



"WHERE'LL I put all this stuff?" Don Parry (left) wondered as the family prepares for a three-week camping trip. First in line is Ellen, then Carl, Jamie, and Mrs. Parry. Oldest daughter Shelley wasn't home when the photo was taken.

Vacation Recipe: Mix Scout Training With Family Fun

By RUTH ANNE SILBAR

Take a well-seasoned avocation, blend in a three-week vacation, add four youngsters, a wife, a loaded station wagon, generous amounts of patience, camping equipment, and what have you got?

"A ball!" declares Don Parry of Madison avenue, Birmingham, who leaves this week with his family for Philmont Scout Ranch in Cimarron, N. M.

The Parrys will spend one week going to the volunteer scout leaders training center and one week camping along the "Big Trees," a typical western-styled home with whitewashed glade and a red tile roof, for scout training courses and conferences.

The week they spend at Philmont, Don will be busy in scout leaders conferences and courses for volunteer scout leaders. Janet, his wife, will have a vacation from housekeeping and meal preparation while the four young Parrys can take their choice of many recreational activities.

"PHILMONT, on 300 square miles of land (about 120,000 acres) has all the facilities for a family vacation, scout style. Activities center around the "Big Trees," a typical western-styled home with whitewashed glade and a red tile roof, for scout training courses and conferences.

Families live in a tent city in back of the Big House and get their meals at the ranch cafeteria. "There's no table hopping, either," explains Don. "You eat as a family unit and live as a family unit even though it's in a tent. With everything scratched off their lists, the station wagon loaded, Chico, the family cooker on vacation at the Peabody farm, the two parakeets paroled out, the Parry family are on their way. "But," warned Don beforehand, looking at Jamie, 13, Shelley, 11,

other Parry activity—one in Oakdale Gardens—another in the Jeffries housing project. But he got a "big charge" out of organizing a cub pack in one of Detroit's toughest sections.

The taxi driver who took his lone passenger to the school where the meeting was scheduled, asked apprehensively, "You sure this is where you want to go?" When Don assured him it was, the taxi driver said he'd wait, just to see that the school was open and that Don got in all right.

THE LIONS club is the only local service club that has consistently supported little league baseball, and Don Parry has been in that activity for five years.

At first he umpired, but for the past three years, he has served as head umpire. He has been on the little league board for three years, two of them as vice president. An enthusiastic about little league baseball as he is about scouts, Parry says proudly, "We've got over 1,000 boys playing baseball now."

Don is an excellent square dance caller and puts this talent to work for boys and girls too. Girl scout troops schedule their annual father-daughter banquets on a night that he is free so they can square dance to his calls after dinner.

HE HAS CALLED for young people's church groups, for explorer scout parties, for the young folk at Pontiac State hospital and for the fifth and sixth grade square dances at Adams school. In recognition of his service to Birmingham's young people and his outstanding achievement as chairman of the boys and girls work for the past four years, the Birmingham boys club presented Don Parry with a bronze plaque—an award truly earned and deserved.

He has been co-chairman of the council "Pos-Wow," a training course for leaders of the 510 cub packs in the Detroit Area Council. "It wasn't too long ago," Don recalls, "when we would have 25 men and women in a district training course. Now around 300 turn out. There are now over 80 cub scout packs, with approximately 3,000 cubs in our district."

WHEN ABOUT 100 volunteer men leaders meet at scout camp D-Bar-A, at Metamora for a training session, Don turns into chief cook. "I'm good at cooking spaghetti and the men like my Mulligan stew. Want the recipe?" he asks. "Take 60 pounds of good beef Organizing new cub packs is an

Present Heat Unit For Polio Care

Accepting the new unit as the chairman of the Oakland county polo chapter, the Rev. G. Burton Hodgson of Birmingham, laid week participated in the presentation of a heat therapy unit at St. Joseph Mercy hospital in Pontiac.

The \$1200 unit, a gift of the Ferrdale Exchange club, will be used in the treatment of polio. Other institutions using this type of equipment are Ford hospital, the University hospital and the Detroit Rehabilitation Institute.

Car Brushes Boy

A four-year-old boy was rushed to Beaumont hospital Thursday after being brushed by a car driven by an out-of-town motorist. Kenneth Schetting, of 559 Benaville, received bruises and contusions of the left leg when he was struck as he ran from behind a car parked in front of his home. He was treated and released.

Trains in Germany

Army Pvt. Richard G. Klein-smith recently participated in a field training exercise with the 3rd armored division in Germany. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Klein-smith, live at 28 Hillwood, Bloomfield Hills.

Admitted to Hospital

TIROY.—Mrs. Irene Kolodziej, 36, of 1541 E. Long Lake road, Troy, suffered severe head cuts Saturday morning when she lost control of her auto on John R. swerved across the road and struck a tree. She was admitted to St. Joseph Mercy hospital.

Recognition Denied

Birmingham's city commission decided that property owners on Eton road desiring blacktopping of the parkway there would do so at their own risk. The commission denied any official recognition of the proposed surfacing.

Set Eton Sidewalk Hearing Aug. 27

Public hearing for the proposed construction of a sidewalk on the west side of Eton immediately south of Cole, extending 178 feet, has been set for 8 p.m. Aug. 27 in the Birmingham Municipal building commission room.

Children Enjoy Summer Reading

A total of 371 young readers registered for the summer reading club at Baldwin public library this summer, according to children's librarian Mrs. Kathleen Burgess. Completing the necessary 18 books to reach the top level in the "Dinosaur club" were Sally Jaeger, Penny Reading, Jim Pope, Jack Turncliff, Pam Farlow, Susan Cargill, Susan Walbert, Larry Warrillow, Mary Richardson, Karl Sjalander, Candy Turncliff, Diane Larminye and John McKendry.

Kelley in Germany

Army Pvt. John Kelley, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Kelley, 589 Wallace, Birmingham, recently participated in a field training exercise with the 11th airborne division in Germany.

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