

High Jinks

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP—"The world is so full of a number of things" that all the children at Echo Park Primary School and Day Camp are "as happy as kings," especially with their new rope bridges. Youngsters from 8½ to 10 years begin with safety belts, then graduate to more proficient activity with a pile of soft sand to pillow the landing. The camp, 4275 Echo Road, opened its first session July 5 for two months; a pre-school and combined kindergarten and first grade program begins Sept. 7. The school features much novel play equipment, ranging from a tricycle drag strip to a ski-tow, the latter built by the children themselves.

Finds

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Indian woman and it went back into the jar more promptly than it came out.

NEXT TO THIS grisly find were other cooking pots, water jars and pottery utensils whose simple lines were classically beautiful. They were all displayed on glass shelves over which an Alaskan totem pole was hung horizontally.

A mortar and pestle and a matate on the floor nearby were both made of lava. The matate was a small three-legged tiled platform on which corn was ground. The lava came from the southwest, Wolgast said, and was probably brought north by Indians from that area and traded for Ohio flint.

One of his finds was a stone mold in which the Indians hammered out copper spearheads.

Some of the water jars were shaped to resemble animals and birds and a particularly lovely example was obviously inspired by an owl. Its lines were remarkably "modern."

BURIAL MOUNDS in this area were usually made by the displacement of earth as opposed to a 60-foot mound near Etowa, Ga. Wolgast noted.

In the latter case, the earth was heaped over early burials by Indian mound-builders of succeeding generations and had a definite religious significance. These Indians could have come from Mexico or

South America, he said.

The Lathrup archeologist participated in a phase of the work involved in this dig and found a skull which bears a hole where its owner was stoned.

Nearer home on Crooks Road, Wolgast found a skull with the knife still imbedded in it.

WOLGAST SAID the deepest his digging has taken him is 28 feet down; the oldest find he has personally unearthed was a 2,000-year-old handaxe, near Belleville. It antedates the Indians in this area, he believes.

His hobby has broadened into research in ethnology, geology, anthropology, history, sociology and geology. He studied the latter subject during two years at Houghton School of Mining in his college days.

Archeology has been most meaningful to him he said, because he has learned of the Indian and his relationship to the history of Detroit. Because the Algonquins predominated in this vicinity, in what Wolgast considers a transitional period, much of his collection is centered on the artifacts of this tribe.

HOWEVER, if he were free to explore wherever he wished, he would prefer to go "to Peru or to our own southwest where many of the ruins are not on any map."

Disclaiming any responsibility for a forthcoming gold rush, Wolgast said that even that metal can be found in this locality if one knows what to look for.

"Around here, it would be taken for a little black stone, but if you scratch at it, the gold will show through."

"It's been found in the crows of turkeys from Wisconsin and chickens from Mason," he said with a grin. "You don't need a shovel to find it. Maybe the next gold stampede will take place around the dining room table."

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Protest

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not just cleaning it up. What chance is there of the city buying property and moving the DPW storage area away from residential areas?

MAJOR PRO TEM Mrs. Elizabeth Mitchell said Mrs. Howe "was repeating an annual request of Stone's to 'get some land.'"

Councilman Vincent Zateff said the "ultimate answer is money which could be raised by either a bond issue or a charter amendment allowing the city to put money aside each year."

A bond issue would probably not get the support of residents, in view of cost of the sanitary and storm sewer systems, Zateff said, adding that the city should work on the charter amendment.

Probable cost of land for a city hall, DPW storage and necessary city uses might run as high as \$100,000, with land costing from \$7,000 to \$10,000 an acre, Mayor Richard N. Cogger said.

KELLEY SAID the city could remove the old corn crib on the present storage site. Residents said the old structure was dangerous to children.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Kelley said they were not interested in allowing the city to use land on the "old farm house property," located on 12th Ave. east of Santa Barbara for DPW storage. Councilman John Kohl had suggested this as a possible alternative.

The Kelleys have done enough. Let someone else take a whirl at it, Mrs. Kelley said.

