, following by Albion with 11 ½ points. Ecorse finished in a five-way tie for eighth place with seven

points. It was “two-in-a-row” two ways for the Panthers, since they successfully defended the Class B Crown won last year at East Lansing and also proved that their victory in the Huron Relays last week was no fluke. Excellent Team balance paid off for Rouge Friday night, as the Panthers scored in seven of the 13 events to capture Class B laurels by a comfortable margin. Assistant Coach Bill Holmes handled the Rouge Thinclads Friday night in the absence of veteran head coach Roy Krueger, who was attending a Physical Education Convention in Indianapolis. Holmes got plenty of mileage out of the 16-man squad he took to East Lansing, with the Panther youngsters producing in the clutch, as they usually do. Romulus made things close right down to the final event, and Rouge needed a third in the mile relay to clinch the crown. Running in the final heat, the Panther foursome of Albert Taliaferro, George Miles, Ron Lane and Eric Petersen left no doubt as to the final outcome, roaring home in meet record time of 3:35.6 to claim first place and knock three full seconds off the previous mile relay mark. Senior Albert Taliaferro ran a strong opening leg for the Panthers, and George Miles and Ron Lane kept the Rouge forces right up in front. Then senior Eric Petersen turned it on in the final lap to run away from the field. Albert Taliaferro gave the Panthers a big left when he sailed 21’7” to win the long jump, formerly called the broad jump. It was also a new Class B record, bettering the old mark of 21’5 1/2” set by Rouge’s Boice Bowman last year. Taliaferro’s effort was the best ever turned in by the versatile senior, and makes him a strong candidate for Class B State Honors this year. Powerful Sam Campbell picked up four points for the Panthers in the shot put when he tossed the 12-pound ball 53’8”. Only a prodigious 58’9” heave by Vassar’s Bob Johnson was better than Campbell’s fine toss. The Rouge two-mile relay team also took a second, breaking the old meet record by some nine seconds, but it wasn’t enough to top an 8:30.6 clocking turned in by Marshall. The Panthers did 8:33.5 with the team of Allan Walker, Ron Lane, Charles Gardner and Eric Petersen. It was the second straight time that Rouge has been second in the two-mile relay. Romulus surprised by winning the 880-yard relay but Rouge came in third for three points. The Panther quartet of Chester Wright, Will Wright, Eugene Wilson, and Clarence Sabbath was timed in 1:37.5, while Romulus won in 1:36.2. The Panthers’ shuttle hurdle team, which won at Ypsilanti last week, didn’t fare too well this time, but still managed fourth place. Holly won the event in 29.4 for a new record, while the Rouge combination of Will Wright, Marvin Brazill, Eugene Wilson and Sam Campbell did 30.5 for fourth place. Senior hurdler Eugene Wilson produced the final points for Rouge with a fourth place effort in the 70-yard low hurdles. Thus, Wilson produced points for Rouge in three events, the low hurdles, the shuttle hurdle relay, and the 880-yard relay. This week the Panthers will travel to Mansfield, Ohio, for the Annual Mansfield Relays. Coach Roy Krueger doesn’t figure his team to score many points in this rugged event, but hopes that the experience gained will help his troops in State Competition later this season. The Panthers have entered the two-mile, one-mile and 880-yard relay events, plus the shuttle hurdles.

### ADS

1. Fields Food Mart – 10859 W. Jefferson – Meats \*guaranteed tender) family chefs favor these tender juicy best cut meats. \* Pan ready whole fryers 27 cents a lb. – cut up 31 cents a lb. \* Fresh juicy tender picnic hams 29 cents lb. \* Pure pork sausage – homemade flavor 3lb. \$1.00. \* Fresh tender sliced – beef liver 29 cents lb. \* Pin bone cut sirloin steak 49 cents lb. \* Porterhouse Steak (special trimmed) 99 cents lb. \* Spare ribs 45 cents lb. \* Peters Weiners 1 lb. package 39 cents. \* Peters “OK” Bacon 49 cents lb.
2. Labadie Rexall Drugs – 11292 W. Jefferson (corner of Elizabeth) – Precision in compounding prescriptions, friendly advice about other health aids, 24 – Hour Service to you ... all make our man “in the know” a good man to know!
3. Micky’s Beauty Shop – 10607 W. Jefferson (formerly Martha Washington). Announcing Complete Beauty Care by Micky & Pat.
4. R & S Shoes – W. Jefferson at Coolidge (in the Reno Building). \* Blue Bird Shoes for children. Girls’ dainty strapped pump is of black patent and white comes in sizes 9 1/2 - 3. Boys sizes 9 1/2 - 3. \$4.99.
5. Kresge’s – W. Jefferson at Coolidge Highway. \* Girls Easter dresses drip dry miracle blends 3 – 6X - \$2.27. \* Mannish little slack sets \$1.77. \* Flattering Spring Whimsies & flower hats – Flower hats

in white, pink, beige, mint, citrus, lilac. Rhinestone bow, or flower – spattered veil whimsies in black, white, navy and pastels - \$1.27. \* Girls handbags – Easter white - \$1.00 to \$1.98. \* Choice of lengths! Women’s new spring dress gloves – 77 cents a pair.

6. Great Lakes Rambler – 11032 W. Jefferson - \* 1965 Rambler Classic 660 Cross Country – Also new 1964 classics as low as \$1,935.00 delivered complete. \* “63” Ambassador, 4dr. 990, P.S., P.B., Tutone, white tires, radio, ‘A’ Trans. A sharp car \$1,725.00. \* “62” Ford Ranch wagon, V-8, radio, heater, a Real Family Car, \$1,395.00. \* “60” American, 2dr. overdrive, radio, heater \$395.00

## **APRIL 15, 1965**

Sargent Shriver, Anti-Poverty Boss, to Visit River Rouge – When Congressman John D. Dingell and R. Sargent Shriver visit River Rouge on April 28 to attend a conference called for the purpose of explaining the many facets of the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964, admission will be limited to city officials and heads of organizations within the 16<sup>th</sup> District. It is expected that 16<sup>th</sup> District City officials will exhaust the seating capacity in the Council’s chambers. The information was released at the April 13 meeting of the River Rouge City Council. However, because Shriver is a nationally-known figure, City Clerk Roy Berger is attempting to arrange a social hour, so that River Rouge citizens may meet the man who directs the President’s Anti-Poverty War. Shriver is the former Peace Corps Director. \*\*\* Chief of Police Loren Pittman advised the members of the Council that a recent survey revealed 27 abandoned automobiles on the streets of River Rouge. Pittman said that the owners of these cars have until Monday, April 19, to dispose of them, or they will be towed away by the Police Department. \*\*\* The Council unanimously approved that all Civil Service employees be given the afternoon of Good Friday off, with compensation. \*\*\* In River Rouge, spring not only brings the promise of balmy weather and the replanting of flower boxes along Jefferson Avenue, but a rash of complaints from irate citizens protesting those who permit their dogs to run at large. This is a violation of the city’s dog ordinance. City Attorney T. Roy Finn said the ordinance is substantially stringent, but each spring many citizens have to be reminded, that such an ordinance does exist. \*\*\* A communication from Mrs. Donnie Sabbath, wife of Commissioner Clarence Sabbath, invited Donald R. Nettlow, Councilmen and all city officials to attend the 46<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of St. John’s A.M.E. Church, which will be held on April 24 at 6:30pm. St. John’s former Pastor, the Rev. J. Haskill Mayo, (now of St. Louis) will return to River Rouge for the occasion.

Drunk Charges Placed Against Brothers – Two River Rouge brothers were arrested early Sunday morning after police allegedly chased them in an automobile through the streets of River Rouge at speeds of more than 50 miles an hour. One brother was charged with drunk driving, and the other with drunk and disorderly conduct. Arrested were Joseph G. Mataetes 19, of 262 Goodell and his brother William, 23, of 39 Cora. The younger Mataetes was accused of drunk driving; the older brother was charged with drunk and disorderly conduct. When they appeared in Municipal Court Monday morning, both men plead guilty at their arraignment, however, Joseph changed his plea and requested an attorney. His trial was scheduled for next Thursday. William was fined \$25.00 or five days in the Detroit House of Correction. He paid the fine. The two were arrested by Corporal Tom Hubbard and Patrolman James Johnson shortly after 2am Sunday morning. The officers said they were patrolling on Alexander near Abbott when they observed an automobile coming towards them on Alexander. Corporal Hubbard testified that the oncoming car was swerving from side to side and nearly struck the scout car as it passed. The officers turned around and gave chase. They said they had to exceed 50 miles an hour in order to overtake the escaping vehicle. Hubbard said he radioed for assistance from another scout car as the automobile sped into Ecorse. He said two parked cars at Auburn and Jefferson were struck in the chase. The chase continued back into River Rouge.

### Of Interest To Women

1. Open house was held in honor of Mr. & Mrs. Ernest Prather of 189 Richter, River Rouge in observance of their Golden Wedding Anniversary, on Saturday, April 10, at the Merry E. Balmer Fellowship Hall, Lincoln Park. Mr. & Mrs. Prather were married April 15, 1915 in Lesloge, Missouri. They have nine

surviving children – two daughters, LaVern Moore and Imogene Fairall; and seven sons, James L., Charles W., Ernest H., Arthur E., Stanley, Raymond H., and Herman R. The couple also has 27 grandchildren two of their sons, Raymond and Herman, reside in California and were unable to attend the celebration. There were 120 relatives and friends present to congratulate the Prather's and wish them well. Three of Mrs. Prather's brothers, Riley, Everett and Donald McGee attended.

2. The River Rouge – Ecorse United Center pre-school parents will sponsor a Toddlers King & Queen contest, Sunday, May 16, from 4:30pm until 6:00pm at the Beechwood Community Center, 421 Beechwood St., RR. Anyone desiring to vote for a child may do so by purchasing vote tickets from any parent of a pre-school child or by contacting Mrs. Robert Newkirk or Mrs. Alvin Johnson.
3. Claude Covington of 176 Division, RR, is in Riverside Osteopathic Hospital in Trenton, Room 306. He underwent surgery and is on the road to recovery. Claude would like to hear from his many friends. (He is custodian of the K of C Hall in River Rouge).
4. Marianne Chonko returned to her studies at River Rouge High School this week after a long stay in the hospital and home confinement. She wishes to thank the many, many people who made her illness more pleasant with their visits, gifts, cards and prayers.
5. Clyde M. Dean of 22 Cora, RR. Is in Delray General Hospital and will undergo surgery April 15 (today). He is a member of the River Rouge Senior Citizens Club and a member of the Great Lakes Steel #272 of Ecorse. Clyde would certainly appreciate hearing from his many friends.
6. Mr. & Mrs. Michael N. Pazuchanics, 310 Richter, RR are the proud parents of a little girl, Bernadette. She arrived at Riverside Osteopathic Hospital on March 29.
7. P. Gretho Jr., made his debut at Riverside Osteopathic Hospital on April 3. Proud parents of the little fellow are Mr. & Mrs. Gretho Bentley, Sr., of 29 W. James, River Rouge.
8. April 5, little Donna Ann arrived at Riverside Osteopathic Hospital. Proud parents of the little one are Mr. & Mrs. David L. Furgerson, 118 Maple, River Rouge.

#### Our Men In The Armed Service

1. Hospital Corpsman Third Class Michael F. Meekins, USN, son of Mr. & Mrs. Ira F. Meekins of 82 E. Anchor, River Rouge, is serving with Headquarters and Service Company, Second Medical Battalion, Second Marine Division at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. The Medical Battalion collects casualties, provides emergency treatment and temporary hospitalization for members of the division. The Battalion also plans and supervises the performance of protective measures for the control of diseases common to field maneuvers.
2. Airman First Class Willie D. Wynn, son of Mr. & Mrs. Finis A. Wynn of 276 Campbell, River Rouge has arrived for duty at Sembach AB, Germany. Airman Wynn, a Communication Center Specialist, previously served at Selfridge AFB. His new unit is part of the U.S. Air Force in Europe which provides the major air contribution for the defense of the NATO countries. The airman is a graduate of River Rouge High School. His wife, Maude, is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Jesse Wourman of 1102 18<sup>th</sup> St., Ecorse.
3. Aviation Machinist's Mate Airman Stephen R. Lilly, USN, son of Mr. & Mrs. Lester F. Lilly of 22 Louis St., River Rouge, graduated March 12, from a three week maintenance course, while serving with Naval Air Maintenance Training Detachment 1068 at the Naval Air Station, Key West, Florida. A graduate of Our Lady of Lourdes High School, Lilly entered the Navy in September, 1963.

Rouge High Hi-Lites – By: Helen Carrico – Classes at River Rouge High School were dismissed yesterday at 3:00pm and will resume on Monday, April 19. The classes were dismissed for the Easter vacation. The Valedictorian and the Salutatorian of the Class of “65” were announced Thursday, April 8. This was an unusual occurrence, as two of the senior boys were tied for Valedictorian honors. Bruce Waldrop and Cedric Dawson were named co-valedictorians; the average of both boys were exactly the same. Diane Chrin was named Salutatorian. The rates of the Senior Prom tickets were increased Tuesday, April 13. The price was raised from \$4.50 to \$6.00. The Spring initiation of the National Honor Society was held yesterday at third hour. The candidates for initiation from the eleventh grade are Linda Washington, Anthony Stallworth, Grady Benford, Zenobia Ridgell, Michael Riley, Paulette Duncan Rickey Reynolds, Lloyd Schranim, Antonia Kamoutsis, Marian Collins and Regina Wheeler. Roger Goolsby, a senior, was also elected to the Honor Society. Although he met the requirements for membership in the Honor Society, he was not initiated with the other seniors last year because he did not have the residence requirements of one year in the school.

