

Farmington Scouts Provide:

# Camping Trip Is Experience

A tall, ruddy-faced youth wearing shirt and pants with a red kerchief is picking up sticks and twigs for that night's campfire.

Walking along the wildlife trail in Proud Lake State Re-

creation Area in Commerce Township, John C. Kicks a soft-wood branch. He reaches down, fumbles a bit, and adds another piece of fuel to his bundle. John's friend and Boy Scout adviser sights a lone hickory

branch and says:

"You know, hard wood makes less smoke, so let's add this piece."

Doug Lawshe, one of six Farmington Explorer Scouts leading the campout, picks up the stick and puts it under John's arm.

Wearing a very gracious smile, John accepts the hickory.

He would have never been able to single out that branch among the others along the trail.

John C. is one of 13 blind youngsters who recently camped two days and a night at the Plymouth State Home and Training School camp grounds at Proud Lake.

"THE MORE different kinds of stimulation that the youngsters experience," said Mrs. Sandra McClellene, Plymouth State Home blind program director, "the more opportunity to learn what life is all about."

## Pair Enrolls At Hillsdale

Two Farmington girls are enrolled this year at Hillsdale College.

The two are Daria Manchuk, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Apollo Manchuk, 26374 Kilarua, a graduate of North Farmington High, and Pamela Stuart, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles T. Stuart, 34113 Brittany Dr., a graduate of Farmington High School.

"For the blind youth, it's impossible to experience life through sight—so the only way they can learn is to go out and feel and smell and hear." Mrs. McClellene explained that the youngsters who were able to go camping are those functioning at a higher level than other retarded youths. They are the teens who have learned social graces and manners and are more able to care for themselves.

"Some of those youngsters will be able to live a less sheltered life after more outside experience," Mrs. McClellene said.

However, moving from the institutional world to a home life is not easy for retarded persons.

Mrs. Frances Jackson, assistant program director, said: "There can be problems of adjustment when a child has been totally institutionalized, because he develops an idealistic picture of a home that does not really exist."

Mrs. Jackson explains that in an institution people can become very dependent. Decisions are made for them and quarrels are settled in a sterile situation.

THERE ARE 110 children

## Police Warn Of Stolen Furnishings

Several pieces of rare antiques valued at more than \$3,000 were stolen last week from a Farmington Township decorator's showroom.

George Kroesing, Orchard Lake owner of Consulting Designers, Inc., of 31435 Northwestern Highway, told police that two hand-carved teakwood chairs and a love seat valued at \$1,000 each were missing Thursday morning. He also said that a lamp, an oil painting and other decorating accessories were stolen sometime between 1 p.m., Oct. 2 and 9 a.m., Oct. 3.

Police believe entrance was gained by breaking a rear window of the showroom office building.

Because of the one-of-a-kind nature of the stolen antiques disposing of the property will be difficult, police said.

Both chairs and the love seat are upholstered in vanilla-colored fabric with gold embroidered flowers, Kroesing said.

Other stolen items were described as a 49-inch lamp with hand-carved brass base, a 12-inch carved Mexican jewel box with brass handles, oil painting of a girl with red hair and an orange jacket and two cigarette boxes and ashtrays.



CAMP FIRE — Blind students collected assorted timbers for evening's ghost stories.



COOKING — Farmington Explorer Scouts planned and supervised camp-out for 13 blind Scouts from Plymouth State Home and Training School. Left to right are Greg Goshorn, John Kempf, Doug Lawshe, Robert Crain and Ken Lawshe.



HAMBURGER KING — Outdoor living seems to bring on an appetite.

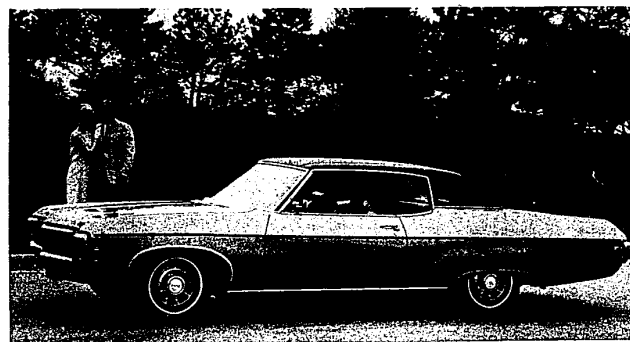


CLEAN-UP — Scouts learn that work comes with play as after dinner clean-up falls to two volunteers.



MUTUAL AID — Explorers lead scouts to the swimming area at Kensington Metropolitan

Park where everyone swam for more than an hour.



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