

Livonian Modern Captain Kidd Unearths Treasure

One of the most popular contests ever staged in the Livonia area came to an abrupt end Thursday when a 43-year-old self-employed excavator unearched Wonderland's Center's "Buried Treasure."

George Badder, of 15232 Melrose, found a \$1,000 Wonderland Center check which had been secretly buried March 29. Badder, a Livonia resident since 1938, discovered the check after three days of probing vacant fields near the giant shopping center.

The cache was buried nearly two feet deep and 25 feet behind the Terrace Theatre parking lot on Plymouth Road, a short distance from Wonderland.

Badder probed the area with a metal rod and then dug up the one-pound cookie can, in which the check was concealed, with his bare hands.

After a hurried trip to Wonderland, he called his wife, Thelma, who refused to believe that he had found the check. Badder struck "pay dirt" at approximately 3:30 p.m.

More than 50,000 telephone calls were received during the 16-day search in which an estimated 7,500 persons literally dug up the entire city.

Ernie Epps, Wonderland promotion director and originator of the treasure hunt, called it "the most exciting promotion ever staged at the seven-year-old center. 'We



COLD CASH — Mr. and Mrs. George Badder, of 15232 Melrose, Livonia, split the loot gained from the discovery of a \$1,000 check secretly buried last month by Wonderland Center. Badder found the check behind the Terrace Theatre Thursday.

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Ladywood Wins Award

by Janet Lawrence '68

Beth Gizynski, junior at Ladywood High School received the Grand Award at the Detroit Metropolitan Science Fair at Cobo Hall on April 13.

Besides Beth's Grand award, Ladywood science and math students took the top in four out of seven divisions. Grand award winner Beth Gizynski placed first in the math division. Karen Howze won first in Health and Medicine, Margie Bruski was first in chemistry, and Gloria Romanowski took the first place in the Botany Division.

Runner-up winners in these divisions were also taken by Ladywood students. In Math, Debbie Carrelli; Chemistry, Janet Kula; Health and Science, Cynthia Bruza.

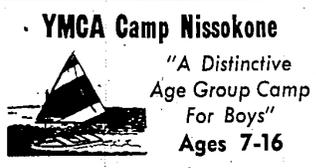
Mary Jane Herb won the eighth place in the Math Competition.

Both Gizynski will represent Detroit at the International Science Fair in San Francisco in May. She will be accompanied by her instructor, Sister Mary Bonaville, CSSR, head of the science department at Ladywood.

In her Grand Award project Beth searched for the similarities in the coefficient of the binomial expansion to a fractional power.

Gloria Romanowski's project centered around the photosynthesis of algae. She used chromatography. Margie Bruski and Janet Kula also worked with chromatography. Janet was concerned with the pigments found in certain microorganisms and Margaret dealt with the different eye pigments found in different strains of Drosophila.

Karen Howze worked with fruit flies to study the effects of radiation on the offspring of fruit flies. She used the chemical system to determine the inhibition of mutations or the role of mutations after radiation.



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The building, serving Detroit and surrounding Wayne County is located on Detroit's west side at 22220 W. Warren.

Sunday's party, sponsored by the organization, will start at 2 p.m. and will be held at the Inkster Easter Seal Building, 2545 Hyde Park.

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