The Bear Facts – By: Justine Wojcik and Mike Kelly – A string of events are about to take place. We ended school activities for Easter yesterday; we are to return Thursday, April 22. A few things will be occurring during this vacation. The Monday after Easter the school will sponsor the “Bunny Hop”. The next night the Athletic Banquet takes place. All those who have played any reserve or varsity sports during the ’64 – ’65 season have received free tickets for the affair, which is sponsored by the Dad’s Club. Those parents of athletes or cheerleaders are also invited. Stone Breaker, Football Player for Baltimore will be guest speaker for the occasion. Enjoy your Easter vacation. Looking over past events that occurred earlier this week: The Future Nurses Club, led by their President, Marilyn Sonderman and Moderator Sister Ann Kathleen, has been very active lately. A film and speaker from the branch of the services was present at the meeting held Wednesday. Also four members – Marla Lozon, Wilma Jones, Candy Pettit and Julie Washko, attended a Future Nurse’s convention at Bishop Gallagher High School in Harper Woods last Saturday. A great deal of information about the various fields of nursing was obtained. The seniors convened in the gym last Thursday afternoon for a film and explanation of duties in the service. An Air Force Representative discussed different aspects and informed us about the aptitude tests they were to take Friday morning. The test was in the morning in the senior homerooms under the guidance of homeroom teachers and two Air Force service men. Though the test proved to be quite difficult, results of the scores will tell what field of work the seniors should go into. The personnel who administered the test will hold a conference with each senior explaining the results of this test. Another eventful thing happened in the past week. The seniors had the privilege of listening to Malcolm Dooley, brother of Dr. Tom Dooley. He proved to be a dynamic speaker who really got his point across about how we individually have a responsibility to fulfill to others, as well as to ourselves, a big “Thank You” from the senior class to Sister Immaculata, who made this lecture possible. **OUR LADY OF LOURDES HIGH SCHOOL HONOR SOCIETY** – Seniors: Rosemary Haurert, Barbara Winnicki, Barbara Steel, Ruth Gallagher, Patrick Smith, Marilyn Sonderman, Judy Danish, Sue Tardiff, Luke DeJulio, Tom Schrieber, Robert Rydzon, Paul Bializyk.; Juniors: Mary Jane Berro, Kathleen Matuszak, Thomas Jones, Michael Donahue, Christine Niemann, Ronald Edwards, Anne Boyer, Kathleen Capps, Kathleen Tanguay, Andre Bernaiche, Gail Freeman, Kathleen McEwan, Richard Valois, Natalie Zervous, Edward Kleinow. - Sophomores: Lonna Schultz, Pamela Bargon, Nancy Tardiff, and Gerald Weaver. – Freshmen: Paul Ryle Walter, David Beat, Charlotte Sordyl, James Rabish, Kathy Walter, Linda Ruelle, and David Lovas. Well this week we have a pint size feature student: Marla Lozon. A Student of Our Lady of Lourdes for twelve years. She has really made a mark for herself. As a spirited cheerleader, she held up school spirit; as Vice President in the Future Nurses, she showed leadership; as Homeroom Representative for the C.S.M.C., she is a hard worker. All these traits blended together, gives us a wholesome Marla. Her next four years will be spent at Madonna College in Livonia, as she plans to receive a degree in nursing. Future years should prove to be very successful. We are convinced that the future “Marvelous Marla” will bring cheer and comfort to many patients.

Panthers, Southgate Open Season Today – The River Rouge High School baseball team will open its 1965 season this afternoon (Thursday) at Great Lakes Field when Coach Jack Wise leads his charges against Southgate in a non-league encounter at 4:00pm. The Panthers will be hoping to get away to a fast start against the Southgate crew, which is coached by former Rouge mounds man Bill Stanley. Last season Rouge won its opener from Melvindale, but then went into a tailspin, winning just one Twin Valley Conference clash to finish in the cellar. This was a complete turnabout from 1963, when the Panthers took the TVC Championship after a

tough three-cornered battle with Hamtramck and Romulus. Things should be different for the Rouge nine this year, if Coach Jack Wise can come up with a sufficient mound strength to handle a rugged 14 game schedule. Rouge can field a veteran infield and should have good batting punch, so the main problem will be pitching. Senior Derrick Reese will be the mainstay of the Rouge staff. Reese a curve ball right hander, lost many tough games last year and should enjoy better support from his mates this time. Another senior, Jim Butler, give the staff a left hander, while sophomore Ralph Darin is the most promising of the younger set. Rouge was dealt a blow in the catching department when veteran Carl Mollett was declared ineligible, because he was transferred to another school for the first semester this year. That leaves junior Mike Peer to handle the catching chores. The infield appears set, with senior Marv Popyk at first, sophomore Loren Pittman at second, junior Allen Coleman at shortstop and senior Cedric Dawson at third. All these boys are experienced veterans, so the inner defense should be good. The outfield has a couple of openings, with only senior Dale Greig a sure starter. Junior Benny Benford has the inside track in center field, with the other berth wide open. Ken Ledl, Albert Harvey, Keith Hughes, Richard and Robert Larkins and Roger Goolsby are contesting for the final spot. Ray Underwood will serve as a utility infielder while Larry Biggs will be the first line replacement in the catching department. This year's Twin Valley Conference looks like a wide open affair, with most of the clubs rebuilding, so Coach Jack Wise is hoping that his Panthers can get into contention and stay there this season.

Bears Expect to Bid For West Side Crown – A fast start is what Coach Jim Sytek is looking for this season as his Lourdes High baseball team gets ready for the opening game Tuesday at Great Lakes Field, with Allen Park St. Frances Cabrini supplying the opposition. Bear fans will remember that last year Lourdes lost the opening game to Mt. Carmel, but then bounced back to make a real run for the title so Sytek is hoping to correct this situation early. Last year Lourdes finished with an 8 to 2 record in Catholic League West Side First Division Play, and were one game back of champion Mt. Carmel. A 3 – 1 loss to St. Patrick's midway through the year cooked the Bears goose, as Mt. Carmel lost once, but Lourdes 6-4 win over the Comets was the only time the Wyandotte school stumbled. This year Lourdes, Mt. Carmel and St. Patrick's look like top contenders for West Side Honors, with much hinging on how fast Mt. Carmel pitching star Dave Renkiewicz recovers from a broken leg, suffered in basketball. If the Comet ace is sidelined for any length of time, Lourdes will move into the favorite's role, since the Bears have many veterans back, including junior mound ace Joe Zajas. Last year, Joe Zajas took over Lourdes mound chores with the second game, and proceeded to win eight straight contests, so the chunky junior must be considered one of the loop's top hurlers. Backing Zajas will be two more juniors Danny Bodrie and Tom Jones, with sophomore Tom Tattan another possibility. Zajas' outstanding pitching ability has created one problem for Coach Jim Sytek – what to do about a catcher. With Al Beaton transferred to Mt. Carmel, Joe Zajas is also the best receiver on the Lourdes nine, but he can't pitch and catch at the same time. Therefore, Coach Sytek has searched high and low for a good receiver, and has come up with senior Dave Bondy, who has had some previous experience. The "catch" is that Bondy is left handed and southpaw catchers are a rarity. The infield is pretty well set, with Bob Rydzon at first either Chuck Trzcinski or Mike Veneziano at second, Paul Nadzam at shortstop, and Tom Tattan at third. Bondy, Rydzon and Veneziano are the only seniors. In the outfield, two veterans return Chuck Wilson in left and Wally Bodrie in right. Both boys are seniors. Junior Paul Plaza looks like a good bet for the third spot, although Sytek might use a pitcher or spare infielder in the outer garden if the need arises. The Bears appear ready for another title run and could be West Side champions this year if the pitching and catching holds up.

### **APRIL 22, 1965**

Golden To Appointed To Rouge Council – Mayor Donald R. Nettlow's list of appointments offered at Tuesday night's council meeting was approved a session which ran briskly and with decorum. Appointed to fill the council seat vacated by former Councilman M. Warren Duncan, who did not seek re-election, was Harry Golden, well known businessman who has served on the Council since the death of Councilman Eugene Shepperd since November 25. Golden will hold office for the remainder of the term, until April, 1966. Councilman James Doig supported the appointment, and spoke very lightly of Golden, stating he was a man who would do an excellent job for the citizens of River Rouge. Golden was sworn in by City Clerk Roy Berger. After taking the oath of office, Councilman Golden thanked the Mayor and Council for his appointment. Said Golden, "I will do everything in my power for the best interest of the community". Many senior citizens were present at the Council session to wish Councilman Golden best wishes. He has been very active in Senior Citizen affairs. \*\*\* Department heads who were re-appointed for a term of two years (to April 1967) were:

Superintendent of Public Works Felix Sokolowski; Superintendent of Building Arthur Greig, Jr.; Co-coordinator of Municipal Affairs Charles Prather; and Project Engineer Branko Gegich. Other appointments by Mayor Nettlow included Committee on Finance, Councilman Clarence B. Sabbath, Chairman and Councilman Orlando Rinna and Sam Adolfo; Committee on Licenses, Councilman John McEwan, Chairman and Councilman James Doig and Harry Golden; Building – Golden, Chairman and Rinna and Sabbath; Bonds and Sureties – Doig, Chairman and Adolfo and Rinna; Rouge Days, Adolfo, Chairman and Doig and Golden; Recreation, Sabbath, Chairman and Rinna and McEwan. \*\*\* In other Council business, Mayor Pro-Tem John McEwan announced a meeting of the Air Pollution Committee of the Downriver Area to be held April 29 at 7:30pm in the Grosse Ile Township Hall. \*\*\* The Safety Commission announced the hiring of two patrolmen to replace two of the vacancies on the police force. Councilman Sabbath asked that the matter be held in abeyance until the Council could meet with the Safety Commission. At a previous meeting, the question of sufficient funds for additional men for the police force was posed. Although the Council does not have jurisdiction over the hiring over policemen and firemen, (this is left to the Safety Commission), Councilman Sabbath felt the matter should be discussed at a future meeting with the Safety Commission. \*\*\* Police Chief Loren Pittman asked permission of the Council to make Division Street a one way street going north (toward the bridge). Heavy truck traffic on Division with many accidents which have occurred on this street, were the reasons given. The heavy truck traffic would be forced to use Jefferson Ave. Councilman Rinna questioned the advisability of this and thought Division should be one way going south. The Council decided to give the matter a 60-day trial. \*\*\* Building Superintendent Arthur Greig reported some improvement on Jefferson Avenue. The Firestone Co. plan to remodel the front of their store. The adjoining store building has been completely renovated and will house a fine Coney Island establishment. The front portion of the Lancaster Theater will take on a new face, according to Attorneys George and Michael Mihaiu. \*\*\* Councilman Sabbath offered the Financial Report for 1964 – 65 for approval, and asked that it be printed in the River Rouge Herald, the official newspaper of the City. The report was approved.

Masons To Honor Mr. Smargon – Maurice Smargon, prominent businessman in the Downriver area for many years, will be the honored guest of River Rouge Lodge No. 511, Free & Accepted Masons, and the Master Mason dinner to be held Monday, April 26, when he will receive his 50 year membership emblem from the Grand Lodge of Michigan. Smargon was initiated in Ionic Lodge F. & A. & M., Detroit, 1914 and transferred as a charter member to the River Rouge Lodge when it was formed in 1921. In recent years, he has been living in Detroit and just returned from Florida after spending a period of convalescence following a heart attack last November.

900 Join In Annual Easter Egg Hunt – The Easter Egg Hunt, an annual event sponsored by the River Rouge Recreation Boat Club and the Rouge Recreation Department, was held Sunday afternoon at Memorial Park in River Rouge. Approximately 900 children participated in the hunt. A thousand colored Easter eggs were hidden, each one numbered. Finders of the lucky numbers won a half dollar and 200 prizes were awarded. Although the day was chilly the children had a delightful time. Opening the ceremonies was Mayor Pro-Tem John McEwan. Lofton Greene, Principal of the Ann Visger School, served as Master of Ceremonies. Chairman of the affair was Arnold Hanke. Hanke has been hospitalized with a heart attack, so members of the two clubs directed the activities in his absence.

### F.Y.I.

1. The Giant Easter Bunny shown in a picture was won by pretty four-year-old Lori Oldt of 137 E. Henry, River Rouge. The bunny was awarded to the winner in a coloring contest, sponsored by the River Rouge Cunningham Drug Store. Lorie's entry was selected from over 400 submitted. Lorie is shown with the store manager, Albert Varga.
2. Jack Seman, proprietor of the Twin-City Market located at 204 Visger Rd., River Rouge, generously donated Easter fruit baskets to all the patients hospitalized at Sidney A. Sumbly Memorial Hospital over the holiday weekend. Seman was commended at the River Rouge Council meeting Tuesday night by Mr. Touchstone, a River Rouge resident, who told of the many acts of kindness shown by Seman. Pictured in the photo (left to right) are Mrs. Hazel Garret, R.N.; Byron Milton, Hospital Administrator;

Mrs. Burnell Green, LPN; Shelly Johnson, store employee; Miss Mary Bruce, store cashier; Mrs. Jack Seman, wife of the donor; and (kneeling) Jack Seman.

3. Approximately 400 River Rouge Senior Citizens attended the pre-Easter bingo which was held on Friday, April 9, at the K of C Hall. This affair was sponsored by the City of River Rouge and many hams, chickens and monetary prizes were given. Commissioner Orlando Rinna, who is in charge of Senior Citizens Affairs, wishes to thank everyone who worked to help make the evening such a success.
4. Mr. & Mrs. Lee J. Phillips of 106 James, River Rouge, are the proud parents of a son, Timothy Noel. Timothy arrived at Riverside Osteopathic Hospital April 13.
5. Margaret Louise made her debut April 16 when she arrived at Riverside Osteopathic Hospital. Parents of the little one are Mr. & Mrs. Lewis E. Wild of 73 Stoner, River Rouge.
6. Wednesday, April 28 at 8pm, Our Lady of Lourdes Rosary Altar Society of River Rouge will sponsor its annual quilt and card party in the school auditorium. Refreshments will be served and door and table prizes will be offered. As usual, some beautiful handmade quilts are to be raffled the night of the event. For a "sneak preview" of the lovely quilts, you can see them at the Detroit Edison Company on Jefferson Ave., River Rouge. Donation for the Quilt & Card Party is \$1.00 and tickets can be purchased at the door the night of the party. If you wish, you may obtain tickets from Mrs. Louise Ardouin.

#### GRANDMA SAYS...

1. Spring fever has no respect for age. It's just as likely to "infect" the grade school set as it does their parents. For the lackadaisical youngster suffering from a time-honored symptom of spring fever – a listless appetite – a bright spot in his school lunches can restore eating habits to normal.
2. To perk up small-fry appetite, try two small sandwiches cut in cookie cutter-shapes instead of one large sandwich.
3. Vitamin-filled "good for you" carrot and celery snacks have a special appeal in the form of kebabs. To make them, simply skewer a carrot wheel, a bite-sized piece of celery, and a stuffed olive on a toothpick. Cookies with faces or messages highlight the lunch box social hour. Use large sugar cookies, either home baked or from the store.

