

Fantastic Dairy Barn Now Serves as Dorm

A stairway that goes nowhere, a mural—"Saturday Night in Denmark"—being painted, and modern refrigerators set Michigan State University Oakland's first student housing apartment building, the run-of-the-campus dormitory.

Situated to the south of other university buildings, the MSU dorm once was a vital part of the operation of 40-year-old Meadow Brook farm, the 1,200-acre estate given by the A. G. Wilsons to the state along with two million dollars to establish the university.

The students came, the livestock went.

Come, too, is a milk processing plant (that utilized the refrigerators) that had been on the ground floor of the building and the estate's dairy farm offices that had been on the second floor.

NOW PROVIDING homes for five young men, the house is in the center of a quadrangle of unused barns where the Wilsons previously kept their prize cattle and Belgian draft horses. The barns will soon contain the new student quarters and two million dollar science and engineering building now under construction.

Residents include Colin Campbell, 18, of Birmingham. Campbell is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Campbell, 2850 Fairview.

Vacated about 10 years ago, the house was renovated by MSU and now provides a dining room, two large bedrooms, three bathrooms and private study rooms for each resident.

Among the other peculiarities is an oil heating plant one-third the size of the building. It was used to provide steam for the milk processing system.

TO THE RESIDENTS, the most interesting item in the house is the useless stairway. Long ago, it must have led to the second floor, but now it has a solid ceiling over it and the only access to the second floor is an outside stairway.

MSU hopes to begin construction soon on cottage-type student accommodations.

But these—although they will be new, neat and nice—will never come down. They are the only new buildings on the campus of unique history of this first one.

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Oak Park came out ahead in this trial, but the Wolverines' Junior Lovetta Turquist and Barbara Hanson collaborated and won the prize.

STUDENTS HAVING high scholastic standing and perfect attendance throughout last year were honored at the Honors Assembly sponsored by the Student Government.

Board of Education member Dr. Ira M. Altshuler has written a new marching song for Southfield, "March of Southfield" stimulated a contest among students for best and accurate lyrics.

Civil Service O.K.'s Raises For Employees

Pay increases of about 3 percent for 31,000 Michigan state employees costing \$5 million have been approved by the State Civil Service Commission. They will be used only in cases where pay is below the minimum for the grade.

Metalsmith Has New Book Published

Richard Thomas, head of metal-smithing at Cranbrook Academy of Art, author of the new book "Metalworking," recently published by the Chilton Co. of Philadelphia, is included in its arts and crafts series.

Community House To Present Series Of Motion Pictures

A new series of sound motion pictures on science and industry subjects will begin at the Community House in Birmingham Saturday night and will continue through May 18.

Parties, Ice Are Blamed For Accidents

Thirty-eight persons were injured in South Oakland traffic early Friday and Saturday—three killed and 35 injured, crash in Huntington Woods, which is Birmingham area.

Wide Variety Of Courses Being Offered

Myra Showman, director of adult education at the Community House, 580 S. Bay, announced today that registration for the winter series of craft and hobby classes will start Tuesday, Jan. 3.

Resident Repays Jobless Benefits

William Follis, 1608 East Ruffin, Birmingham, father of five children, recently paid \$1,431.45 to the Michigan Employment Security Commission to repay jobless benefits he had received.

Public Notice

We have accumulated in recent weeks (at no cost or effort on our part) a collection of items that we know some of you would dearly love to have BACK. The list includes:

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'Office Party' SOUTHFIELD HIGH Council Keeps Unique One For Foresters Students Busy

With an eye to change of pace, and a new version of the proverbial office party, Birmingham and Oak Park departments of Forestry waged a contest. Based on their books, started the holidays off with a roar.

Their Christmas party took place at Springdale Golf Course and consisted of six events, with a trophy being awarded for winning four out of the six.

BIRMINGHAM has indulged in these wholesome shenanigans for the past two years, but it wasn't until this year that an inter-city dual was conceived. Responsible was Harvey Rasm (assistant to local forester) and his wife, Mrs. Carl Rasm.

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Wolverine Award Won by Local Man

C. Allen Harlan, of Adams Road, has been awarded the Wolverine Frontiersman Award given by the Michigan Week Committee for outstanding service to the people of Michigan.

MEAs Reports On Michigan School Tax

LANSING — Most Michigan school districts are making increasing efforts through local property taxation to operate and build new schools, the research division of the Michigan Education Association reports.

IN A SURVEY of 553 Michigan school districts, which have about 92 percent of the total taxable property subject to local school taxation, the MEA found that only 21 percent of the districts did not levy the minimum millage required for state aid (8 mills).

THE AVERAGE total operational millage for school purposes is about 11 mills, with some districts levying as low as 7 mills and others as many as 27 mills.

THE FIRST PROGRAM on Saturday consists of two films: "Automation" and "In the Beginning." The latter is a program with "Aviation Medicine" and "Daredevils of the Alps." On Jan. 15, "The World of Tomorrow" and "The Moon" and "Operation Blue Jay."

DEAN Will Resign From MSUQ Post

Roy J. Alexander, dean of students at MSUQ, has submitted his resignation to the university's executive committee.

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Eisenhower Proclaims Centennial

The White House recently issued an invitation to all the people of the nation to take a direct and active part in the Civil War Centennial that will open formally Jan. 8 and continue for five years.

By proclamation, President Eisenhower requested all units and agencies of the government, federal, state and local, to encourage, foster and participate in Centennial observances.

B'Ham Police Ask For Information On Stolen Watch

A Jules Jurgenson wrist watch, valued at \$60, was stolen from the Time Shop in Birmingham late Wednesday evening of last week.

Everyone reads Eccentric classified ads and many find them with bargain items every week.

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STATE OF MICHIGAN — The Probate
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