

# YWCA Overnight Camp Draws 76

A total of 76 youngsters attended the overnight camp at Camp Olyria last Thursday and Friday, an enjoyable two days of boating, canoeing, sports, and games.

The treasure hunt which is the annual feature of the outdoor program found John Colmar, 787 Oakland as the winner of the boys' section and Mary Seyferth, 22050 Fourteen Mile, as the winner of the girls' section.

Other prize winners for finding the largest number of hidden cards were given Fritzie Harris, 22095 West Fourteen Mile; John Hornor, 1572 Emmons; Larry Johnson, 1487 Ruffner, Dennis Collins, 1390 Edgewood, Judy Hall, 870 Watkins; Phil and Greg Russell, 1358 Edgewood, Michael Hornor, 815 Hupp Cross, Teddy Egner, 1272 Edgewood, and Marie Berchert, 830 Watkins.

The stunt program at the Thursday night campfire was won by Joanne Polhemus, cabin led by Judy Hewitt. Parents of the

youngsters supplied the transportation and meals were prepared by the camp cooks. The program was handled by Doris Harris and Edwin Kirbert of the 'Y' staff.

## To Get New Police Car

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## Hills to Ballot on \$1,750,000 Bond Issue

In a stormy session Monday night, the Bloomfield Hills board of education voted to place a \$1,750,000 bond issue before the district voters on Nov. 23.

Purpose of the bond issue is to finance a proposed new 23 room junior-senior high school and a four-room project to complete the elementary school at Wing Lake.

Also going on the ballot is a provision to increase the tax rate by 8 1/2 mills for a period of five years from 1954 to 1959, and 10 mills for a period of 15 years from 1959 to 1974, to provide funds for retirement of the bonds.

At present, the rate for school taxes in the district is \$122.70 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation. Passage of the bond issue will raise this rate to \$21.20 per \$1,000 assessed valuation, according to Supt. of Schools Eugene L. Johnson.

JOHNSON ADDED that the foregoing millage is figured on a basis of 75 per cent collection of taxes. He stated, actually, tax collections have run better than 90 percent.

If this trend continues it would mean that surpluses for the retirement of the bonds could be built up, and the millage rate could be substantially reduced, said Johnson.

A division of the \$1,750,000 shows a budget of \$1,500,000 for construction of the high school and \$250,000 for the Wing Lake completion. This will leave \$45,000 as a contingent fund for defraying attorney fees, etc.

THE MOTION of the board to include both building projects on one proposal was greeted by both acclaim and protest by an audience of more than 50 persons.

Mrs. Irving MacKenzie, board trustee, in opposition to the remainder of the board, declared, "We should consider very seriously before taking the step of lumping these proposals into a package deal and trying to force it on the citizens."

"The electorate should be given the opportunity of deciding, separately from the high school, whether the completion of Wing Lake school is the best thing for the children of this district."

SHE ADDED that she felt that the sum set aside for the Wing Lake completion could be put to better use by building an entirely new elementary school at a later date.

She said she believes the board should reconsider its decision to complete Wing Lake school at this time.

Board President Edward Proctor told Mrs. MacKenzie, "We've been talking about this for three years—through seven board members and two superintendents—all have agreed to the need for completion of the Wing Lake school except you. I think that should suggest something to you, Mrs. MacKenzie."

Henry Woolfenden, a member of the citizens' committee on buildings and sites for the school district, took the floor to say, "I can't see any constructive purpose in tying the two building projects into one proposal. I think the citizens should be given the chance to vote separately on the high school and the Wing Lake addition."

BOARD SECRETARY David Lee responded that the board considers both projects necessary to the solution of the district's need for more classrooms.

"If for one choose to stand or fall on what the board considers necessary for the educational needs of this community," Lee said.

Proctor added, "It is our duty to put before the voters a proposition for expansion that we feel is best to solve the problems of the district. That is what we have done. We would be compromising the trust placed in us if we changed our decision."

Johnson told the gathering, "This bickering is getting us nowhere. If we don't get together in a constructive way, we will not be keeping faith with our children in providing them with the facilities they need for their education."

The board voted to place both building projects in a single proposition calling for bonding the district for the \$1,750,000 amount.

### Sign Dump Lease

A lease agreement for the rental of the Walker gravel pit property on East Maple has been formally approved by both the City of Birmingham, owner of the property, and the Southeastern Oakland County Garbage and Rubbish Authority. The city will receive payment of \$5,000 for rental of the property for rubbish disposal.

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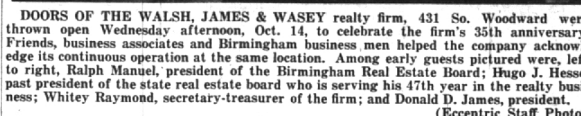
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## Birmingham Lions Map Work Meet to Repair Cabin at Springdale

A work meeting is scheduled by the Birmingham Lions club to make needed repairs on the Girl Scout cabin in Springdale Park. The bee will be Wednesday afternoon, Oct. 23. A new coat of varnish will be spread on the cabin and a new roof put on.

"The committee is providing hot dogs and coffee for the busy bees," a club spokesman said, "and we'll be able to find something to do for every man who comes along." The club added that Hugo Cloutier had donated an electric range for the cabin and would install it as soon as volunteers would help him get it out there.

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DOORS OF THE WALSH, JAMES & WASEY realty firm, 431 So. Woodward were thrown open Wednesday afternoon, Oct. 14, to celebrate the firm's 35th anniversary. Friends, business associates and Birmingham business men helped the company acknowledge its continuous operation at the same location. Among early guests pictured were, left to right, Ralph Manuel, president of the Birmingham Real Estate Board; Hugo J. Hesse, past president of the state real estate board who is serving his 47th year in the realty business; Whitey Raymond, secretary-treasurer of the firm; and Donald D. James, president. (Eccentric Staff Photo)

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