Detroit Wins '68 Convention – One of the hardest fought promotion battles of recent years has been successfully climaxed with confirmation of Detroit as the site of the 1968 Convention of the Society of Savings and Loan Controllers. This 1200 – delegate, blue-chip meeting was held in Detroit only after intense and prolonged efforts by the Bureau and local members. Key roles were played by George Strachan, Standard Federal Savings and Loan Assoc.; William Gibson, Birmingham Federal Savings and Loan Assoc; Richard Carter, Down River Federal Savings and Loan Assoc.; and Arthur Hayes and Roy Weber of Ann Arbor Federal Savings and Loan Assoc.

#### Our Men In The Armed Service

1. Specialist Four Gill T. Humphrey, son of Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Humphrey, 163 Dwight, River Rouge, completed a radio relay and carrier operator course, April 9, at the US Army School, Europe, in Lenggbras, Germany. Specialist Humphrey was trained to install, operate and maintain very high frequency field radio equipment. The 21-year-old soldier, a lineman in Company B of the 560<sup>th</sup> Signal Battalion near Vicenza, Italy, entered the Army in 1962. He is a 1962 graduate of River Rouge High School.
2. Marine Private Alexander J. Makarewicz, son of Mrs. A. J. Makarewicz of 65 E. Anchor, River Rouge, was graduated April 1 from Marine Recruit Training at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, California. San Diego is the recruit training center for Marines who enlist west of the Mississippi river.

During his 11 weeks of recruit training under veteran non-commissioned officer Drill Instructors, he learned small arms marksmanship, bayonet fighting, and methods of self protection, as well as receiving instruction in military drill, history and traditions of the Marine Corps, and other academic subjects.

Mt. Carmel, Lourdes In Crucial Test – The first big test for Coach Jim Sytek's Lourdes High Baseball team pops up tomorrow afternoon at Pulaski Park in Wyandotte when the Bears meet defending West Side First Division Champion Wyandotte Mt. Carmel at 4:00pm. The Comets have been the power in West Side Circles the past two years, so Lourdes can take a great step toward the West Side Crown with a victory Friday afternoon. Lourdes was scheduled to open its campaign Tuesday afternoon at Great Lakes Field against Allen Park St. Frances Cabrini, but results of the contest were not available at press time. The Bears will meet Visitation on Tuesday afternoon at 4pm at Great Lakes Field in their second home game of the season. The Lourdes – Mt. Carmel clash Friday shapes up as a real battle, since the Bears finished second to the Comets last year, and hope to dethrone them this time around. Last year, Lourdes was the only team to defeat the Wyandotte Nine, pinning a 6 to 4 defeat on the Comets. Things may be a bit easier for Lourdes this year, since Mt. Carmel may be without the services of ace right hander Dave Renkiewicz, who suffered a broken leg during the basketball season and is not expected to be ready for mound duty at this early date. With the Comet ace out, Lourdes could get the jump on Mt. Carmel in the title chase. Lourdes' Coach Jim Sytek, will start junior Joe Zajas on the hill against Mt. Carmel, hoping for a repeat performance of last year, when Zajas shackled the Comets. In fact you can look for Zajas to start every game for the Bears this season, as long as the weather doesn't force Sytek to use a second hurler. The Bears are in good shape here, too, with Danny Bodrie also ready for action. Early season predictions have established Lourdes, Mt. Carmel and Wyandotte St. Patrick's as the teams to beat on the West Side so this first clash between the two top clubs should answer plenty of questions.

Panthers Maul Pitiful Cosmos Crew, 106 – 2 – The River Rouge High School Track Team opened the outdoor campaign last Tuesday afternoon at Heuer Field and romped to an easy 106 to 2 victory over a pitiful Hamtramck aggregation. The Cosmos, who looked and performed like a junior high team, were never close in anything, getting their two points because Rouge has only two contestants in two events. The meet failed to prove anything for veteran Coach Roy Krueger, since there was no opposition for his Thinclads. Krueger was hoping to find some new blood, but veteran performers took all the first places. The Panthers first test came Tuesday afternoon at Romulus, but results were not available at press time. There were three double winners for the Panthers, with Chester Wright taking the sprints, Sam Campbell the shot put and high hurdles and George Miles claiming the high jump and pole vault. Hamtramck claimed its two points in the field events, as Rouge entered only two pole vaulters and high jumpers. George Miles took the high jump, clearing the bar at 6' even with Eugene Wilson second. Miles also took the pole vault at 8'6", with Willie Farmer second. Sam Campbell led a slam of the shot put, heaving the 12-pound ball 51'1". Clarence Bates was second and LaJoel Wasson third. Rouge also wrapped up the long jump, with Albert Taliaferro going 20 feet for first place. George Miles was second and Chester Wright third. The running events all were slams for the Panthers. Chester Wright provided the only real surprise of the day when he whipped Clarence Sabbath in both sprints. Wright took the 100 in 10.3 seconds and the 220 in 10.5, while Robert Johnson was third in the 220. Sam Campbell won the high hurdles in 15.7 seconds with Eugene Wilson second, in the lows, Eugene Wilson was the winner, with Clyde Wasson second and Willie Farmer third. The time for the 120-yard lows was 13.7 seconds. Ron Lane led the pack in the 440-yard dash, with a 54.3 clocking. Marvin Brazil was second and Darrell Saulsberry third. The distance races were easy for Rouge. Eric Petersen took the 880 in 2:04.1, with Allan Walker second and Ronald Harper third. In the mile run, veteran Charles Gardner coasted home in 4:57.8, with Johnson Taylor second and Billy Butler third. The Panthers also had an easy time in the relays. Rouge took the 880-yard relay in 1:35, with the foursome of Chester Wright, Albert Taliaferro, Clyde Wasson and Clarence Sabbath. The mile relay team of Albert Taliaferro, Clem McIver, LaJoel Wasson and Eric Peterson breezed home in 3:40.1. The Rouge forces don't have another dual meet until Tuesday, May 4, when they battle Ecorse. Coach Roy Krueger will spend the intervening time getting the Panthers ready to defend

their Central Michigan Relays Championship. The Class B “chip” Relays will be held this year on Saturday, May 1, at Mt. Pleasant.

## **APRIL 29, 1965**

Mayor, Council Issue Three Proclamations – Proclamations were the order of business at the regularly scheduled Tuesday meeting of the River Rouge Council. At the request of P. Thomas Redmond, Mayor Donald R. Nettlow proclaimed May 1 as Loyalty Day; At the request of Nicholas Johnson of the U. S. Department of Commerce, May 2 was proclaimed ‘Maritime Day’; at the request of Robert F. Phillips of the U. S. Small Business Administration, the week of May 23 was proclaimed ‘Small Business Week’. \*\*\* The Matter of inadequate parking facilities for employees of the Department of Public Works was eliminated when the Council approved renting three lots of the north side of Anchor St. for parking purposes. The parking problem was created when construction began on the new Marblehead Lime Co. The rental on the lots is \$10.00 per lot per month. \*\*\* City Treasurer Gerald F. Laginess asked that the Council study Senate Bill 285, which would abolish the office of City Assessor, in the hopes that Rouge officials would go on record as opposing the legislations. \*\*\* Housing Director William Duncan advised members of the council that demolition on 65 buildings located within the urban renewal boundaries is expected to be completed within the next three to four weeks. The buildings will be razed and the lots leveled. \*\*\* Councilman James Doig asked that the owner of the building located at 136 W. Great Lakes be contacted and asked to remove broken glass, which Doig thought might eventually constitute a threat to neighborhood children. \*\*\* Councilman Sam Adolfo asked if lettering for the new Civic Center might not soon be obtained. Superintendent of Public Works Felix Sokolowski said that this particular job would be disposed of in the very near future. \*\*\* At the conclusion of the meeting, Starlin B. Sammons, a long-time resident of River Rouge, asked that the Rouge Council go on record as approving a bill recently passed by both houses of the State Legislature, which would raise the current compensation pay. Sammons also requested that the Council publicly approve expected State Legislation which would make the crime of knife-carrying a felony rather than a misdemeanor. The Council had taken the latter action the March 16 meeting.

Rouge Rotarians Install Officers – River Rouge Rotarians, their wives and guests attended the annual installation at a dinner dance held last Saturday, April 24, in the Allen Park Motor Lodge banquet rooms. A special cocktail hour proceeded the gourmet dinner. Kirby Wilson, Jr. acted as Master of Ceremonies and Carl Licht, the incoming first Vice President, delivered the welcome address, which included a special tribute to the ladies on behalf of their many contributions and sacrifices during the year. Dan Hooper, the incoming Treasurer, reviewed the accomplishments of the past year, including the energy and drive demonstrated by retiring President Reginald McFadden. Henry Forest, a charter member and past president spoke on the importance of Rotary in the Community and emphasized the importance of its objective – “Service above Self”. “Rotary here and all over the world is in a ‘Testing Time,” he said, “and the new few months and years will be very important ones to us in River Rouge and us as a nation”. Dancing was enjoyed following the installation, buffet snack was served which included champagne toasts to the new officers, women guests and to a successful year under the leadership of the newly installed President, Eugene Forgette. The complete slate of officers is as follows: President, Eugene Forgette; First Vice President Carl Litch; Second Vice President Robert Howey; Secretary Rudie Komraus; Treasurer Don Hooper; and the Board of Directors – John Butler, Jacob Wilhite, Orlando Rinna, Glenn Bowen, and ex-officio member, Reginald McFadden.

**PROCLAMATION:** WHEREAS, the first day in the month of May, each year, has been designated officially by the Congress and by the President of the United States as Loyalty Day, to be commemorated nationwide by all citizens for the specific purpose of “reaffirming loyalty of the U.S. and giving special recognition to our heritage of American freedoms” and WHEREAS, such public expressions of loyalty are of vital importance because they enhance the traditional American way of life which was founded upon sincere love of God, Flag, and Country; and because they do strengthen our defenses against every subversive and divisive element threatening our freedoms and national unity, and WHEREAS, public programs initiated by the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States and its many co-sponsors are designed to implement fully the patriotic intent of Loyalty Day and are highly commendable, now THEREFORE, I, Donald R. Nettlow, Mayor, City of River Rouge do hereby urge every man, woman and child, every school and church, every business establishment, organization and home within my official jurisdiction to display proudly the flag of our country and to participate in public demonstrations and ceremonies sponsored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United

States and others, in recognition of LOYALTY DAY, on May the first, nineteen hundred and sixty-five.  
Donald R. Nettlow, Mayor, City of River Rouge.

**F.Y.I.**

1. The Senior Citizens Club of River Rouge is planning a dance which will be held Saturday, May 15, from 7:30pm until 11pm. An orchestra will furnish both modern and old-time music. A small donation will admit members. Members are urged to remember the regional get-together which will be held Wednesday, May 19, at the John F. Kennedy Hall in Lincoln Park. From the original 150 tickets made available for the Rouge Club, only 31 remain. They are priced at \$1.75; however the club pays 75 cents of the total price. The hall is located on Ferris St. A bus will furnish transportation. At the regional meet there will be prizes for the oldest lady and the oldest gentlemen in attendance. The Club's next regularly scheduled business meeting will be held Wednesday, May 12, at 7:30pm in the basement of the Public Library.
2. 1965 Poppy Queen Lori Schultz, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Earl Schultz of 71 Leroy, River Rouge happily takes money from Mayor Donald R. Nettlow and Congressman John D. Dingell to announce the V.F.W. Buddy Poppy Drive scheduled for May 20. (left to right in the photo) are Mrs. Geraldine Shinavier, President of the V.F.W. Post 222 Auxiliary; Mrs. Lee Schultz (Lori's aunt), who is Poppy Chairman for the Auxiliary; Lori; Mayor Nettlow; Congressman Dingell; Poppy Chairman Edward Capps and Post Commander Kenneth Gass.
3. Clipping Corner: A shell may be excellent thing for a turtle, but it is of no use to a human being. No one can be at his best by withdrawing into his shell. We were made to be friendly and to cooperate with others. Intelligent cooperation lifts man above the lower forms of life. To be able to approach people easily, impress them favorable, and talk with them pleasantly is a resource of the highest importance. A pleasing personality is one of the greatest assets anyone can have. More than anything else, it effects our career and our position in society. It is the sum total of our character, ability, education, manners and attitudes. Personality it is the way we present and express ourselves, in our face-to-face relations with other people. It includes appearances, manners, voice everything about us that makes us different from everyone else. It is the full use of what we have. It includes cheerfulness, patience, courage and sympathy interest in other people, having confidence in them, tolerance, and enthusiasm. Personality is not an accidental gift, but an achievement. It cannot be developed unless we have the courage to be natural, sincere and unaffected. When we fail to make a good impression, it may be that one of the enemies of personality is at work. These include fear, argumentative tendencies, lack of tact, exaggerated ego, emotional instability, self-centeredness, resentment, cynicism, a sense of guilt, and other traits which one definitely liabilities in a building of a good personality. The elimination of these is a "must" before we can put forth our best efforts to win the goodwill of others. Every human being is a creature of free will and a vast unexplored area of possibilities of development and growth. He is not the slave of his environment, heredity, poverty, of circumstances.
4. Marine Lance Corporal Thomas E. Prato, son of Mr. & Mrs. Dominic Prato of 312 Burke, River Rouge, was promoted to his present rank recently while serving with Station Operation and Engineering Squadron at the Marine Corps Air Station, Cherry Point, North Carolina. A graduate of Haulock High School, Haulock, Prato entered the service in November 1961.
5. Seaman Recruit Ronald J. Haygood, 19, USM, son of Mrs. Sadie Bernice Haygood of 551 Polk, River Rouge is undergoing nine weeks of Navy basic training at the U. S. Naval Training Center, Great Lakes,

Illinois. In the first weeks of his naval service he will study military subjects and live and work under conditions similar to those he will encounter on his first ship or at his first shore station. In making the transition from civilian to sailor he will be taught and supervised by experienced Navy Petty Officers. They will teach him the basic skills of seamanship as well as survival techniques, military drill and other basic subjects. On completion of his recruit training he will be assigned to a school, shore station or ship, according to the results of his Navy classification tests, his own desires and the needs of the Navy.

