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Michigan's Camps Prepare for Busy Summer Schedule

The first day of spring will serve as a reminder to many parents that the 1948 camping season is only ninety days away, and that most of the better camps in Michigan are now advising prospects that they will have to accept places on a waiting list. March 20 through March 22 is the National Camping Week as sponsored by the American Camping Association. Colorful posters are being displayed topped by the slogan "Camping for Freedom", and showing a boy and a girl setting forth on a most interesting adventure.

The Birmingham branch of the Detroit YMCA states that materials are now available for Camps Ohyesa, Nisookone and Hayo-Went-Ha at 139 West Maple Street. Brochures, dates and information letters serve to give parents first hand information about these three Y camps which have grade A-1 ratings in Michigan.

Local Boys Enroll

John L. Stone, director of Camp Nisookone on Lake Van Etten, lists the following Birmingham boys among the campers coming from five states to the beautiful Philip Gray Memorial Camp near Okoda. These include: Albert, John and Leo Butts; Bishop, Gordon Baker, Nicholas Bodor, Donald Chaffee, Jeffery W. Cawford, Richard Griffith, Charles and William Hoke, Charles Hummel, Robert Kelly, Billy Rutten, Robert Sauer, Thomas Sheehan, Donald and Richard Palkes, Tim Usher, Edwin Mulder, Bob Stevenson, Dale and Jay Simmons and John Appleford.

Eugene Hubbard, Baldwin High School teacher, who will direct the program at Camp Ohyesa again this year, states that registrations are now being received for all periods of the camp located on Fish Lake in Oakland County.

Camp Hayo-Went-Ha, on Torch Lake, in northwest Michigan is the State YMCA camp under the direction of Cliff "Cap" Drury. This camp has always played host to a group of Birmingham boys among whom will be Bruce, Paul and Ralph Doerren, this season.

Y Camp Director John Maynard, president of the Oakland County YMCA Camp, Inc., states that Sid Geal will again direct camp Maho-Go-Tah-See and has brochures, information letters and registration cards at the camp office, 111 Community National Bank Building at Pontiac.

Because camping plays such an important part in the lives of youngsters, educators and urging parents to investigate the possibilities of a camp experience for them and give them this type of character education which has proven to be so vital over the years.

Edwin F. Kirbert of the Birmingham YMCA will be glad to give parents information concerning any of the above named camps. Either a telephone call or personal visit to his office may help solve your problem or answer perplexing questions.

Postal Ban Does Not Affect CARE Parcels to Berlin

Ethel Polk, executive director of the Detroit CARE Committee, has announced that Birmingham residents, wishing to send CARE packages into the Berlin area, may continue to do so. This announcement is made to inform the public that the recent temporary ban on mailing packages to Berlin, issued by the Post office, does not influence the CARE service.

"The organization has its own system of shipping and stockpiling abroad and its parcels are not handled by the international parcel post as all CARE parcels," said Miss Polk, "are now being flown into Berlin at the rate of 40,000 per month. American Overseas Airlines, British European Airways and Seaboard and Western Airlines carry the parcels from CARE's warehouses in Berlin and Frankfurt."

Due to the added expense of the airtift, food parcels, normally priced at \$10 are rated at \$12.50 in the Berlin area. The CARE land package has one dollar added to its \$4.75 cost in this area, also. Local residents may place orders for any of these CARE parcels going to the Berlin area through the Detroit CARE Committee, 153 E. Elizabeth, Detroit. Miss Polk explained.

The stinger of a honey-bee continues to bare deeper into the human skin even after the bee itself has been pulled away and the stinger is no longer attached to it.

We Heard It Said By:

John A. Johnson, Birmingham city editor, in "The Eccentric's" recent article, speculating on the three California redwood trees I plan to plant here this spring and what implications there may be in this planting, has caused considerable interest in other communities. The other evening in Milford I was approached by several persons who had heard about the article and thus were interested in the project.

Typical Events Which Take Place at the Community House



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Today the "Committee of 400" moves into action to raise a \$30,880 budget to be used for the operation and maintenance of Birmingham Community House facilities during the coming year.

The above three photos illustrate the varied uses to which the Community House is put:

TOP: Youth activity plays an important part in the life of the House. The Ranch Room is the teen-agers' hangout after school and on Friday and Saturday nights. In a bull session are (left to right) Ted Linnets, Jim Davitt, Bill Clemens, Bob Waterland, Frank Lenker, Jim Terrian, Roy Yeager and Doug McIntosh (back turned).

