

At Home in Old Homestead

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Jack and Betty Gazvoda returned from a ten day vacation last month while on their vacation. They turned a day at a cottage on Stag Island in the St. Clair River. This is a Canadian possession just south of Sarnia, Ontario. There is no bridge to Stag Island, so visitors must make their boat, as a result there are no cars and no traffic problem. One of the regular pastimes of the Gazvodas is watching the freighters pass the island on their way up and down the river.

THE SHOES also saw freighters while on their vacation. Al, Ruth, and their two sons, Brad and Bill, also spent a day and night at Niagara Falls among other stops after starting their vacation by visiting relatives at Hamilton, Ontario.

The weekend before last found

Jack and Jean Lattimer as guests at a private resort. They arrived at Candle Creek Lodge at 10:30 and fished, swam, played shuffleboard, ate, slept, and loafed until they returned home on Sunday evening.

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THE WIEDMAN family returned Saturday night from their vacation which took them to Minnesota. Bing and Doris took the entire family—Peggy, Chuck and Bill, GR. 14, Tim, 7, Mark, 5, and Mary Sue, 3—to visit at the cottage of an uncle of Doris' near Duluth. This was the first time in six years that the Wiedmans have seen some of the Wiedman children. It gave many of the cousins aunts and uncles a chance to become reacquainted. The Wiedmans started their trip by the way of the Mackinac Bridge. On the return trip they stopped at Camp Tawashe in Wisconsin to visit relatives.

Doris' brother-in-law is business manager of the Boy Scout Camp and so he and his family live on the camp grounds during the summer. From there the trip took the Wiedmans through Green Bay to Milwaukee where they spent the night with Bing's mother. Another stop was at Three Rivers to visit a sister who has been ill.

SATURDAY WAS also the day that the Norths returned home from their vacation. Lee, Isabel, Ricky, Nancy, and Barbara spent a week at Christian's cottage at Head of the Lake in Old Homestead on Friday night and drove as far as Alma where they spent the night at a motel. Before leaving home they arranged to meet the Christian family at this motel. On Saturday they arrived at the cottage before Ken, Jim, Kay, June, and the girls started their trip home and gave the two families a chance to chat and exchange news. Other than relaxing during their vacation the North family drove from Gaylord to see the Mackinac Bridge.

Seventeen of the ladies of the subdivision saw "Tunes of Love" with the Paul Coker Band last night at the Northland Playhouse. The group then stopped at the Netto's for dessert, coffee, and conversation.

THE OLD HOMESTEAD Social Committee is going along making plans and securing prizes for the card party that is scheduled for Tuesday, August 25. Only 100 tickets will be sold. Each ticket will bring a chance to win one of the individual prizes. Each resident will be contacted in the near future about the tickets, but if you wish to reserve yours now call either Flo Ziegler, GR 6-0020; Marie Salyards, GR 6-0014; or Jackie Davis, GR 4-1076. Be sure to bring a list of the individuals who are not acquaintances. It may be wise to mention your preference when you purchase your ticket. This will encourage the committee to get the bridge tables full, and keep a bridge player from settling for a card game which does not interest her.

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Recreation Program Grows; More Money Needed

An important part of growing up for any normal young boy or girl includes participation in some types of organized recreational activities.

Some such activities are included in the school system's educational program but are secondary in nature to the principal task of any school program to provide sound academic training. Thus, there is a need for some type of recreational program in every community which is not provided through the schools.

IT IS DURING the summer months when schools are closed and youngsters have a considerable amount of leisure time on their hands that the need for a community recreation program is needed most.

It was with the thought of providing a satisfactory summer program and eventually a suitable year-round program that the Farmington Area Recreation Commission was organized.

At the present time the community program has been kept going over the past 11 years. That it has not

developed into the type of year-round program that a community such as Farmington should provide is due solely to the fact that sufficient funds have not been provided.

FOR THE beginning, as is the case today, the major portion of PARC efforts, due to this lack of funds, are concentrated on the six-week summer program.

It became obvious within a few months after the PARC was formed that the organization would have to be included in any successful summer recreation program. From the very beginning it was the chance to go swimming which appealed

most to the youngsters. Such is still the case today.

A day at the lake with the youngsters (depicted pictorially here) can give ample proof to this accepted fact.

Although swimming is the most enjoyed by youngsters taking part in the present program, it is quite certain that additional outdoor winter activities could be equally as enjoyable to them. That funds are not allocated for this in the community is unfortunate.

BESIDES swimming at Kent Lake in Kensington Park two days a week on the present summer schedule, youngsters have an opportunity to take part in supervised play sports and crafts, and also playgrounds two other days of the week. The fifth day of the week is reserved for field trips. Trips to the Detroit Zoo, Briggs Stadium to see a baseball game and an excursion to Boblo Island were taken this summer.

With little money left, only a modest winter program can be offered. Last year the two winter high school gymnasiums were opened for supervised play Saturdays for ten weeks. During Christmas vacation the gyms were also opened to youngsters for two weeks with supervision of activities being provided by the PARC. Much more could have been offered but the cash box was empty.

WITH THE growth of this program, the number taking part in the recreation program has naturally accelerated equally as fast. A total of 5,380 were transported to the lake

for swimming during this summer program, just concluded.

Approximately 3,000 were handled at the eight school playgrounds used during the six-week schedule.

Another 2,100 were taken on the three days where the program is open to children 8 through 15 years of age, PARC Director Warren Pieche said.

Since it must be geared to meet the needs of the community

for younger children (8-11), very

few of the older children (12-15)

take part in the present summer program.

There are two separate programs—one for the younger children and another for those in the older age group—it is quite certain that at least 50 per cent more would be taking part, Director Pieche indicated.

THE TOTAL amount of money which the recreation commission has allocated for its year-round program is approximately \$80,000. More than half of this comes from the United Foundation. Last year the PARC received \$4,700 from this source.

Farmington township contributed \$2,100 and the city of Farmington, \$750. Based on an estimated population of 25,000, this means that the township is contributing about 8 per cent for recreation. Much more could have been offered but the cash box was empty.

A gratis contribution of \$450

was made by the Farmington Board of Education boosts this total slightly. The board also

recently concluded summer program: (1) Seven bus drivers who also serve as supervisors at the lake and on field trips; and (2) Eight playground supervisors—\$2,850; director's salary, \$500. This makes a total of \$6,270.

These figures were compiled by a leading planning consultant serving the communities in the area.

Even including the money provided by the United Foundation, the cost of outfitting for recreation at Farmington is only slightly over 27¢.

WHAT DOES IT COST to conduct the summer recreation program presently provided in Farmington?

Here are figures supplied by Director Pieche on the cost of

outlay for recreation in com-supervision alone for the re-

lative can be provided in the way of recreation for either children or adults the other 46 weeks of the year.

Sustaining larger allocations to the city and township out of present general budget funds, a special tax levy specifically for recreation or a program operated privately and paid for by those taking part appears to be the solution.

The latter solution, tried in other communities in the past, has not proven too successful, officials in the community rec-

ommendation field have indicated.

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