Rouge High Hi-Lites – By: Helen Carrico – The seniors of River Rouge High School are receiving their class pictures, and are busy passing them out to the under classmen. The Senior Prom will be held at the Veteran Memorial Ballroom on Saturday, May 1. Entertainment for the evening will be provided by the Clarence Hayes Combo. The dance will begin at 8:30pm and will end at 12:00midnight. The entire faculty of River Rouge High School is invited to attend the event. The River Rouge Thinclads have a track meet scheduled Saturday, May 1. The Central Michigan Relays will take place in Mt. Pleasant. The yearbook, the Vigilant, under the direction of Andy Rasmussen, is now completed. The yearbook is being printed in Mt. Clemens, and will be on sale sometime in early June. Seniors are now planning for final activities. Class Day: Senior issue of the High School paper, Rouge Recorder; Baccalaureate; and graduation night are the highlights. William McCollum, a Math Teacher at Rouge High was recently named to the position of Assistant Principal for next year. Principal Corda Horton announced the appointment April 23, stating the Rouge High will maintain two Assistant Principals next year. Horton retires this year as Robert Korn, Assistant Principal, fills the Head Principalship beginning next fall. The Rouge High baseball team coached by Jack Wise, opened the season with 11 – 3 loss to Melvindale. The team’s bid for the TVC Title was due to open last Monday, but was postponed until last Tuesday against Willow Run. The Panther Nine has been given an outside chance by sports observers to capture the title, repeating the 1962 team effort.

The Bear Facts – By: Justine Wojcik & Mike Kelly – School reopened Thursday, after the Easter vacation. During vacation, most of the students took life easy but not so for Lourdes baseball team. Over the holiday, the Bears played four non-league and two league games. In non-league play, Lourdes beat River Rouge High School twice, Lt. Leo’s once, and All Saints once. In league games Lourdes cleaned up St. Frances Cabrini, 8 to 2, and overwhelmed Mt. Carmel (last year’s league winners) by a score of 2 to 1. Lourdes has real good potential this year, with a lot of bench strength to keep the players on the field in top notch play. Next league game is with Visitation Tuesday afternoon at Great Lakes Field. We feel that more students should come to the games to represent Lourdes and to give the team some sound backing. Coach Sytek has his eye on Tiger Stadium and the Catholic League playoffs. The team needs support to win. The Future Nurses visited Providence Hospital Wednesday, April 28. This helped many of the under classmen to pick a nursing school. On April 20, Lourdes held the annual Athletic Banquet. Steve Stonebreaker was the guest speaker. The linebacker for the Baltimore Colts told the guests about the 3 D’s for success in athletics. They are: Desire, Determination and Dedication. The roast beef dinner was delicious. Our feature student for this week is Rosemary Haunert. She has attended Our Lady of Lourdes for 12 years and followed a college prep course during high school. This athletic young miss has played girls basketball and softball for four years. She is also a four year member of the Honor Roll and holds the office of Vice President in the Our Lady of Lourdes Chapter of the National Honor Society. Rosemary belongs to the Future Teachers Club, Sodality, and works on the yearbook staff. She plans to enter Marygrove College next fall, where she will follow a Liberal Arts course. She is interested in teaching elementary grades or kindergarten.

Joe Zajas’ Excellent Hurling Sparks Bears – It looks like it going to be a down-to-the-wire race for West Side First Division Baseball laurels this season, and you can bet that Lourdes Bears are going to be in the picture all the way. Coach Jim Sytek’s crew gave every indication that they will be title contenders this year by scoring a pair of impressive victories this past week, knocking off Allen Park St. Frances Cabrini and defending champion Wyandotte Mt. Carmel. Lourdes opened the campaign Tuesday afternoon at Great Lakes Field by clipping Allen Park Cabrini, 8 to 2, with a seven run uprising in the fourth inning making the difference. Then the Bears took on West Side Champion, Mt. Carmel, Friday afternoon at Pulaski Park, and proceeded to scratch out a 2 to 1 decision in a real mound dual. The double victory put the Bears in a first place tie with Wyandotte St. Patrick, the other preseason favorite, since each team has a 2 – 0 record. Lourdes has a pair of tough

contests again this week, meeting Bishop Gallagher at Harper Woods High this afternoon (Thursday) at 4:00pm, before returning to Great Lakes Field for an all-important clash with St. Patrick's on Tuesday afternoon. A sweep of these games would put the Bears in the driver's seat in West Side play. Junior Joe Zajas was the big hero for Lourdes in their first two triumphs of the year. Zajas fired a three-hitter at Cabrini Tuesday and returned Friday on top Mt. Carmel on only four hits. The two victories give Zajas a string of 10 straight wins in West Side competition, since he won eight straight last year. Cabrini jumped on Joe Zajas for both their runs in the opening frame Tuesday, with Tom Pietka blasting a two-out triple to knock home both tallies. An error and a walk had put the two Cabrini runner on. Lourdes was stymied until the fourth frame, and the Bears scored all seven runs with two outs. Singles by Paul Nadzam and Mike Veneziano started things. With two out, Paul Plaza singled to score Nadzam. Chuck Wilson was safe on an error, with Veneziano scoring the tying run. Joe Zajas singles scoring Plaza. Bob Rydzon was safe on a fielder's choice, Wilson scoring. Dave Bondy bounced to third, and a wild throw permitted two Bears to score. Wally Bodrie singled, cashing Bondy with the final run of the inning. The Bears scored their final run in the sixth. Chuck Wilson singled. Joe Zajas walked. Bob Rydzon flied out, Wilson taking third. Dave Bondy forced Zajas, Wilson scoring. Joe Zajas didn't allow Cabrini a hit from the second inning through the sixth frame, looking very sharp for the first time out. Zajas finally allowed a single in the seventh inning to finish with a three hitter. The chunky junior fanned eight and walked four. Chuck Wilson led the Bear hitters with two hits. Mt. Carmel right hander Dan Bielski battled Zajas all the way in a torrid mound dual Friday afternoon, with Zajas coming out on top with four-hit effort, while Lourdes made five safeties off Bielski. Zajas, who appeared to be having some trouble, struck out four and didn't walk a man. Bielski struck out 12 and walked two. Neither team could mount a scoring threat until the fourth inning, when the Bears took a 1 – 0 lead. Paul Plaza blasted a Bielski fast ball to deep left field for a triple and rode home on Chuck Wilson's single to center. Lourdes made it 2 – 0 in the sixth, thanks to a couple of Comet errors. Two walks and an error filled the bases with one out. Bob Rydzon tapped to first, but the Mt. Carmel catcher dropped the throw to the plate, and Paul Plaza scored. The Comets also got an unearned run in the bottom of the sixth on two singles sandwiched around on infield miscue. Mt. Carmel also threatened in the seventh when Dan Bielski opened with a single and was sacrificed to second, but Joe Zajas went to work and retired their side to preserve the win. Chuck Wilson again was the hitting star for the Bears with two safeties.

Melvindale Rips Rouge Nine, 11 – 3 – The River Rouge Panthers failed to impress in their season baseball opener Wednesday afternoon as the Melvindale Cardinals pounded three Rouge hurlers for 11 hits and an easy 11 to 3 victory. While it was a non-league encounter, Coach Jack Wise was worried because of the poor showing of his mound staff, with only sophomore Ralph Darin giving a good account of himself. The Panthers were supposed to open the Twin Valley Conference Campaign Monday afternoon, but wet grounds forced postponement till Tuesday. Results of this game were not available at press time, but Rouge was hoping to get off to a fast start with a win over Willow Run. There are three games on the Rouge Schedule this week. The Panthers host Hamtramck at Great Lakes Field this afternoon at 4pm in the TVC contest. Monday Rouge journeys to Romulus for another league tilt before returning home to face Lincoln Park in a non-league battle Wednesday afternoon at Great Lakes Field. Melvindale had an easy time with Rouge Wednesday, as Cardinal Hurler Jim Archer shackled the Panthers with only four hits over the first six innings. Archer struck out 13 in his sixth inning stint, before giving way to Bob Boehman in the seventh. Rouge scored all three runs off Boehm in the seventh, but all were unearned. Melvindale took a 1 – 0 lead in the opening frame. With two out Don Foster was hit by a pitch. Foster stole second and rode home on catcher Bob McGregor's sharp single. Bob McGregor was the key man for Melvindale in the third inning, when he singled home two runs with two out. The Cards routed Derrick Reese in the fourth, with first sacker Marv Rodgers delivering the big blow, a three run homer. Southpaw Jim Butler took over for the Panthers, but was hammered for three runs in the fifth. Ralph Darin replaced Butler and worked the final inning and one third without allowing a run. Rouge scored three times in the seventh, filling the bases on two errors and a walk. Third baseman Cedric Dawson doubled to left center, clearing the sacks.

### **MAY 6, 1965**

Dad's Club Finishes Task – The Dad's Club of Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church is very busy these days saying "thank you" to the many, many groups and individuals who made the prospect of a new school bus become a reality. In a short span of time (less than five months) this energetic group of men has collected, through donations, rummage sales, raffles and trading stamp drive, \$6,410.00 which has been used to purchase

a badly needed bus. The new bus ordered through Gilbert's Motor Sales, will be painted a bright blue on the exterior, and will have a two tone blue interior. The Dad's Club is to be congratulated for this worthy undertaking, and so are those who, in one way or another, gave the Dads a helping hand along the way.

Mayor & Publisher Visit Washington – Mayor and Mrs. Donald R. Nettlow will be in Washington, D.C. the next 10 days. During his stay at the nation's capitol, Mayor Nettlow will be conferring with officials in an attempt to secure federal funds for various River Rouge projects. Mrs. Nettlow will attend the Congressional Club's First Lady Breakfast, which will be held at the Shoreham Hotel. The Nettlow's will be the guests of Congressman and Mrs. John D. Dingell. Also attending the First Lady Breakfast as Mrs. Dingell's guest will be Mrs. L. M. Shackelford, wife of the Herald Advertiser Newspaper publisher. Shackelford will be a luncheon guest of Dingell.

River Rouge High School Gets New Assistant Principal – Superintendent of River Rouge Schools, Glenn K. Bowen, announced Monday that William McCollum, High School Math Teacher, had been promoted to the position of Assistant Principal of River Rouge High School. He will assume his new duties in September of 1965. An increased enrollment during the past two years was cited by Bowen as creating the need for an additional principal. McCollum graduated from River Rouge High School in 1952 and received a Bachelor of Science degree from Eastern Michigan University in 1956. He completed graduate work at the University of Minneapolis, when he received a Master of Education degree in 1961. McCollum was granted a year's leave of absence during the school year 1960-61 so he might accept an invitation extended by the University of Minnesota for him to participate in a program sponsored by the National Science Foundation. He was given a scholarship grant to participate in this program. He is married and the father of three children.

Winners Announced In Poppy Poster Contests – Rouge Winners – In the High School Division at River Rouge High School: Angelo Mihalis, Willie Farmer and Harrison Burgess won first, second and third place respectively. Honorable mention was won by John Talbert. In River Rouge Division, comprised of grades seven through eighth: First, Second and third place winners were Ted Alderman, Ron Hughes and Karen Erickson. Elroy Campeau was awarded honorable mention. Contest Winners in grades four through six were: Laura Sharkey, first place; Laura Wheatley, second place; and Joanie Mihaiu, in third place. Denise Darin won honorable mention. All winners in this category attended Ann Visger School. Winning entries from River Rouge and Ecorse will be entered in the 16<sup>th</sup> District contest on May 10. The District judging will be held at the Post Home in Flat Rock. Contest judges will also present award for the best corsages and centerpieces made with the traditional "Poppy", the symbol of those who made the supreme sacrifice while serving their country.

#### **F.Y.I.**

1. R. Sargent Shriver, Director of the Nation's Anti-poverty program and brother-in-law of the late President John F. Kennedy, proudly accepts a December 5, 1963 edition of the Herald-Advertiser newspaper from River Rouge Mayor Pro-Tem John F. McEwan. McEwan, a Commissioner at the time, had written a special tribute to the late President, which was contained in the newspaper. The December 5, 1963 edition commemorated the dedication of the new River Rouge Civic Center and was buried in the cornerstone during ceremonies which coincided with the 30 day mourning period of the late President. McEwan, along with Ecorse City Clerk Patrick B. Trondle and Michael Berry, Chairman of the 16<sup>th</sup> District Congressional District, met Shriver at the Airport on the morning of April 28 and escorted him to the Civic Center where he delivered an address on behalf of the Anti-Poverty program and arranged for an afternoon of workshop discussions on organizing local programs. Shriver's visit was arranged by Congressman John D. Dingell, who had sent invitations to officials and civic leaders throughout the Downriver area.
2. Mrs. Catherine Douglas, 515 Palmerstone, River Rouge, boasts a rare tulip in her garden which held three blossoms on a single stem.
3. The ladies of Epworth Methodist Church will hold a Rummage Sales on Thursday and Friday, May 13 & 14, from 9am to 5pm. The sale will be held in the building at Burke and E. Henry, River Rouge, across from the A & P parking lot. Many items of clothing will be on display.

4. Carol Irene Triplett and Charles Lester Settles exchange marriage vows April 24 at 9am, at Our Lady of Lourdes Church in River Rouge, Rev. Timothy Sullivan officiated at the double ring ceremony. The bride is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Edward Peer, 48 ½ E. James and Charles is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Charles Settles, 319 Richter, all of River Rouge.
5. Mr. & Mrs. Elmer Pregler of 117 E. Pleasant, RR, observed their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary Saturday, April 24, at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Trulla Roman of 111 Oak St., RR. A dinner was planned for them by their children, Lt. Bud Pregler; Ronald; Mrs. Mary Roger, Detroit; Mrs. Phyllis Crider, Trenton; Mrs. Ilene Bresnahan, Lincoln Park; and Mrs. Trulla Roman. They are the proud grandparents of 13 grandchildren and eight great grandchildren. The senior Preglers have been residents of River Rouge for the past 44 years. Mr. Pregler was born in Dubuque, Iowa and Mrs. Pregler was born in Lima, Ohio.

