

## Y Offers Family Camping Facility

Family camping has become one of the most attractive forms of family vacationing over the last few years. Each year, increasing numbers of families are vacationing at the lake side or sea shore. Their equipment usually varies from a simple ground tent to five-ton trailer packed with the latest camping gear. Some have found this mode of camping more tiring than relaxing as one must travel hundreds of miles to reach the best camping areas, only to find them filled to capacity.

How often have you heard "Mom," say, "If I could only get out of this hot kitchen there are only five more weeks to camp starts!"

YMCA camping has been expanded to include not only the boy or girl who needs two weeks of outdoor life, but the entire family as well. Camp Oh-

yes, owned and operated by the Metropolitan Detroit YMCA, is located near Holy Mich. on the shore of Lake Michigan. The hour from the Metropolitan Area.

Any family who attends Camp Ohyes's family camp is assigned a private screened cabin. There is a minimum of cleanup necessary, just a daily "sweep-out" of the food. There is abundant, fresh and whole-some and has received enthusiastic approval of both campers and parents. Nothing is spared to keep a reputation of serving the best food, and "Mom" can enjoy a rest away from that "hot kitchen." All food is served family style.

The Ohyes staff is comprised of carefully selected college men and women. Many of them are leaders in Christian organization on their campuses. In addition, an adult staff is composed of teachers and "Y" secretaries who serve in an administrative capacity.

## Festival

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PAT "MAD CAP" Murphy of WXYZ will participate in the Founders Festival. On Thursday evening he will crown the winner of the 1968 contest and will MC the FATAAC sponsored dance. He will serve as a judge to pick the winner of the 1968 growing contest Friday night.



## FARMINGTON Socially Speaking

by Kathy Ziska GR 4-7261

It's always a joy to see or hear of someone in your area make good and so with the promotion of Edward Dobzyniak on his appointment to Sheet Metal and Interior Stamping Purchasing Agent at American Motors. To him go our congratulations and best wishes.

With sending a son, Allen, through medical school we know the promotion was welcomed by the family which consists of Vi who received a diploma recently at the Business School Administration Dinner in Lansing.

All the wives were awarded an authentic degree reading "Hereafter, let it be known that as a graduate of the School of Business Administration of Michigan State University, Violet Dobzyniak (and there were many more names on the list) hereafter to be known as Professional Executive Oikologist" (which was interpreted to them as Chief Cook and Bottle Washer).

THE SON, Allen, is coming along in Medical School—first attending Western Reserve in Cleveland and now at Marquette University in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, for the spring and summer.

The high spot of the three days comes Saturday in a huge parade that is expected to outdo anything presented in the area thus far during the spring and summer.

There'll be bands, floats, marching units and a everything else that goes with a community parade with the procession slated to start at 10 a.m. The parade will move from Main Street and Grand River, west to Farmington Road, north to Shawanaw, east to City Park at Powers Road and then back west to Main Street.

It will be followed by a program at which Farmington Honors its Own and climaxed by a luncheon at the Governor William Milliken.

During the afternoon, there will be softball games at City Park. Boys' baseball games beginning at 4 p.m. at the same field and then the big chicken barbecue sponsored by the Jaycees at the City Park from 4 to 7 p.m.

In the evening there will be a band concert at 8 p.m. in City Park, based on the lights at 8 p.m. and the finale will be square dancing at 9 in the downtown Farmington Center parking lot.

If you like fun, recreation and relaxation, you can't afford to miss Farmington's annual Founders Festival—it's worth the time and effort to attend.

Foot Ships, Takes Trip to Boisford

William Edward West, 58, of 20741 Truck Road, Farmington, had an unexpected trip to Boisford General Hospital last week following an accident involving his foot. He slipped off the brake pedal and struck a truck driven by Tony Car, 50, of Dearborn Heights in the rear.

The truck then struck a car driven by Ann May Brenick, 52, of 28352 Quail Hollow, Farmington.

Brownies See Play at Ft Up

A Brownie Fly to with a twist. That's what Farmington Brownie Troop 1038 Leaders Mrs. Sam Begian and Mrs. Lorne Jenks wanted to do.

Thus they involved the first year Brownies who were not flying in a play complete with costumes. The cast for this production was: Denise Baranay, Annette Fitch, Brenda Fox, Susan Herbach, Jacquelyn Jenks, Linda Kobel, Bonnie Prochaska, Peggy Ryan, Sheri Sterling, Kathy Wallace, Claire Windgar, Stephani Garbin and Ann Tillema.

Following this, seven members of the troop flew up to become Junior Scouts. They are: Janet Atkinson, Debbie Begian, Melinda Culham, Leslie Jayne, Cheryl Prochaska, Suzanne Skert and Gretchen Bednusz.

his second year of graduate medical school. Brian, their youngest son is 15 and starting his first year at North Farmington High School.

All of this and does Dad sit back and count his blessings? No, he's spending his time at Oakland University working on his Masters Degree in Business Administration.

VACATIONING at the home of their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Krantz at the farmhands in Junction City, Kansas, are Carol and Allen, son and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Kramer of Cumberland Drive.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Kramer returned while their vacation and they'll be coming back as soon as the airlines get going again to fly them back. At the home of Dorothy and Arthur Williams, vacationing are their two oldest grand children, Robert, 15, and George, 13, from Belleville.

Fascinating to say the least is thinking about Christmas at this time of year but to have a Christmas in July? Well, this is what the Fun Committee of Beechview Swim Club dreamed up.

