

How often are we tempted, when in a calm or heated discussion, to say a number of things. Actually, though, to participate in discussion by allowing the other person, (a) to do most of the talking is a splendid mental and emotional manner of relaxation.

Boys Upper Teens Club of S'fld Holds Open House Friday

**Open Doors from 7-11 pm
At 23100 Northwestern Hwy**

By WILLIAM H. THOMAS

Boys Upper Teens Club of Southfield (BUTS) will open the doors of its new club house at 23100 Northwestern tomorrow night (Friday) from 7-11 p.m. so that interested Southfield residents may learn more about the club, its activities and its objectives.

The idea for BUTS—a club for boys between 15 and 19—was born late in March of this year and first organizational meeting was held April 9.

Club Advisor Jerry Huellmantel, largely responsible for the club's organization and for its continued success, interested service clubs and governmental officials in the club and thereby built up a sponsorship so strong that it would seem almost impossible for the club to fail.

Among those backing the club are: Kiwanis; Rotary; Parents; Lions; Exchange; Northland Chamber of Commerce; Southfield police; Optimists; Southfield school board; and Southfield township.

DARK HOUR for the club came shortly after organizing when, meeting in the Southfield 10 school in members' homes, the original membership of 70 began to fade away.

New vitality came when Dick Connell offered the boys the use of a no-longer-used used car lot building at 23100 Northwestern until June 1, 1957, when the building will be torn down for commercial development.

Now, with membership built back up to 80 members, the boys see a great future for their club and are working hard for that future.

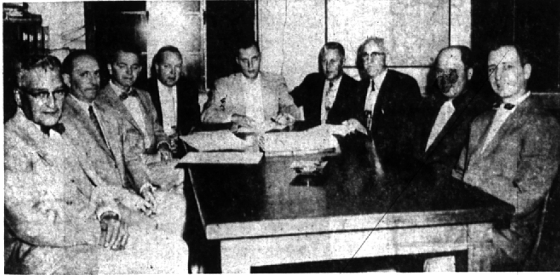
CONNELL has offered them the use of the building's materials when it is torn down. Huellmantel says there are \$10,000 worth of building materials if used for a new club house at another location, or about \$4,500 if the material is sold to professional salvagers.

A professional architect, Clarence Durbin, has offered to draw plans for the boys' new club house when they find out where they will relocate. Huellmantel, remembering that BUTS is a club for ALL Southfield boys, wants to build on a lot closer to the township's geographical center.

At present a \$1 per member monthly dues plus money from coin machines pay expenses, such as water, heat, lights and other overhead.

The boys handle all the cash, have their own checking account, write checks and keep their own books. Furnishings and equipment has been donated piecemeal—the

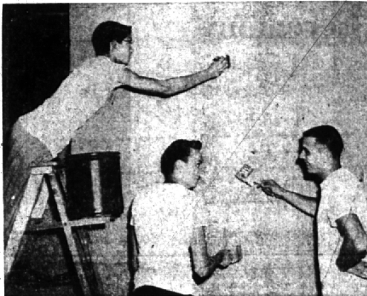
Mr. and Mrs. James D. Blackford of 21777 Mahon avenue, and a sister, Nancy, 20.



BULWARKS OF BUTS is the board of trustees, made up of the various Southfield township service clubs and government representatives. Pictured above (left to right) are: Police Chief Philip LaVigne; David Levine, Northland Chamber of Commerce; Thomas L. Lohan, Optimists; Albert Geeraert, Kiwanis president, and trustee vice president; Perry Huellmantel, board of trustees president and club advisor; John G. Oslund, board treasurer and parent representative; Eugene Swen, township supervisor; Antonio Canterucci, Lions; and Charles Holtsberry, parent representative. Not present were: Sidney E. Schultz, Rotary, and board trustee; E. M. Harlow, Exchange; and Will J. Oliver, Southfield board of education.

and, along with word-of-mouth the work and they make the decisions. The advisors lend a hand only when needed. If it were any other way, we wouldn't have a boys' club.

As Club Advisor Huellmantel says, "It's the boys' club. They do boys' club."



CLUB MEMBERS teamed to brighten up the entire club house with paint. Putting on finishing touches are (left to right) Jim Sterling, Bill Myers and Sam Manderniche.



ADMINISTRATIVE planning for the Boys Upper Teens club is in the hands of those pictured above. Confering with Club Advisor Perry Huellmantel (seated) are, (left to right) Gordon Oslund, club president; Edward Ward, first vice president; and Bill Mueller, treasurer.



OPPOSING each other on the shuffleboard are Bill Mueller (left) and Bruce Osgood. Shuffleboard, which gets a good work out at the boys' club daily, is one of several activities that draw the boys to the club.



ROGER BREE deals a card to Tony Sebring as other cardplayers, Jim Van Brunt (at Sebring's left) and John Brader plan their plays. Randy Welborn kibitzes.



Blackford Memorial Is Planned

On Friday, July 13, one of Boys Upper Teens Club of Southfield's (BUTS) most well-liked members—James Blackford—was killed when a tractor he was operating for a friend in Chelsea overturned on him.

Instead of flowers, Jimmy's friends decided to collect the money and use it to establish a permanent memorial to the deceased member.

The membership card—Number 17—held by Jimmy, will not be replaced, but will be framed with a picture of the boy and hung on the clubhouse wall.

WHAT THE memorial will be has not yet been determined. A committee has been formed to make this decision, and to date they have \$80 with which to work, and are still collecting additional money.

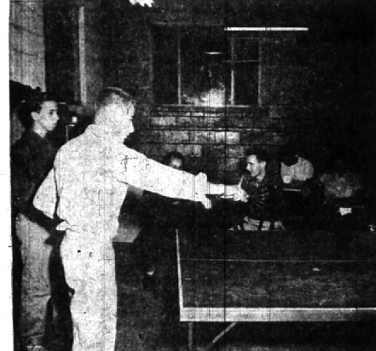
Well-liked by fellow members and school mates, Jimmy was a charter member of BUTS and was in charge of the club's publicity and employment bureau.

A tenth grader at Southfield high school, Jimmy, 16, participated in basketball, football and track, and was a member of United Presbyterian church.

Jimmy is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James D. Blackford of 21777 Mahon avenue, and a sister, Nancy, 20.



RELAXING before the TV set are: Jim Hosley, Mike Schelkum, Exchange Club Advisor John Gasser, Tom Webb, and Norm Cogan.



PING PONG equipment also gets a good workout by BUTS members. Here Jon Smith hits the ball while partner Randy Welborn waits his turn. On-lookers are John Brauer and Gordon Oslund.

Handicapped Kids Is Subject of Talk

Dr. Paul Thams, in charge of Birmingham Community House, special education for Oakland County. His subject will be: Oakland County school board, is scheduled to County's program for education of speak Sept. 11 at 8:15 p.m. at the handicapped children.

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