The Bear Facts – By: Justine Wojcik & Mike Kelly – The last full month of school has begun this week. The month of May began with the May procession, in which the grade school and high school took part, giving Our Blessed Lady special attention and adoration. The crown was presented to Our Lady by senior Sodality Perfect, Ruth Gallagher, looking lovely in white. The court was made up of Sodalists from the junior class, numbering eleven in all. They chose dresses in pastel colors which complimented the lovely afternoon and bright sunshine. Those in the court were: Christine Nieman, Karen DeBaldo, Wilma Jones, Elaine Roe, Renee Knack, Christine Bucholich, Kathy McEwan, Kathy Mussey, Darlene Chavalier, Mary Jane Berry and Kathy Capps. Pictures of the May procession, the seniors in cap and gown, and the crowning will appear in the “65” L’Esprit yearbook supplement. Those seniors in room 12H and 13H who attended the Dow Chemical trip, spent a very rewarding day. They traveled by chartered bus to Midland and were accompanied by Sister Ann Agnes and Sister Immaculata. Father Begin, the person who made the trip possible, also went along. A “thank you” is extended to him for making this trip possible. All who attended returned with Dow products, such as Saran Wrap and aspirins. Reminder to Sophomore Latin Students; Thursday, May 13, the Advanced Latin Class will be sponsoring a Roman Banquet in the auditorium at 7pm. This is given to acquaint the various levels of Latin students with one another. The banquet scene itself is an excerpt from Virgil’s “Aeneid” which the Latin class is now studying. All those attending are asked to wear the formal Roman Toga to the affair. Admission is 50 cents. This event will conclude the Latin week. The Spring Festival, entitled: “So This Is Paris?” is a musical comedy and will be presented May 12. All preparations are in full swing and the program Sister Brigetta has put together will prove to be very exciting. This week’s feature student is Dennis Blair. “Big Red” has made a lasting impression in his four-year basketball varsity career. He put the finishing touches to his career in his senior year by making the “All State” 3<sup>rd</sup> team in the Free Press, All State honorable mention and All-Catholic Team in the News. All State 1<sup>st</sup> team on the United Press International and All Catholic Team in the Michigan Catholic. Although he was unable to attend two league games due to a broken jaw, Butch came back in full capacity to help the team win victory after another. Post-graduate plans tend to be towards work here in River Rouge. College is in the foreseeable future.

Rouge High Hi-Lites – By: Helen Carrico – The Seniors had their Prom Saturday, May 1. The dance was held at Veteran’s Memorial Building. It began at 8pm and ended at 12am. The theme for the event was “Bon Voyage”, and the decorations were what you might see if you were taking a long cruise. The music for the evening was supplied by the Clarence Hayes Combo. A majority of the class turned out for the dance. Before the evening was completed the seniors sang their class song to the tune of “Exodus” and had the annual grand march. The River Rouge Thinclads will run the Schafer Relays at Schafer High School. The River Rouge High School baseball team was defeated Friday, April 31, by Willow Run. The final score of the game was 2 – 1. Bishop Gallagher Jolts Bear Title Hopes, 6 – 3 – Lourdes Bears hopes for the First Division West Side Baseball Championship were dealt a stunning blow Thursday afternoon at Harper Wood High, when Bishop Gallagher, an also ran in West Side play, upset the local nine, 6 to 3, behind Greg Reman’s steady seven-hit hurling. The loss was the first of the campaign after three straight wins for the Bears, and knocked them out of a first place tie with Wyandotte St. Patrick. The defeat was a staggering one for Coach Jim Sytek and his youngsters, since they had scored a 7 to 3 win over Visitation earlier in the week, and had hoped to meet St. Patrick with a perfect

record Tuesday afternoon. This key game, slated for Tuesday, was a “must” game for the Bears, since another loss will drop them from the title picture. Results of this contest were not available as we went to press. Bishop Gallagher hopped on junior Joe Zajas for six runs in the first two innings and made the margin standup, despite numerous threats by the Bears. Zajas trouble by a sore arm, got off to a shaky start, and his mates didn’t help matters with a bundle of errors. Once the chunky junior found the groove, he mowed down the Gallagher hitters, but it was too late, as Greg Redman kept Lourdes shackled most of the time, with the help of some sparkling plays by his mates. Both hurlers pitched seven-hit ball, with Redman striking out five and walking one. Zajas fanned 11 and walked just one. Lourdes scored a run in the opening inning on singles by Tom Tattan and Paul Plaza, plus an infield error. Bishop Gallagher bounced right back with three runs in the bottom of the first. An error and John Keuten’s single started things. Jim Fici then picked on a Zajas fast ball and drilled it to deep left center for a three-run homer. The Harper Woods crew added three unearned runs in the second frame. Two infield errors opened the door. Tim O’Brien singled home one run. Rusty Blair cashed the second marker with a single, and pitcher Greg Redman helped his own cause with a run scoring safety. Greg Redman kept Lourdes in check until the sixth, when the Bears tallied twice. Joe Zajas singled. Dave Bondy was hit by a pitched ball. Paul Nadzam singled, scoring Zajas. Wally Bodrie walked. Chuck Trzcinski singled, scoring Bondy. Chuck Wilson slashed one up the middle, but shortstop Wally Thersam made a fine stop to retire the side. Joe Zajas blasted a long drive with a mate aboard in the seventh inning, but a great running catch by Larry Fici saved the day for Bishop Gallagher. Earlier in the week, Lourdes made it three straight by downing Visitation, 7 to 3 behind Danny Bodrie’s five-hit hurling. The slender Lourdes junior had a shut out going until the final inning, when relief hurler Ed Raynish touched him for a three-run homer. Danny Bodrie hurled a strong game for the Bears, striking out three and walking one. Buddy Khechtiges started for Visitation, but wasn’t around long, as Lourdes posted three runs in the first inning. First sacker Bob Rydzon started the Bears off on the right foot Tuesday, socking a three-run homer to deep left field in the opening inning. Chuck Wilson, who had singled, and Paul Plaza, who had walked, were aboard when Rydzon connected. Lourdes added two runs in the fourth inning on two walks an infield error, and Paul Plaza’s two-run single. The final Bear markers came in the fifth on a single by Paul Plaza, a hit batsman, and an error on a pop fly with two outs. This week the Bears have a pair of games slated. Friday afternoon Lourdes will play St. Alphonsus of Dearborn at Hemlock Park at 4pm Tuesday afternoon, the Bears host Dearborn Sacred Heart at Great Lakes Field, also at 4pm. Lourdes will need victories in both these games to keep their title hopes alive.

Panthers Nip Romulus For First Win, 5 – 2 – It took a while to do it, but the River Rouge High School baseball team finally made the victory column Monday afternoon, downing Romulus, 5 to 2, in a Twin Valley Conference clash at the Eagles’ field. It was a first win for Rouge this week after two league losses to Hamtramck (10 – 4) and Willow Run (2 – 1), so the Panthers aren’t the worst team in TVC circles. The victory over Romulus came at a good time for Coach Jack Wise and his crew, for the Panthers were beginning to wonder if they would ever get into the win column this year, especially after the 2 – 1 setback at the hands of Willow Run Friday. Rouge has a big game scheduled for Monday afternoon at Great Lakes Field when they host Twin Valley leader Ecorse at 4pm. The Panthers don’t figure to trouble the Raiders too much, but strange things happen when these neighboring rivals get together. Wednesday, Rouge will meet Lincoln Park in a non-league tilt at Lincoln Park. Senior right hander Derrick Reese hurled no-hit ball for six innings as the Panthers clipped Romulus, 5 to 2, Monday afternoon. Reese had plenty of control trouble, walking 10, but he fanned 11 to keep out of serious trouble most of the way. Rouge picked up four unearned runs off Bob Brothers in the second inning and it was enough for victory. The Panther uprising started with one out in the top of the second. Dale Greig walked and stole second. Marv Popyk singled. Mike Peer was safe on an error, Greig scoring. Derrick Reese singled to center, scoring Popyk, and Peer also raced home when the ball went through the outfielder’s legs. Jim Mack was safe on another boot. Benny Benford singled, scoring Reese with the final run of the inning. Romulus picked up a run in the fourth inning without a hit on two errors, one a wild throw by Reese. Both teams scored once in the final inning. Rouge picked up its run on doubles by Cedric Dawson and Dale Greig. Two singles and an error produced the second Romulus run in the bottom of the seventh, but some zany base-running hurt the Eagles, and Reese was able to wiggle out of trouble. Cedric Dawson and Allen Coleman led the Rouge attack with two hits each. Hamtramck had an easy time with Rouge Thursday afternoon, getting five runs in the second inning and coasting home behind John Kryczkowski’s steady three-hit hurling. Kryczkowski struck out 14 and walked seven. Rouge scored once again in the fifth on four bases-on-

balls and added three more in the last of the seventh on a walk, two errors and singles by Loren Pittman and Dale Greig. Sophomore Ralph Darin made his first mound appearance as a starter for the Panthers against Willow Run Friday, and pitched a strong game. Darin fired a two-hitter at the Flyers, but two errors gave Willow Run a pair of unearned markers in the third inning and pitcher Gary Johnson made the margin standup. Rouge picked up six hits off Gary Johnson, who fanned five and walked one. Ralph Darin struck out four and walked two. Willow Run's two runs in the third came on infield errors which put Tom Majeske and Bill Murphy on base. Rich Williams than tripled to knock home both runs. The Panthers' only run came in the fourth inning when shortstop Allen Coleman blasted a Johnson fast ball to deep left field for a homer. Marv Popyk and Cedric Dawson had two hits each to pace the Rouge attack.

“So This Is Paris” Lourdes Production – If you have ever had an uncontrollable urge to spend a few days in Paris and, for some reason or other, have been unable to do so, you will have an opportunity to enjoy a little bit of Parisian gayety at Our Lady of Lourdes gym on Wednesday, May 12. “So This Is Paris”, a Lance Production, is the delightful tale of six American girls and their chaperone. “Place Gerard”, a typical little French Plaza in the Montmarte section of Paris, is the scene of much of the gayety, humor, and singing that will make the evening one to remember. Members of the cast are: Faye Booth, Carol Hettrick, Martha Donathan, Lynn Lawrence, Joyce Swartz, Cathy Sharkey, Peggy Hill, Gayle Hogan, Mary Kay Hook, Darlene Chevalier, Paul Bealczyk, Gary Hogan, Mike Veneziano, Tom Bruner and Tom Tattan. The play will start at 8pm and the admission price is \$1.00.

### **MAY 13, 1965**

Committee Named – A Committee, known as the River Rouge Citizens Participating Committee, was recently organized for the purpose of implementing the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964. The group plans to take advantage of federal financed programs which will benefit the underemployed and under-trained citizens of River Rouge. The first project undertaken by the Committee is a job training program, where in young unemployed people between the ages of 16 through 27 will be given training in occupational skill and useful work experience on projects that will increase their employability or assist them in continuing or resuming their education. Persons interested in participating in the job program may secure application blanks from City Treasurer Gerald F. Laginess. They must be returned to the Treasurer's office not later than Monday, May 17. Charles Prather is Chairman of the Committee, whose members serve without compensation. Other committee members are: Commissioner Clarence Sabbath; Roy Berger who is also W.C.T.A.P. Chairman; Miss Bobbie Blackmon, member-at-large; Roger Carrington of the River Rouge Schools; Rev. Archie Rich of the Tri-City Ministerial Alliance; John Tyson of the United Citizens League; Charles Eversole of the Home Owners Association; Rev. Lyman S. Parks, Member-at-large; Reginald McFadden of the River Rouge Rotary Club; Harold Rasmussen of Our Lady of Lourdes; Charles Williams of the Beechwood Men's Club; Kenneth Hayes, River Rouge Kiwanis Club; Gerald Laginess of the Monsignor Champion Council Knights of Columbus; Vaughn Hinkle of Local 1299, United Steel Worker; and Mrs. Betty Linehart, member-at-large. The Committee's fourth meeting will be held tonight (Thursday) May 13 at 7pm in the Council Chambers. Individuals knowing of persons who might be eligible for the job program are asked to encourage them to fill out an application.

Rouge Council Against Pending State Legislation – The River Rouge Council, at a meeting May 11, agreed to send communications to both the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the Senate stating they opposed Senate Bill 285. Mayor Pro-Tem John McEwan chaired the meeting in the absence of Mayor Donald R. Nettlow. Senate Bill 285 would abolish the positions of city and township assessors and establish a County Assessor. A taxpayer seeking a review of his tax assessment would be deprived of his right to appear before the local board of review and would instead have to appear before a County board which would be appointed by the Board of Supervisors. With the local board of review, citizens can present their arguments before a board comprised of residents of their own community. \*\*\* The Council was informed by Roger B. Hudson of the Surplus Commodities Program that effective June 30, 1965, the food stamp plan would replace the present surplus commodities program. \*\*\* At the request of Attorney Kenneth Logan, on behalf of the River Rouge Board of Education, a joint meeting of the Council and Recreation Commission will be held on May 18, 1965. The meeting will be held so that a former agreement may be drawn between the River Rouge Board of Education and the city regarding the city's recreation program. Existing laws permit cities and boards of education to underwrite such expenditures. From a beginning cost in 1926, of \$1,700 annually, the cost has

risen to approximately \$100,000 annually. Logan said the only written evidence of this agreement was a council resolution passed in 1926. The size of the money involved necessitates a formal agreement Logan said. \*\*\* Building Inspector Arthur Greig, Jr., told members of the Council that the owner of a Creamery on Alexander Street had been contacted and had removed broken glass which might have proved hazardous to youngsters in the neighborhood. \*\*\* At the request of Councilman James Doig, a letter will be sent to the Detroit Edison Company asking that the reflectors on the street lights be cleaned. \*\*\* In concluding action, the Council, in compliance with regulations of the Home Finance Agency, approved a resolution that no person shall be excluded from participation in, or be denied the benefit of, or be subjected to discrimination in carrying out the urban renewal program.

Lourdes' Cut Scout News – On May 5, Our Lady of Lourdes Cub Scout Pack #1653 held its monthly pack meeting in the school auditorium. The meeting was opened with the presentation of the flag by Den One; after which awards were present to several of the boys – Denner's stripes were awarded to Jeff Bonkoski and Jack Lipscomb of Den Four, and Arthur Young of Den Three. Bear pins were awarded to Earl Dombroski and Bob Bellmore of Den Two. Dennis Peer of Den Two and Reginald Kilgore of Den Five were awarded Wolf Pins. A skit, in the form of a sing-a-long was presented by Den Four, whose Den mother, Mrs. Rebecca Bonkoski, reports that all present cheerfully raised their voice in song. Two new cubs were accepted into the pack. They are Christopher and Phillip Ryan. The Honor Den for the month was that consistent winner, Den One, headed by Mrs. Luann Pacheco. Reginald Kilgore, Outing Chairman, announced that the boys will soon have a swimming party at the River Rouge pool. The exact date and time will be announced later at which time the Den Mothers will be notified.