The committee consisted of Marie and Chuck Evans, Peggy and Dick Luky, Bob and Sandra Baum and Richard and Mary May who did a bang-up job on planning.

First, there was a parade through Beechview Sub. Kimberly, Lincolnshire and Springfield Sub., which concludes most of the parade. Santa Jim Wimer, led the parade of six convertibles through the areas announcing the doing, followed by Christmas Carol, Rev. Evans and another convertible of little angels.

The Eve of Christmas (in July and the Pool) white elephant gifts which were brought in by members were distributed by elves of the Fun Committee.

The Decorations Committee, whose Christmas Sub. Jeanne Martello, did such a bang-up job on decorations that cars driving along the expressway were a little befuddled with all the red and green Christmas lights strung and to view Jolly old Saint in every direction at the pool. Nicholas and his reindeer strutting on the roof of the pool clubhouse, it would get even a teetotaler wondering if he should start embarking.

BOB ZULLO and Bob Baum donated about 30 Christmas presents that were distributed among lucky ticket bearers and 100 young oldsters enjoyed the latest in music by the Fifth Dimensions Orchestra—Christmas Carols and all.

The work of about 35 individuals was very rewarding for a most successful Christmas in July. To kind of rest up after the big affair, plans were made for a Family Picnic on Sunday at the Beechview Swim Club. To get in touch with them for any reason, like if you want to become a member, call Raymond Duda at 474-8842.

Speaking of swim clubs, if you have attended a meet at the Kendallwood Swim Club and wondered who that professional sounding announcer of the swim events is, it's their own member and pleased they are to have the George Cairns family as members.

## Area Flood Report Calls for Quick Action

Farmington's flood plains figure prominently in a report by the Detroit Metropolitan Area Regional Planning Commission on Flood Plains Reconnaissance Study in the four-county area—Macomb, Oakland, Wayne and Washtenaw.

The extensive study makes six recommendations—which apply to the four-county area and the basins of the Clinton River, the Rouge River, the Huron River and the Raisin River. These are:

Local governments undertake certain steps to further the study of flood plains and not rely on the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers due to a time and money shortage.

Immediate adoption of recommended portion of studies in each river basin.

Use of private engineering consultants to undertake needed studies.

Installation of crest gages and automatic stream level recording gages.

Cooperation in the on-going Regional Planning Commission's Rain and Stream Gage Committee program, and.

Development of model ordinances for the control of land in flood-hazard areas.

Both the City of Farmington and Farmington Township have implemented or are in the process of implementing portions of the above recommendations.

In the City of Farmington there is a River Valley Classification included in the master plan and its zoning does not allow construction in an area in which it is estimated a flood will occur every 75 years.

The exception is the apartment project recently given the go-ahead by the City Council, but this is designed to be built on columns and will not reduce the basin capacity and is high enough off the ground so that it would not be affected in the case of flooding.

This proposal was thoroughly checked out by the City's Engineers for safety before it was given the go-ahead.

In the City some homes have been built on the flood plain. In some instances in these homes the owners have been required to sign waivers stating they are aware that there is the possibility of

flooding on their property and absolving the city of any liability for damage.

Farmington Township has been working with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers on various sections of the flood plains, and there is currently a project underway to deepen one of the channels of the Rouge River with the federal government, the Township and the city all paying a portion of the cost.

Plans for new developments in the Township are routinely referred to Pate, Hira and Bogue, the engineers, for their approval before being given the go-ahead by the Township authorities. In addition, all new developments in Northern Farmington Township are now required to have ponding areas so that the need for storm sewers is reduced and residents of the southern portions of the north end of the Township will not be washed away by lack of a flood plain area above them.

The report from the metropolitan commission asserts that "as the areas of land along the rivers and their tributaries have been developed for residential, commercial, industrial and public facilities such as parks, play areas and educational facilities, there has been no wide spread coordinated effort in the region to properly preserve the flood plains along the streams."

"This has been due mainly to the lack of knowledge of the effect of destruction of the natural plain areas."

In the City of Farmington all such requests for permission to backfill the area must go to the City Council. In fact, recently the Council gave somewhat reluctant approval with stringent restrictions to the LaSalle Winery to backfill the area at their loading dock to provide more room for the trucks.

On a map of study priorities just about all the tributaries of the Rouge River in Farmington Township are cited although the study notes that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers have placed five or six of these specific areas on their Michigan priority list for study.

Some of the specific drainage areas cited in the study are: Minnow Pond Drain; Seely Ditch; Tarabusi Creek; and Pebble Creek and its various branches. Most of these are on the Army Corps of Engineers list.

In conclusion the report recommends that on the Rouge River basin in Oakland County:

The Corps of Engineers' flood plain information study of the Upper Rouge River in the City of Farmington (done in 1963—one of the first such studies in the country) shows computed profiles and areas which would be flooded under several different storm conditions.

"Such reports, while serving the purpose for which they were made do not provide the desired continuity. They do not extend far enough upstream or furnish enough information to properly design artificial storm drains leading to the stream channels. Some additional Corps studies are nearing completion and others are about to begin in this basin which will correct part of the deficiencies. Extensions of the studies to their upstream with inclusion of some of the branches of the major stream, are needed."

Schedule Picnic

The Senior Citizens Social Club of Farmington will hold a picnic at Bowman's Farm Cupboard on Inkster Rd. beginning at 1:30 p.m. July 28. A buffet supper will be served.

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