

# Have Official YMCA Branch

On June 24, the Farmington Area YMCA was granted official recognition as a branch of the Metropolitan Detroit YMCA by the Metropolitan Board of Directors.

The appointment of David Comfort as the Farmington Area YMCA's first Executive Director was also announced. He and his wife Diane will be residents of Farmington.

September 1, when Comfort will begin his new assignment. In a report, given by Bob Williams and Jack Cotton, the rapid growth of the Farmington Y was apparent. Attendance at the FATAAC, the teen program, has climbed from 150 a week to 400 a week. Present facilities have been completely outgrown. Over 1500 teens a month participate in the program.

Fifteen backyard pools with 21 hours of instruction make a possible swimming instruction to both youth and adults. About 250 people are enrolled in this program. Karen Lancia is the Aquatic Instructor. By summer's end, the Y will have served a capacity of 160 boys and girls in the Day Camp program, with Don Otto as Camp Director.

CAMP OHIVESA and Camp Nissakone are also being used by Farmington residents. From Riffing to Horse Back Riding to Canoe Tripping, etc., people have been enjoying the use of the camps. Thirty youngsters and several families have attended.

A new program, Tripping, is held every Wednesday. With good attendance already assured, close to 200 youngsters will have enjoyed trips to the Ford Plant, Belle Isle, Children's Museum, the Zoo and a special Mystery Trip.

The age for golf instruction was lowered, because of lack of response from the older teens, to accommodate the younger teens.

"Summer Fun Days," a non-competitive, semi-directed program was begun each Tuesday morning from 10 a.m. to 12 noon for Y members who wished to drop in for archery, crafts, field games, stories, etc. Attendance has ranged from 80 to 53, and those attending seem to be repeating each week. Mrs. Rita Moshammer is supervising this program, assisted by FATAAC and other High School leaders.

EIGHTH GRADE school girls spent a week in a sewing class with Mrs. Irene MacKinnon. Ending the week with their own fashion show, it seemed that both mothers and daughters found much benefit here.

Rose Berberian has worked steadily, creating new programs and attempting to understand the needs specified by the various program committees.

As time goes by, it becomes more apparent that the demand for programs and services far exceeds the present resources of the staff and facilities.

Mr. A. Charles Wise, Program Extension Director, says that with a strong staff and a strong board of management, the future of the Farmington Area YMCA looks bright indeed.

The Conservation Department's cost of fighting forest fires in 1964 totaled \$80,828. This figured out to \$4.68 per acre burned, or \$65.87 for every fire brought under control.



THE TOBACCO PLANTS growing in the garden of Theodore Seldon of Farmington are being inspected above by his daughter, Mary Lou Seldon (left), and her grandmother, Mrs. John DeMink. The plants were brought from Kentucky and transplanted by Mr. Seldon during the second week of June and, apparently, have thrived.

## Tobacco Plants Grow Successfully in Twp.

Township resident Theodore A. Seldon of 30102 West 10 Mile in Farmington has seven healthy plants of Kentucky Burley Tobacco growing in the garden around his home.

Gardening being his hobby, Mr. Seldon became curious as to whether or not tobacco, chiefly a southern product, would be able to survive in the changeable Michigan weather. So, on their way back home from returning son, Ted, to military duty at Fort Knox, Ky., the Seldon family stopped at Col. Anderson's Plantation in Union City, Ky. and acquired the Kentucky Burley Tobacco plants.

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