#### Of Interest To Woman

1. Mr. & Mrs. Peter Sams of 10210 W. Jefferson, River Rouge, owners of the River Rouge Hotel, celebrated their 25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary May 12. They are the parents of three children; a son Peter Gerald, who is married and has a son; Joan Lusbeth and Anne Marie, who both attend Our Lady of Lourdes School. Mr. & Mrs. Sams will celebrate the happy occasion at the Roostertail and Joan and Annemarie will accompany them in the celebration.
2. A Rummage Sale, sponsored by the Rosary Altar Society, will be held at the St. Christopher gymnasium, Ashbury Park at Tiremen, Detroit on Wednesday, May 19, from 10am to 3pm. A large variety of items will be offered for sale. The public is invited to come to this sale.
3. Little Joyce Marie made her debut at Riverside Osteopathic Hospital on May 7. Proud parents are Mr. & Mrs. Willie Smith of 122 Division, River Rouge.
4. Mr. & Mrs. Alexander Adam of 2 Hill, River Rouge, welcomed a son April 26, at Wyandotte General Hospital.
5. The Women's Relief Corps., F.A. Buhl #43, will hold a Potluck Dinner Tuesday, May 18, at 12:30pm at the Knights of Pythias Hall, located at Myrtle and Ferguson, River Rouge. Following the dinner, a Bunco Party will be held. Members and friends are urged to attend this event.
6. The Quilt & Card party which was given at Our Lady of Lourdes Church April 28 was a great success. Winners and recipients of the beautiful quilts were Alice Talbot, Frances DeBaldo and Mrs. Chester Baker. The President of the Rosary Altar Society extends her most heartfelt thanks to everyone who made the party such a big success. Without your help, the Society would not have accomplished so much. Many thanks to each of you.

Rouge High Hi-Lites – By: Helen Carrico – The election of Student Council officers was held Friday, May 7. The new officers were announced Monday, May 10, and are: Grady Benford, President; Barbara Bates, Vice President; Paulette Duncan, Treasurer; Linda Tate, Recording Secretary; and Judy Campbell, Corresponding Secretary. The Seniors at River Rouge High School had an opportunity to use the voting machines in the election. The rest of the student body cast their votes by paper ballots. The River Rouge Thinclads is on the Schafer Relays on Saturday, May 8. The total amount of points earned by Rouge was 48. The sophomores are

planning their prom. It will be held in the east balcony of the "Buck" Weeber gym on May 22. The dance will begin at 10:30pm. The theme for the event is "An Evening to Remember". The admission is \$1.00 single and \$1.75 a couple. The Boys' Glee Club and Mixed Chorus of River Rouge High School under the direction of Cordell Robinson, are presenting their annual Spring Concert entitled "Sounds In Green". The Music Festival will be held Thursday evening, May 27, in the high school auditorium. The French and Spanish classes of Rouge High are taking a trip to the Detroit Institute of Arts tomorrow, May 14. It will prove an opportune time for students to obtain material for their projects, as well as helping them gain knowledge about art of the world. A group of students is going to Wayne State University Sunday afternoon, May 16. They will hear students of the University tell about their experiences in the Peace Corps. The trip is sponsored by Miss Mishica, the language teacher at Rouge High.

Bear Facts – By: Justine Wojcik & Mike Kelly – On May 6, Mrs. McIntosh from the Catholic Family Planning Clinic spoke on birth control to the Senior Religion class. Mrs. McIntosh brought charts and diagrams and also informed the students about the services the organization performs. It was really a worthwhile talk. May 11, Father Singlyn brought his guitar "Katie" and entertained the senior religion class while adding comments as only he can. A musical comedy, presented last evening by the choral, was a tremendous success for Sisters Brigetta and Immaculata. Thank you, Sisters, for sponsoring such fine entertainment! Tonight is that Roman Banquet, Latin Students, get on those togas and be on time! The program, based on Virgil's Aeneid, begins at 7:30pm. In baseball, Lourdes' Bears are right on top. Tuesday, May 4, Lourdes met St. Pat's at Great Lakes Field. The Score: Lourdes 4 – St. Pat's 3. Saturday, May 8, Lourdes defeated St. Alphonsus, 2 to 1, in 10 innings. The Bears are now in first place. That's how it should be at the end of the season. Games scheduled for the past week were with Sacred Heart, Tuesday and Saturday. Frances Cabrini, this coming Sunday. Results of the two contests were not available when we went to press. The featured student this week is Dave Bondy. A 12-year student at Lourdes, he has played four years of varsity football and basketball. He has also played three years of varsity baseball. Dave has received a football scholarship from Arizona State. The school congratulates you, Dave! He plans to take a business course in college.

Rouge Wins Last Race To Nip Ecorse, 57 – 52 – The River Rouge Panthers ended six long years of frustration Tuesday afternoon at Ecorse stadium when they won the final event of the day, the mile relay, to down the Ecorse Red Raiders, 57 to 52, in their annual Twin Valley Conference Dual meet. The triumph was a big one for Rouge, since it broke a string of Red Raider successes dating back to 1958. Strange as it may seem, the last time Rouge beat Ecorse the Panthers also won the final event, the 880 yard relay, to win by a 58 – 51 count, back in 1958. Since that time, Ecorse has dominated the action, ruling Twin Valley track circles with an iron hand. This year's meet was figured to be close, and it turned out just as predicted, going right down to the final event. Rouge showed up well in the "individuals" department, claiming nine firsts, but Ecorse had the balance to force things to the final race before bowing. Sam Campbell started Rouge off with a win in the shot put with a throw of 51'2. Rolando Shorey was second for the Panthers, with Dave Purifoy third for the Raiders. Willie Purifoy won the pole vault, as expected, but had to share first place with teammates Pat Tucker, as both boys cleared 10 feet. George Miles was third for Rouge. The first surprise came in the broad jump, where Walt Thomas sailed 20'7" to win, with Len Eston second. Favored Al Taliaferro of Rouge was third. The Panthers returned the favor in the high jump, as George Miles cleared 6' to upset Walt Thomas and Willie Purifoy. Rouge won the 880 relay in 1:33.9, as Clarence Sabbath was barely able to hold off Jerry Gleton on the final leg, with Gleton almost wiping out a 20-yard lead. Rouge's team was made up of Chester Wright, Will Wright, Eugene Wilson and Sabbath. Charles Gardner won the mile for Rouge in 4:42.8, but Jim Pongracz and Bill Sabotich were 2 – 3 for Ecorse. Walt Thomas won the 120-yard high hurdles in 15 seconds flat, with Sam Campbell second for Rouge and Raider Jim Taylor third. Eric Peterson took the 88 for the Panthers in 2:03.8, but Ecorse claimed the next two spots with Jim Austin and Larry McDaniels. Ron Lane copped the 440 for Rouge in 52.9, but Ecorse again was 2 – 3 with Vincent McMullen and Walt Parks. Chester Wright supplied Rouge with a left when he won the 100 yard dash in 10.2 seconds, with Jerry Gleton second and Brian Coney third for Ecorse. Then came the big break for Rouge, in the low hurdles. Walt Thomas was expected to win the lows, since Rouge had never showed much before in this event, but the Panthers came up with a 1 – 2 finish, with Eugene Wilson and Sam Campbell, to shock the Raiders. The time was 20.7 seconds. Ecorse bounced right back to score eight points in the 220, as Jerry Gleton and Brian Coney led the way in 22.5. Chester Wright was third for Rouge. This left the score tied at 52 - 52, with the mile relay left. Red Raider Coach Jim Bibbs

summed things up before the final race when asked about the tie – “It’s nice when you have the best Mile Relay Team, but I don’t have it this time”. Bibbs proved a good prophet as Rouge grabbed the lead early and won by almost 100 yards in 3:32.7. The winning Rouge team was composed of George Miles, Charles Gardner, Ron Lane and Eric Petersen. While Ecorse dropped its first TVC meet in years, the tight finish should make it plain that the Twin Valley Conference Championship meet this year will be a wide open affair, with anyone of four teams a likely winner. Only Hamtramck is out of the picture.

### ADS

1. Fields Food Mart – 10859 West Jefferson (between Elm & Walnut) - \* Fresh Homogenized Milk ½ gal. carton 37 cents. \* Half & Half pint 19 cents. \* Carrots 10 cents lb. pkg. \* Tasty Boiling Beef – 19 cents lb. \* Country Style spare ribs 39 cents lb. \* Maxwell House Coffee – lb. can 69 cents. \* Kraft Miracle Whip – qt. 49 cents. \* Aqua Net – 59 cents. \* (Economize – No More Stamps ... You Save!) \* Betty Crocker Cake mixes (white, yellow, chocolate) 25 cents pkg.
2. Millazzo Refrigeration & Air Conditioning – 200 Charles – Used refrigerators and freezers for sale – good condition.
3. Russell H. LaForest – 73 Haltiner – Happy, Snappy, Service. For your electrical needs – Commercial and residential wiring and repairs Free Estimates.
4. Jerry’ Barber Shop – 1284 Coolidge (Reno Building) – Haircuts. We specialize small boys – Tuesday and Wednesday.
5. Southern Produce Packers – 11397 West Jefferson at Orchard – Open every day 8am till 10pm including Sunday. Spring planting time is here! Buy your flowers and vegetable plants by the flat and save money. \* Petunias, Snap Dragon & many more to choose from \$2.75 flat. \* All varieties of vegetable plants \$1.75 flat. \* Bananas 10 cents lb.. \* Michigan No. 1 Potatoes \$1.29 – 20 lb. bag.
6. Gilbert Ford – House of Quality – 10940 West Jefferson – Down River’s oldest Ford Dealer in business for more than 30 years. \* 1964 Galaxie 500 XL 2dr. hardtop, 4dr. some with air conditioning, all with power \$1,995. \* 1964 Ford V-8 auto, radio, heater, power steering just like new \$2,395. \* 1963 Ford two-door hardtop, fastback, V-8, auto, radio, heater, power steering and brakes – white with red trim \$1,795. \* 1960 Ford Wagon, 9 passenger, V-8 auto, radio, heater, white w/ red trim \$595.
7. Frank’s Shoe Rebuilding – 8 West Henry, near Jefferson – Complete Shoe Repair Service. Repair in jackets, shoes, purses, etc. Orthopedic Work.
8. Kresge – West Jefferson and Coolidge - \* Sturdy Rose bushes reg. 98 cents to \$1.19 on sale for 83 cents. \* Special Group Ladies Clip Hats reg. 1.00 to 1.98 – 47 cents (limit 1). \* 20” – 2 speed box fan \$14.66 (limit 1). \* Boys or Girls 26” Deluxe Bicycles reg. 39.98 for \$32.88 (limit 1).

### **MAY 20, 1965**

Traffic Problems Aired at Rouge Council Meeting – A petition, signed by more than 60 residents of Goodell St., was presented to the River Rouge Council at a meeting Tuesday, May 18, which was chaired by Mayor Pro-Tem John McEwan. The petition requested that a “dead end” sign be placed at Coolidge & Goodell, in an effort to eliminate part of the traffic. Goodell St. would end at the Tot Lot located at Goodell & Harris Streets. The Goodell St. residents allege that heavy traffic on Goodell is a threat to youngsters. Last week, a two-year-old child narrowly missed death when he was struck by a car. The matter was referred to Chief of Police, Loren Pittman, who said the situation would be studied and a report made in the next few days. Also referred to the Chief for study was a request made by LeBlanc Street residents that their street have a two hour parking limit imposed. Reporting on a similar matter, Pittman stated that two or three weeks ago, residents of Great Lakes Ave. asked that parking be banned on Great Lakes near Jefferson. The action was taken and drew favorable comments. However, a closer study revealed that on Saturdays, Sundays and at certain hours on weekdays, there was relatively little traffic on Great Lakes. As a result, parking regulations were amended and parking

will now be prohibited between the hours of 7:00am and 9:00am, and from 3:00pm to 6:00pm. Chief Pittman's recommended amendment was unanimously approved by the Council. \*\*\* In concluding action, Councilman James Doig asked if measures were not available making it mandatory for the owners of the Old Rouge Theater to either raze the structure or make it more presentable. Doig said he had been told that periodically, water must be pumped from the building and, in addition to being an eyesore, stagnant water in the basement of any building creates a health problem. Expressing himself on the above matter, Commissioner Harry Golden stated that all owners of Jefferson Avenue Business establishments had been contacted and asked to make improvements or at least engage in a little cleaning up. The results, said Golden, have been fairly good. The biggest problem, he continued, is property owners who live outside of River Rouge.

Citizen, Police Net Robbers – A River Rouge citizen and an Ecorse Policeman combined forces with River Rouge Police Friday night in apprehending two teenagers who were arrested for robbing a Jefferson Avenue Confectionary store and escaping with about \$25, after making the owner of the store believe that one of the youths was armed with a revolver. The youth escaped from the scene of the robbery by running through yards and between houses, and managed to get nearly a mile from the scene before they were arrested by Sgt. Epol Futo of the Ecorse P.D. They were arrested near Visger Rd. as they were hiding in the grass alongside the railroad tracks. Rouge Police Chief Loren Pittman credited a River Rouge man, John Rinna, with “prompt and alert action, and a high degree of civic responsibility” in helping police capture the fleeing suspects. Rinna, who lives at 185 Goodell, is a civil service employee for the City of River Rouge. The scene of the robbery was Gardner Confectionary located at 11196 W. Jefferson. According to Patrolman Arlon Massey, who investigated the case, Miss Geraldine Gardner was in the store alone shortly after 9:00pm Friday night. She said one of the youths, allegedly identified later as Albert Scott, 17, of 2954 South Ethel, Detroit, came into the store. She said Scott had his hand in his pocket and made menacing motions towards her as he demanded that she give him the money in the cash register. Fearing for her safety, Miss Gardner obeyed the commands. She turned over about \$25.00 to the youth, and he ran from the store. Rinna who was on Jefferson Avenue at the time, saw Scott run from the store, and observed he was joined by a second youth, identified as Richard Richardson, 17, of 452 Lenoir St., River Rouge. Both youths ran around a nearby restaurant and disappeared into the alley. Rinna said he “suspected something” by the way the two young men were running away, so he followed. In the meantime, two other witnesses summoned police. Massey and his partner, Corporal Andrew Chirillo, were at the scene in a few seconds. A description of the fleeing suspects were given by the witnesses, and Massey radioed the information to all other scout cars in the area. Rinna, meanwhile, was still pursuing the fleeing suspects. The youths managed to get to the railroad tracks near Visger Rd., where they hid in nearby bushes, but Sgt. Futo saw them and arrested them. The money was all recovered. In commenting on Rinna's action, Pittman added, “there is much criticism being offered nowadays about private citizens showing a sense of apathy toward aiding policemen in the pursuit of their duties. Most of this criticism, unfortunately, is true. It is gratifying to know that Rinna and other witnesses in this matter, went far out of their way in helping the police capture two robbers. A police department can be only as good as the citizens want us to be. It is encouraging to know that our people are behind us in our effort to give them good law enforcement.” Richard and Scott were arraigned in River Rouge Municipal Court Saturday morning, at which time they pleaded guilty to unarmed robbery. They were held in the Wayne County Jail in default of \$5,000 bonds and they are awaiting sentencing by a Circuit Court Judge.