MIDDLE: Young adult groups also enjoy House facilities. The 19-30 Club (for local residents between the ages of 19 and 30, many of whom are World War II veterans), is one such club. 19-30 Clubbers in the photo are (L to R) Eleanor Fernie, Robert Mosley, Shirley Koozts, John Walrath and Dorothy Bowen.

BOTTOM: Many adult organizations meet regularly at the House, as illustrated by this photo of the Newcomers Club, formed little more than a year ago but which is one of the liveliest in town. Many of its 250 members are working on the "Roll Call".

Eccentric Joins News Group With Metro Interests

As an outgrowth of a movement started at the annual winter convention of the Michigan Press Association last January, the MPA now has a third category of member newspapers which incorporates suburban and urban weeklies of the metropolitan areas of the state. All of the newspapers represented in the new group have previously belonged to the MPA for varying lengths of time, but until now have been cut with the country weeklies in all association activities.

Because it was felt that many of the problems of the small newspapers operating in the area directly influenced by large dailies are foreign to papers of the rural areas, a small committee of metropolitan-minded publishers, headed by Frank S. Worthington of the Wyandotte Tribune, began organizational procedure at last winter's meeting in Lansing.

One of the main problems confronting the new amalgamation is that of gaining full recognition of the suburban and neighborhood weekly as a potent outlet for national advertising by agencies and their manufacturing clients.

To discuss this and other problems, a meeting was held at the Detroit Leland Hotel in Detroit. Thirty persons representing the newspapers were in attendance. These included Don Eck, manager of the National Editor's Association and treasurer of its affiliated National Advertising Service, and Warren Griggs, director of the NAS office in Detroit. Both men addressed the group and took part in the discussions. Bertram and Worthington were again in charge of the meeting.

During the business proceedings Worthington was elected permanent chairman, Hal F. Buege, advertising manager of the Birmingham Eccentric, was elected secretary and Mrs. John W. Clark, of the Northville Record, treasurer.

Budding Gables and Carbs Given Chance To Prove Abilities

Young people of Birmingham, with a longing for fame and fortune by way of the theatre, will have a chance to put their talent to a test according to an announcement made by Corinne B. Ferguson, representative of the Children's Theatre of Detroit. Anyone between the ages of 18 and 25 may enter this contest which is sponsored by the Detroit group, a branch of the Clare Tree Major Children's Theatre in New York.

An open contest will be held in the Detroit Masonic Temple on Monday, April 25, with the most talented heard there being sent on to the state contest to be held in Lansing in May.

Ten contestants will represent the Metropolitan Detroit area. These will be chosen through an elimination contest scheduled to be held privately on April 18. The winner of the state contest will be given a scholarship in the National Academy of Theatre Arts, which is directed by Clare Tree Major.

Localities who wish to enter the contest may arrange for readings by contacting Mrs. Ferguson who is chairman of the contest committee, at 653 Book building, Detroit. Others who are serving on the committee include Mrs. John Pringle, Mrs. Daniel Knott, Mrs. Patrick A. Callahan, Mary Leitch, Vincent Gage and William Ely.

Vielle Trio to Give Concert of Chamber Music at Cranbrook

On Friday evening, April 8, at 8:15, there will be a concert of chamber music in the assembly hall of Cranbrook School. Music of the Middle Ages and the Renaissance will be played by the famous Vielle Trio, assisted by Du Bose Robertson, tenor.

Founded 15 years ago in Europe as the Fiedel Trio, the present Vielle Trio was organized in 1947 following the interrupting of its activities by the war. In pre-war years it performed in 14 European countries and recorded in France and Germany. It has performed extensively in this country for enthusiastic audiences and is the only ensemble in the United States specializing in the interpretation of Gothic and Renaissance music, playing some of the instruments of those periods.

Members of the Vielle Trio are Beatrice Dohme, its founder, playing alto-vielle and viola, Frans Sledzieton, tenor, and Werner Landshoff, tenor, contra-tenor vielle and cello. Du Bose Robertson, tenor, is an integral part of the ensemble, as Renaissance music was mostly written for voice and instruments.

The instruments are modern reproductions of vielles made after old instruments, drawings and descriptions studied for many years by Miss Dohme. The program will be comprised of 16th and 15th century work for vielles and two works for modern instruments from the 18th and 19th centuries.

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