Use of other land would involve zoning changes, Cogger noted.

On the question of odor from the ditch, Cogger said the problem dated back many years and would not be entirely solved until the storm water system is completed and the Cranbrook connection made to the Evergreen.

THE LATHRUP connection is due almost anyway, Stone said.

The city and the county and state health departments, as well as the state water resources commission, concur that the problem is a health hazard, Cogger said.

Chemical treatment of the ditch would complicate cleanup Cogger

said in answer to a citizen's suggestion. Natural bacterial action would thus be stopped and add to the sulphide causing odors.

To expedite connection of the Lathrup sanitary system, the council passed a resolution directing Stone to seek a compromise between the county DPW and the state health department on rate of flow from the city system to the Evergreen. The figure proposed by the city is nine-tenths cubic feet per second of flow for 1,000 persons.

THE COUNTY wants the rate set at no more than four-tenths CFS, the state health department wants it raised to 1½ CFS. Each figure is intended for the interim period between connection of the sanitary system and completion of the storm water sewer system.

Residents

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"and we have a recreation director to supervise the children."

Walsh said subdivision residents would furnish liability insurance for putting the site back in order after the skating season is over.

"You know, don't you, that if residents from other areas of the township wanted to skate there, you would have to let them because it is public property?" Homer Case, township treasurer, asked Walsh.

Walsh assured him that he did.

A second request for use of a well site by a subdivision was made a month ago by St. Hugo-of-the-Hills residents.

They sought its use for a neighborhood swimming pool.

The board ruled that they could not allow well sites to be used for swimming pools because there is a state health law prohibiting pools within 100 feet of a well.

IN WATER DISTRICT No. 1 the township owns three well sites—one in Westover, one in Bloomfield Village and one in Huntington Valley.

In district No. 2, there are sites in Chapel Hills, Eastover, Franklin Woods Manor, Charming Cross, Hickory Heights, Colberry Park,

Census

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college. Approximately seven per cent of the remainder are enrolled in parochial or private schools so that not all 6,700 students have to be accommodated by the Hills system.

ST. HUGO OF the Hills, Holy Name, Brother Rice School for Boys and Marian High School for Girls have the highest number of Bloomfield Hills children of all the parochial schools that resident students attend.

The Cranbrook Institutions—Brookside, Kingswood and Cranbrook—have the highest number of resident students enrolled where private schools are concerned.

EVEN THOUGH SOME of the Bloomfield Hills school children are not attending Bloomfield Hills schools, Mrs. Martz explained, "We must always be prepared to take additional students should they transfer back to the public system from a parochial or private school."

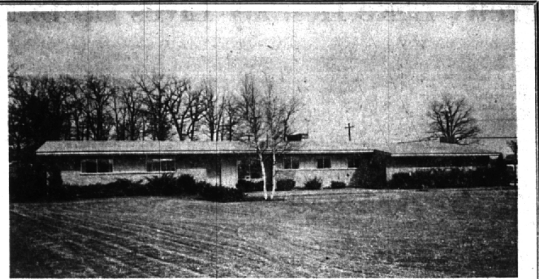
A CLOSER look at the individual schools show how the load of students is handled.

As of last June, Conant had an enrollment of 194; Eastover—387; Hickory Grove—348; Pine Lake—331; Vaughan—530; Wing Lake—387; the Junior High—898; and the Senior High—744.

The elementary school total is 2,077 with secondary schools at 1,642.

THE MUSHROOMING growth in the Bloomfield Hills system has demanded a great deal of time from the members of the board of education.

"We are dealing with the financial and building situations in greater degree each year," Mrs. Martz added. "But we are still maintaining a vital interest in the quality and progress of the curriculum."



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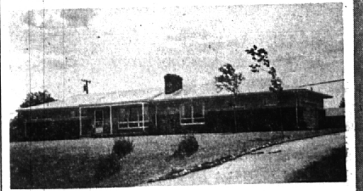
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