Father Bresnahan Celebrates Anniversary – Sixteen priests ordained in 1940, and a classmate ordained a year earlier, assembled in Blessed Sacrament Cathedral on Tuesday, May 18, and celebrated a Mass of Thanksgiving with Archbishop John F. Deardon. Included among the 17 celebrants was the Rev. Thomas J. Bresnahan, the son of Mrs. Thomas J. Bresnahan and the late Mr. Bresnahan. Mr. Bresnahan at one time served as Mayor of River Rouge. Father Bresnahan and the others were ordained on May 18, 1940 by the late Edward Cardinal Mooney. The other priest, Rev. Bernard D. LaBelle, was ordained in Rome in 1939. The Mass of Thanksgiving marked the first time a class of silver jubilarians celebrated Mass, a privilege granted under the Second Vatican Council's Constitution on the Liturgy. Sunday Celebration – On Sunday, May 23, at 1:00pm, Father Bresnahan will celebrate a solemn high Mass of Thanksgiving at St. Joseph's Church, where he is a pastor. St. Joseph's Church is on Gratiot at Orleans. From 2:30 until 4:00pm, in Father Bresnahan's honor, there will be open house at the Gabriel Richard Building, 305 Michigan Avenue, Detroit. Father Bresnahan extends a cordial invitation to all his old friends and acquaintances to join him Sunday on his day of celebration.

## F.Y.I.

1. The River Rouge JayCees are sponsoring a car wash on Saturday, May 22, at the corner of Abbot and West Jefferson St. in River Rouge. All proceeds from the project, which will start at 8:00am and continue until 5pm will be used for organizations civic programs.
2. Superintendent Felix Sokolowski, has issued an urgent appeal to all River Rouge residents who had diseased Elm trees removed and new trees planted in their places. Many of the recently planted trees are in urgent need of water. Just one good watering each week, Sokolowski says will insure the trees a health start.
3. The class officers and reunion committee of Our Lady of Lourdes High School of 1955, announce that plans have been completed for their 10 year reunion, which is slated for Saturday, May 22. Location for the event is the Suburban Cocktail Lounge in Melvindale, with cocktails to begin at 7:30pm. A delicious dinner will be served at 9pm and a band will be provided for dancing.
4. The River Rouge Business & Professional Women's Club installed new officers at the first annual meeting, held May 10, at the River Rouge Hotel. Thelma Solt, Director of District #8, installed the following: pictured is Nora Merrill, Corresponding Secretary; Ann Hammer, Recording Secretary; Barbara Redmond, Vice President; Dorothy Armos, President; and Renee Noirot, Treasurer.
5. The Bernadette of Lourdes Circle #640, Daughters of Isabella, hosted a card and bunco party Wednesday, May 19, at 8pm at the K of C Hall. Hostesses for the evening were Margaret Hengy and Valorie Wojcik.
6. Monday, May 24, the Mother's Club of the Beechwood Community Center will sponsor a program, "Be Informed on Planned Parenthood". It will be held at the Beechwood Community Center, 421 Beechwood, River Rouge at 7:30pm.
7. The 43-Voice Concert Choir of Allen University, Columbia, South Carolina, will present a concert at St. John A.M.E. Church, 505 Beechwood, RR, on Friday evening, May 28, at 8pm. The public is invited to attend, according to Rev. Lyman Parks, Pastor. Donation will be \$1.00.
8. Miss Gail Nemeth, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. William Nemeth of 39 Myrtle, RR, represented the City of River Rouge as "Miss Queen of Posture of 1965". The Michigan State Queen of Posture finals were held at Grand Rapids and Janice Riley of Jackson County was chosen "Miss Michigan Queen of Posture". Contestants are judges 50% on the Postureometer, 30% on the Kraus-Weber Physical Fitness Test and 20% on personality. The Miss Michigan Posture Queen will now travel to Florida in June for the World Posture Queen Finals. President Kennedy and President Johnson were correct in emphasizing physical fitness. When we give ourselves to build a better, healthier Nation, we are building a "Great Society". Shown with Gail is Dr. James L. Donathan, also of River Rouge.

The Bears Facts – By: Justine Wojcik & Mike Kelly – The 1965 L'Esprit is out! The exotic green and gold arrangement has caught the eye of many a purchaser. "In the time of your life ... line" is the theme this year and is carried through each page of the book. Congratulations are extended to the editors – Barbara Winnecki and Mike Veneziano. Also to all the members of the staff who put their best efforts into making it such a success. To Sister Immaculata goes a special thanks for her guidance throughout the year. Looking back on the events that occurred this week: Monday was Senior Free Day and the junior class sponsored a picnic for the Junior and Senior classes. It was held at Belle Isle where everyone enjoyed such entertainment as baseball, canoeing, bicycling and tennis. Lunch was prepared and served by the juniors. Sunday is Senior Day at the University of Detroit. All seniors must be present before 3pm at the Memorial Building. All Catholic schools will be given assigned places for the hour-long exercises. Senior Class Presidents will be in cap & gown on the main floor representing the schools. Archbishop Dearden or his representative will address the seniors. This

coming Wednesday begins the prom weekend for the juniors and seniors. Both classes are in session in the morning and are free at 11:35. The Prom, to be held at the Statler-Hilton downtown, takes place that night. Friday has been chosen as one of the two allotted school free days. This last fling will always be remembered by the outgoing seniors.

Rouge High Hi-Lites: By Helen Carrico – The sophomore class is busy making last minute preparations for their prom, which is to be held this Saturday, May 22. The theme for the dance is “A Night To Remember”, and the decorations will remind the sophomore of France. The east balcony of the ‘Buck’ Weeber gym is where the dance is to be held, and for that event it will be transformed into a French Café. In the center of each table will be a miniature Eiffel Tower, and the walls will be covered with flowers. The dance will begin at 8pm and will end at 10:30pm. The expected number of guests is 138. The sophomores received their class pin Monday, May 17. The pins are a blue & white shield with a ’67 on them, designating the year of graduation for the sophomore class. On display on the second floor next to the senior homeroom is the sophomores’ class crest. It was designed by Dennis Luke, and made by Mr. Waldo, the Class Sponsor. The crest is to be the official design of the Class of 1967. The River Rouge High Baseball team was defeated by Wyandotte at an away game Saturday, May 15. However, on the other side of the sports’ scene, the Rouge Thinclads won another victory. They won the Regional Tournaments at Livonia Bentley, with a total of 71 points. George Miles, Charles Gardner, Ronald Lane and Eric Peterson broke the State record, running the mile relay. The Aqua-Teens Swim Club at Rough High presented its annual water show Thursday, Friday and Saturday of last week. The girls worked long and hard all year- practicing for the presentation of what was a wonderful show. The club presented a gift to Miss Janet Lozon, the sponsor of the club, for making the show a successful one. It was the first water show Miss Lozon ever presented. The seniors are planning their annual “Class Day”. This year the event is being planned and written by the honor students of the class. The newspaper staff at Rouge High is finishing its Senior Edition of the Rouge Recorder. It will contain the class wills, prophecies, and elects. Mrs. Baker, High School English Teacher, took her college prep classes to see “MacBeth” at the Hillberry Classic Museum, Wednesday, May 6. The classes had just finished studying the play in English Literature class.

Rouge Routs Flyer Track Team, 84 – 21 – The Final Twin Valley Conference dual meet of the season proved to be an easy one for Coach Roy Krueger’s River Rouge High School Thinclads as the Panthers walloped defending State Class B Champion, Willow Run, 84 to 21, Tuesday afternoon at Heuer Field. Rouge won 12 of the 13 events to completely deflate the Flyers, who had hoped to challenge Rouge for Twin Valley laurels this year. The only event the Flyers took was the long jump, as Calvin Hicks went 20’1” to edge Panther George Miles. Rouge took the other field events without much trouble. George Miles copped the pole vault at 9’ with nobody else able to clear the bar. Sam Campbell won the shot put with a 51’ 11/2” toss, with Rolando Shorey second. George Miles won the high jump at 5’10”, with Eugene Wilson second. Rouge took the 880 relay in 1:33.4 with the team of Chester Wright, Will Wright, Eugene Wilson and Clarence Sabbath. Charles Gardner led the pack in the mile run in 4:42.5, with Sam Butler third. Eugene Wilson edged teammate Sam Campbell in the 120 yard high hurdles in 15.8. Allen Walker won the 880 in 2:07.8, with Larry Smith second and Ron Harper third to give the Panthers a slam. The 440 was the best race of the day, as Eric Peterson beat Willow Run’s Calvin Hicks in 50.8, with Ron Lane third. Clarence Sabbath won the 100-yard dash in 10.1, just nipping Flyer Freshman Bud Coleman. Will Wright was third for the Panthers. Rouge slammed the low hurdles, with Eugene Wilson first, followed by Clyde Wasson and Marvin Brazill. The time for the 120-yard lows was 13.2 seconds. Will Wright took the 20-yard dash for Rouge in 23.3 beating Coleman of Willow Run, with LaJoel Wasson of Rouge third. The Panthers finished up by winning the mile relay in 3:32.7 with the team of George Miles, Allen Walker, Ron Lane and Eric Peterson. Rouge finished the campaign with a 3 – 1 record in TVC dual meets, so the Panthers were second to Romulus since the Eagles captured all four league contests.

Cabrini Clips Lourdes To Snarl Title Picture – It’s beginning to look like Lourdes Bears can’t stand prosperity. Coach Jim Sytek’s nine appeared to have the First Division West Side Baseball crown wrapped up after last Tuesday’s 12 – 14 victory over Dearborn Sacred Heart, but along came St. Frances Cabrini Saturday afternoon to clip the Bears, 6 to 1, and really snarled the West Side Title picture. The loss to Cabrini was a real blow to Lourdes’ title hopes, since the Bears were hoping to enter Tuesday’s crucial tilt with Mt. Carmel with a one game bulge, but now the teams are tied. Results of Tuesday’s contest was not available at press time. To further complicate things, Wyandotte St. Patrick also has a 6 – 2 mark, so there is a three way log-jam at the top of the West Side standings, and Lourdes could be in trouble. While Mt. Carmel has been coming on strong

after a slow start, Lourdes is hurting in the pitching department. Mt. Carmel ace Dave Renkiewicz appears to have recovered from a broken ankle suffered during basketball season and could make the difference down the stretch for the defending champion Comets. Meanwhile Lourdes' ace Joe Zajas is plagued with a sore arm and junior Danny Bodrie also has some arm trouble, so the Bears are on shaky ground. A non-run sixth inning sparked Lourdes past Dearborn Sacred Heart Tuesday afternoon at Great Lakes Field. Dan Bodrie hurled a strong game for the Bears, scattering four hits while striking out 10 and walking two. Bodrie had a shut-out for five innings, but four errors in the sixth inning helped Sacred Heart to four runs and a temporary 4 – 2 lead. Lourdes scored single runs in each of the first three innings. Paul Plaza slugged a triple to left center in the first inning and scored on Dave Bondy's double. In the second, Tom Tattan's single, a walk, and Chuck Wilson's hit made it 2 – 0. Paul Plaza double and scored on an error in the third so the Bears had a 3 – 0 edge. Sacred Heart broke loose for four runs in the sixth to take the lead, as Lourdes' defense collapsed. The Irish managed only two hits in the inning, but the Bears committed four errors, two on one play, to open the flood gates. Lourdes came right back in the bottom of the sixth with a nine-run explosion. Chuck Wilson walked and was sacrificed to second by Paul Nadzam. Paul Plaza singled Wilson home with the tying run. Dave Bondy walked. Bob Rydzon popped up. Tom Tattan singled, scoring Plaza. Pinch hitter Dennis Brandt drew a walk. Chuck Trzcinski was safe on an error, Bondy scoring. Dannie Bodrie walked, forcing in Tattan. Chuck Wilson singled, scoring Brandt. Paul Nadzam singled, cashing two runs. Paul Plaza singled, scoring two more markers. Paul Plaza continued his great hitting for the Bears, getting four hits. Chuck Wilson had three safeties and Tom Tattan two for the Lourdes nine. St. Frances Cabrini scored five times in the fourth inning to kayo Lourdes Saturday afternoon at Allen Park High's diamond. Until this time, Joe Zajas had pitched hitless ball for the Bears, but it was obvious that the Bear right hander wasn't in top form, with his arm giving him trouble. Lourdes picked up its only run in the third inning without benefit of a hit. Paul Nadzam was hit by a pitch. Nadzam stole second and came all the way home on a wild pitch by winning hurler Tom Pietka. Cabrini scored its five runs on four hits and three errors in the fourth frame, with Steve Kelly knocking home two runs with a single. Mike Dennis doubled home another tally for the Monarchs, who evened their season record at 4 – 4. An error, a stolen base, and Steve Kelly's single accounted for the final Cabrini run in the fifth frame. Tom Pietka worked the four frames for Cabrini and allowed one run and two hits, striking out one and walking four. Mike Dennis took over in the fifth and blanked Lourdes the rest of the way on one hit. Dennis fanned three and didn't walk a man.

