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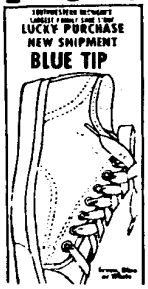

United Way

Blood Program

Q. I am 18 years old. May I give blood without parental consent?

A. Yes, the 18-to 21-year-old no longer needs consent from parents. The maximum age was also raised, so that blood can now be donated by healthy individuals up to age 65.

Q. Why is the Red Cross calling for blood donors by type for blood-mobile visits?

A. In the past, a unit (pint) of blood was used mostly as whole blood. But doctors are now using blood by

Student To President

O.A. Ajayi is making the transition from student to college president in one swift step. Ajayi left Kalamazoo today with his wife, Grace, and daughters Folasho and Tewande, to assume the presidency of the newly organized Polytechnic College at Ibadan, Nigeria. He had been in Kalamazoo the past eight months working toward a doctor's degree in educational leadership while holding a fellowship in WMU's college of applied science. One of the first students from Nigeria to complete a master's degree program in the U.S. under WMU's contract with the U.S. Department of State to develop the technical college, Ajayi earned his M.A. in education from WMU in 1964 after receiving an electrical engineer ing degree from Purdue in 1965. He returned to Nigeria where he was principal of the college and then chief technical education officer in the Nigerian Ministry of Education.

Stereo Gear Said Stolen

Stereo equipment worth about $500 was reported stolen in a break-in at 1510 [illegible] late Wednesday

Drivers Gear Up For Year

Kalamazoo school bus drivers made a stop at the John F. Kennedy Center Wednesday and picked up a few pointers on how to handle their responsibilities during the coming school year.

"You're the boss of that bus and you have the backing of this office," Karl W. Lutz, transportation supervisor of the Kalamazoo Public Schools, told the bus drivers.

The intent of the session was to instruct the drivers in areas ranging from handling unruly children to keeping the bus in good physical condition.

Also present at the meeting were drivers from Metro Transit.

Employes of the school bus maintenance crew advised the drivers how tey might help to keep their buses in better running condition.

conservation of electricity keeps the battery in better shape, one said. And they warned the drivers if they used their clutch as a foot rest, it would result in serious bus repairs in only a short time.

"You're a teacher, too — a teacher of safety," the bus drivers were told. "A lot of

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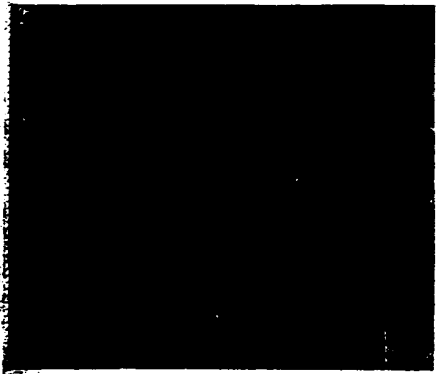
Lake Michigan Coho Said Dangerous For Mink Food

By LANE WICK
Gazette Outdoor Editor

Michigan State University scientists have just reported that Lake Michigan coho salmon are dangerous to mink.

In some cases, adult mink have died after eating the fish; in other instances, the number of kits per litter has been drastically reduced.

The scientists blame PCBs, polychlorinated biphenyls, which are products of industrial pollution.



THE MINK: STUDY SHOWS THAT EATING COHO KILLS HIM!
MSU Scientist Reports That Lake Michigan Fish Loaded With PCBs

MSU research, it's reported, shows that fish from lakes Michigan and Erie reduced the number of mink offspring by as much as 80 per cent. In some cases, they killed the adults, too.

The scientists say mink diets can no longer contain coho salmon or other fish from the two lakes.

A two-page MSU news release also said that the effect of PCB on man is little known. But it said that "evidence indicates that PCB levels would have to be many times higher than those doing damage to mink before they would harm humans."

Speaking Wednesday at a Symposium on PCB's for the American Chemical Society, Dr. Robert K. Ringer, MSU poultry scientist, cited surprising, but conclusive evidence of the damage caused by PCB's, the release said.

Great Lakes' fish have been a mainstay of mink diets until the mid-1960's when mink ranchers started noticing that mink reproduction levels were falling off. The problem reached its peak in 1967-68 when coho salmon came onto the scene. In some cases, mink litters dropped from an average of four to less than one half, the scientist said.

The fish itself wasn't the problem. Coho from Oregon fed to mink caused no problems. But when the Great Lakes salmon were fed to the mink at high levels, no mink young at all were born.

The biggest surprise, the scientists said, was that the MSU study showed that Lake Michigan fish were worse than those from Lake Erie when it comes to reducing mink litter size.

Other tests showed that pesticides or mercury were not to blame for the problems. The scientists say they pinned the blame solely on PCB's.

PCB's are found as pollutants of all kinds of industries, the scientists say. They come from the electrical industry, marine paints, carbon paper, carriers for insecticides, and many more. The MSU researchers had assumed that Lake Erie would be "worse" because of its reputation for being more highly polluted from industrial sources, but that didn't prove true.

Can anything be done about PCB toxicity?

The scientists said high temperatures are needed to destroy PCB's, but that cooking coho before feeding them to mink wouldn't help.

They say the PCB's build up in the tissues of mink, then pass through the placenta into the embryo. The kits either die just before birth or shortly after.

RARE BIRTH

MILFORD TOWNSHIP, Mich. (AP) — Mucata, a 4-year-old Arabian mare on a farm here, has given birth to twin colts, an event which experts say happens in one of every 500,000 equine births.

DOGGY ASSISTANT

BALTIMORE, Md. (AP) — W. C. Haywood, who has a downtown bakery route, has an assistant who minds the truck during deliveries. The assistant, a German shepherd named King, has accompanied Haywood on his rounds for five years.

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