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“Lefty” Gomez To Speak At Teener Banquet - Former New York Yankee pitching great, Vernon “Lefty” Gomez, will be the principle speaker at the first annual River Rouge Teener League baseball banquet, which will be held on Wednesday evening, June 2, at the Great Lakes Steel Local 1299's Roosevelt Hall, West Jefferson and Florence, at 6:30pm. Tickets for the gala affair are priced at \$2.50, and the public is invited. The River Rouge Teener League is sponsored by VFW Post 2222 and gives local youngsters for 13 to 15 years of age a chance to play ball under organized conditions. The Rouge has won the Michigan State Championship the past two years and made a good showing in Regional play both times. The banquet June 2, will honor the 60 young boys who will play in the Teener League this year. Play will begin on Monday, June 14. River Rouge City Clerk Roy Berger will be the Master of Ceremonies for the affair which promises to be a real treat for local baseball fans. The banquet's principal speaker, “Lefty” Gomez, is recognized as one of the top baseball wits in the nation. Gomez now is a Public Relations Man for the Wilson Spraying Goods Co. and travels over 100,000 miles each year promoting baseball at all levels. He is one of the few retired players who has remained active in baseball. Gomez ranks as one of baseball's all time great hurlers. For 12 years he was the top pitcher for the New York Yankees, when the Yanks were baseball's best club. During those 12 years the Yankees won seven pennants and six World Series titles, with Gomez one of the major factors. His best season was 1934, when they won 26 and lost 5. That year Gomez led the league in shutouts, strikeouts, complete games, innings pitched, wins and percentage. In four different seasons with the Yanks, he won more than 20 games, with an earned run average of less than 3.50 for this entire career. Gomez was .500 or better against every team in the American League. The World Series was another highlight for Gomez. He won six games and never tasted defeat. He also pitched in five Major League All Star Games, winning three, including the first one in Chicago. Gomez was born on November 26, 1910, in Rodeo, California. His droll wit is of Irish and Spanish origin. In

1933 he married June O'Dea, a Broadway Star. They have four children, two boys, Gary and Dwayne, and two girls Verona and Sharon.

Name Valedictorians, Salutatorians – Two Valedictorians were selected at River Rouge High School to represent the June Class of 1965. Cedric Dawson, son of Mr. & Mrs. Etta Granthum of 433 Campbell, RR and Cedrick F. Dawson of 18<sup>th</sup>, Ecorse (one of the valedictorians) is President of the National Honor Society, Vice President of the Senior Class, and was starter on the State Championship Basketball team. His hobby is skating. He received three honors: A Regents Alumni Scholarship to the University of Michigan, a National Achievement Scholarship, and a scholarship from the State of Michigan Higher Assistance Authority. After graduation, he plans to attend the University of Michigan. He is affiliated with the Waterfall Baptist Church in Detroit, and is on the Usher Board. A brother and sister now attend River Rouge High. \*\*\* Bruce Wardrop, son of Mr. & Mrs. Guy Wardrop of 28 W. Great Lakes, RR, is also Valedictorian. Bruce is Vice President of the National Honor Society and has received a scholarship to Northwestern University. His hobby is bowling. After graduation, Bruce plans to attend Northwestern. He attends Christ Lutheran Church and has a sister attending River Rouge High. \*\*\* Salutatorian for River Rouge High is Diane Chrin, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Chrin of 41 Forest, River Rouge. Diane is Treasurer of the Senior Class, a member of the Future Nurses Club and a member of the National Honor Society. Her hobbies include reading, drawing and sewing. After graduation Diane plans to attend the College of Nursing at Wayne State University. \*\*\* Barbara Winnicki, daughter of Mrs. Genevieve Winnicki, of 8629 White, Detroit, was chosen Valedictorian of the 1965 graduating class of Our Lady of Lourdes High School. Barbara majored in English, Latin, Mathematics and Religion. She plans to enter Wayne State University in September for preparation and training as a Laboratory Technician. She is a member of the National Honor Society. \*\*\* Named Salutatorian of the 1965 graduating class of Our Lady of Lourdes High School is Rosemary Haunert, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Haunert of 1121 Coolidge, RR. Rosemary majored in English, Mathematics, History, Latin and Religion. She plans to enter Marygrove College in September for preparation as a teacher. Her school activities included: National Honor Society, Class Secretary, Year Book Staff, Junior Classical League member, Human Relations Club member, member of the Future Teachers of America, Sodality Member, Basketball and Softball team, and Coach of the Grade Basketball team.

Officers Cited For Alertness – Five members of the River Rouge Police Department were cited for outstanding public service by the River Rouge Safety Commission, at a meeting of the Commission held last Thursday evening. The Commission passed a resolution commending the men for their alertness during the past five months. James Della Pella, Chairman of the Safety Commission commended Patrolman William Simmerson for his arrest of three teenagers having liquor in their car, and for catching three men breaking into and stealing gasoline from parked cars on Division St. Others commended were Corporal Walter Smith and Patrolman Ronald Alderman, who arrested two men while breaking and entering into the Rouge Lounge. Corporal Smith and Patrolman Robert Keeley caught two men breaking into the Walter White School. Patrolman Victor Gori and Robert Keeley apprehended a man in River Rouge who was fleeing from Lincoln Park Police, and was charged with armed robbery.

Vet Organizations To Hold Waterfront Services – Veterans' group from River Rouge and the surrounding area will participate in holding Memorial Day services on Sunday, May 30. The Allied Veterans Council Commander, Elmer Laveque has announced that the Allied Veterans Council will participate in memorial services on Memorial Day with the Women's Relief Corps and the Auxiliaries of the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars. River side ceremonies will be held at Belanger Park at 9am. Immediately after the river side ceremonies, wreaths and services will be held at the boulder at Memorial Park. The Allied Veterans Council consists of American Legion Posts 84 and 314, and Veterans of Foreign Wars Posts 2222 & 8592. The river side ceremonies consist of prayers, the throwing of wreaths on the water in commemoration of the dead sailors, taps, and the firing of three volleys by a four-man firing squad. The ceremonies at the boulder are in commemoration of the dead soldiers, and wreaths will be placed in commemoration of those dead.

#### F.Y.I.

1. Mr. & Mrs. Gordon Bennett of 91 Pleasant, RR, announce the birth of a daughter, Denise Dawn, born at Riverside Osteopathic Hospital May 17.

2. Mr. & Mrs. Jerome J. Swartz, of 30 W. Henry, RR, returned recently from a delightful cruise aboard the SS Bahama Star to nearby Nassau from Miami. The ship docked at Bay St. in quaint Nassau, making it easy to shop in the native straw market, swim at Nassau's famed beaches and enjoy Bohemian night life. Mrs. Swartz is the former Andrienne Bernaiche of River Rouge.
3. Ten members of the Senior Citizens Club of River Rouge entertained the mothers & daughters of Our Lady of Lourdes, when they held their annual Mother & Daughter Social, May 24, in the school auditorium. Mrs. Barbara Sutton put on a skit, and Mrs. Mabel Schriver sang two solos and accompanied group singing at the piano. Other members taking part in the signing were Vera Wancha, Martha Kreyger, Martha Sharron, Hilda LaBarre, Matilda Stead, Laura Yacks and Burlie Roszell.
4. Members of the Knights of Columbus will join with the Squires and the Daughters of Isabella to present their Spring Carnival this weekend. The Carnival, which will be for adults and children, will be held at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 15 E. Henry, River Rouge on May 28, 29 & 30. Games have been planned, along with plenty of food and refreshments. Many prizes will be given.

Rouge High Hi-Lites – By: Helen Carrico – The sophomores had their prom Saturday, May 22, in the “Buck” Weeber gym. The dance was held from 8:30 until 10:30pm and approximately 138 students were present. The River Rouge Thinclads won the State Championship Saturday, May 22. The meet was held at the U of M in Ann Arbor. Rouge's final total was 61 points. The Boys Glee Club will be giving its annual spring concert tonight in the auditorium of the High School. The Glee Club is directed by Cordell Robinson, and the program is entitled “Sounds in Green”. Tickets may be obtained at the door. The seniors have received their cards and announcements. Any senior without announcements should contact Miss Parks.

The Bear Facts – By: Justine Wojcik & Mike Kelly – The annual induction ceremony for the candidates for the National Honor Society was held last Thursday at 7:30pm in the Lourdes Auditorium. The patriotic theme carried out in stage decorations and in speeches, highlighted the qualities of leadership, character, service and scholarship as evidenced in the lives of four great American presidents: George Washington, Abraham Lincoln, Franklin D. Roosevelt and John F. Kennedy respectively. Seniors who were admitted to permanent membership in the Society are: Ralph Ciarlo, Judith Danish, Marlene Glen, Rosemary Haunert, Luck DeJulio, Marilyn Sonderman, Ruth Gallagher, Patrick Smith, Thomas Schrieber, Susan Tardiff, Kathleen Kramer, Barbara Logsdon, Barbara Winnicki, Richard Rykwald, Paula Marchyok, Catherine Gonyea, Justine Wojcik. The juniors who were admitted to temporary membership and received the official pen are: Mary Jane Berro, Christine Niemann, Darlene Chevalier, Kathleen Capps, Kathleen Mussey, Kathleen Matuszak, Edward Kleinow, Kathleen Tanguay, Richard Valois, Natalie Zervos. The officers for next year are: Mary Jane Berro, President; Christine Nieman, Vice President; Darlene Chevalier, Historian, and Richard Valois, Secretary.

Rouge Nine Routs Eagles Again, 9 – 2 – It's a good thing Romulus is in the league, as far as the River Rouge High School Baseball team is concerned. The Panthers bounced Romulus for the second time this year, 9 to 2, Thursday afternoon at Great Lakes Field, to assure the local entry of no worse than third place in the final Twin Valley Conference standings. Right now Rouge is 3 – 4 in the TVC. The Panthers will wind up the schedule this week with a pair of games. This afternoon (Thursday) Rouge will battle Ecorse in a feature game at Ecorse High School field at 4:00pm. Ecorse needs a victory in this one to clinch at least a share of the league crown, pending the outcome of the Red Raider tussle with Hamtramck, Tuesday afternoon Rouge will host Melvindale at Great Lakes Field, at 4pm in a non-league encounter. Southpaw Jim Butler fired a one hitter for the Panthers against Romulus, with both runs coming as the result of Butler's own wildness. The senior lefty fanned six but walked eight, including four in the fifth inning which gave Romulus that first run. Butler also walked two in the seventh and, coupled with an infield out, these passes produced the final Eagle tally. Rouge made only four hits off Bob Brothers, but the Romulus right hander was victimized by some horrible fielding, and never did have a chance. Brothers fanned six and walked four. The Panther scored three runs in the first inning without benefit of a hit, putting together three infield boots, a walk and three stolen bases for the three markers. Rouge made it 6 – 0 in the second inning with two out Mike Peer was safe on an error. Loren Pittman doubled. Cedric Dawson clubbed a triple to center, scoring Peer & Pittman. Allen Coleman singled, cashing Dawson. Rouge

added one in the fourth on two errors and a sacrifice and tallied two more in the sixth on Ken Ledl's double plus a fielder's choice and an error. The Panthers are now 3 – 8 for the year and Coach Jack Wise is hoping for a strong finish to give the Rouge nine a respectable season.

Lourdes' Title Hopes Chilled By Comets, 5 – 1 – Wyandotte Mt. Carmel dealt Lourdes Bears Title hopes a deadly blow Tuesday afternoon at Great Lakes Field when the Comets clipped Jim Sytek's crew, 5 to 1, to move into first place in the West Side First Division Baseball chase. Mt. Carmel got some great pitching from big Dave Penkiewicz as they knocked Lourdes out of the title picture and avenged an early season defeat at the hands of the Bears. Lourdes bounced back to down Visitation, 13 to 7, in their season finale Friday afternoon at Stoepel Park, but it was too late for the Bears since Mt. Carmel and Wyandotte St. Patrick both won their final contests to finish tied for first place, each club having identical 8 – 2 records. Lourdes was third with 7 0 3 mark. Big Dave Penkiewicz was the big reason for Mt. Carmel's triumph over the Bears. The 6'4" fireballer allowed just one hit, a third inning single by Chuck Wilson and he retired the last 15 men to face them in order. Rendiewicz fanned 10 and walked three. Joe Zajas started for Lourdes and pitched well enough to win most games, but his mates betrayed him on the field in the late innings and Mt. Carmel took advantage of these miscues to post the victory. Danny Bodrie replaced Zajas in the sixth but the damage had been done. Lourdes missed the boat in the opening frame when they had Penkiewicz on the ropes. After Chuck Wilson bounced out, Paul Nadzam walked, Paul Plaza clubbed a shot all the way to the right field wall, scoring Nadzam, but Plaza failed to touch first and was called out on appeal, nullifying his hit and making two outs. Joe Zajas walked. So did Bob Rydzon, but Dave Bondy fanned to end the threat. Mt. Carmel final tied the count in the fourth inning. Phil Prygocki singled and was sacrificed to second. Leo Plasecki singled to left center, scoring Prygocki with the tying run. The Comets went ahead in the fifth. Jim Bielski singled and took second on a passed ball. Marty Kaul bounced to third, and the run scored when Tom Tattan's low throw skipped by Bob Rydzon at first base. Mt. Carmel added another run in the sixth, making it 3 – 1. Phil Prygocki singled and was sacrificed to second. He moved to third on a passed ball and scored on an infield error. The Comets put the game out of reach in the seventh, scoring twice. Marty Kaul was hit by a pitch. Bob Facioch singled. Phil Prygocki sacrificed both runners along. Leo Plasecki singled, knocking the final runs. Lourdes had an easy time with Visitation Friday afternoon, scoring 11 runs in the first three frames to coast home. The Bears tallied four times in the opening ram. Chuck Wilson singled. Paul Nadzam sacrificed. Paul Plaza tripled to deep left scoring Wilson. Plaza scored on a wild pitch. Dave Bondy walked. Bob Rydzon was safe on an error. Tom Tattan singled home Bondy and Wally Bodrie's safety cashed Rydzon. The Bears added three in the second on a single by Chuck Trzcinski, an error, a walk to Paul Plaza, a bases loaded pass to Dave Bondy and Bob Rydzon's two run single. Singles by Chuck Trzcinski and Paul Nadzam, plus a walk to Paul Plaza filled the bases in the third and winning hurler Joe Zajas promptly cleaned house with a long blast to deep left field for a grand slam homer. Chuck Wilson accounted for the final two Lourdes runs. Wilson tripled home Chuck Trzcinski in the fourth and hit a solo homer in the sixth inning, blasting three homers. Ed Raynush hit one with a man on, as did Mike Collins. Mike Johnson also homered with the bases empty. Ed Raynush had clubbed a solo homer earlier for Visitation, giving the big catcher two circuit clouts for the day. Chuck Trzcinski and Chuck Wilson had three hits each to pace Lourdes 16 hit attack.