

Here's How to Install A Rope Slide at Home

"Children need bars to grab, and things to climb or slide on," claims Echo Park Day Camp Director Walter Baker.

Consequently, a usual play equipment gets constant use at the camp, at 1275 Echo Road, Bloomfield Hills, one of the most beautiful spots in the state, used as both a day camp and primary school.

For older children, they use a 10-foot rope on a steeper and steeper incline.

"To install the rope slide," says Baker, "you need 20 or more feet of half-inch rope, a half-inch pulley, and two trees or poles on which to fasten the rope securely. The rope should have a little sag. And its length and slope will depend on the age of the child. A child can hang by his hands for quite a long time. But make the slide well within his limits."

The sag in the rope is important, older children descending safely and gradually, so that they do not hit the tree at the bottom.

"ATTACH A short length of rope to the pulley itself," says Baker. "Put knots in it to enable children to get a good grip. A child likes to swing from something, so you should provide something sturdy from his feet and onto and swing from."

This and That

by George R. Averill

Is Kennedy True To Basic Rules of U.S. Free Economy?

Comparatively few American youths have been afforded the educational advantages that President Kennedy's multi-millionaire father provided for him (and his brothers and sisters). Given such wide educational opportunities, made secure by the gift of millions from his father, and then allowed to serve his state as a U.S. senator — these facts, certainly suggested to millions of Americans who elected him to the White House — that youthful John Fitzgerald Kennedy "taught to know his way around in both political and economic areas."

But what does Kennedy's record thus far prove? First, of course, it shows he is vigorous, ambitious, filled with much desire for achievement. He can be, has been, quite ruthless in some of his Presidential activities.

He strongly believes in a big and bigger centralized national government. He asks for greater and greater powers for his office. He apparently is unimpressed by the agencies in the federal government — for already he has requested that numerous new agencies be instituted, and that new financial responsibilities be assumed by government on behalf of the "security" of millions of voters. He only yesterday served to that portion of his inaugural address when he exclaimed: "Don't ask your country what it can do for you—ask yourself what you can do for your country!" (Good, bold and heroic words — but hollow words in the light of his later actions.)

Kennedy's Presidential behavior, together with that of those young intellectual "advisors" he has appointed, definitely reveals his intent to try to "makeover America." His attitude and his actions thus far have convinced millions of Americans that, basically, he doesn't trust traditional U.S. business. His private utterance about businessmen's identification with the initials "S.O.B." speaks volumes in this regard.

The terrific drop in the value of U.S. business stocks, too, is not attributed to Kennedy's anti-business policies.

All of which leads me to this summary: "If the wide educational experiences JFK has enjoyed have not given him knowledge of how a free, competitive enterprise system works, then Kennedy's ineptitude can be explained. However, if he is supposed to know how it works, and what governmental support it needs to keep it working, then he is unfaithful to the American people — President John Fitzgerald Kennedy appears to me to be DELIBERATELY LEADING OUR NATION DOWN THE ROAD TO STATE SOCIALISM!"

That is the real issue confront. (See THIS & THAT, 4-A)

Mourning: Family Man; Liked Flying

FRANKLIN—An atmosphere of quiet and sorrow surrounds a house in Franklin. Its occupants were gone over the weekend, returning late Tuesday afternoon from Jerseyville, Ill., where they attended the funeral of Virgil W. Mourning.

The Dodge executive, his wife and two sons, Thomas and Ronald, had lived in their new home at 32250 Grandville Lane less than three years. In that short space of time Mourning endeared himself to his neighbors as "a wonderful person — more of a family man."

They recalled that he enjoyed flying and one neighbor remembers sadly that he once remarked, "It's the only way to go."

MOURNING DIED last Wednesday when his plane crashed near Cedarville, Iowa. Forty-four others died with him.

Much of his time was spent traveling on his job as manager of dealer franchise, a post he had held since 1956 when he joined Dodge.

Prior to his association with the firm, he served for nine years as general manager of McCallan's DeSoto - Plymouth dealership in East Point, Ga.

Earlier, he was a representative (See MOURNING, 6-A)



Virgil W. Mourning

CHILDREN LOVE to hang onto a rope pulley and slide through the air at Echo Park Day Camp. Four-year-old Julie Nalepa, of Juniper Lane, Bloomfield Hills, takes her turn.

At Echo Park, youngsters swing from a junior-size picnic table at the top of a gentle slope. Once the rope slide is installed, Baker suggests, "Supervise it carefully until you know its potential. Children will find far more things to do with that equipment than you ever thought of."

"ALWAYS IMAGINE the very worst happening. If a child happens to let go and fall, would he be going so fast or would he fall so far that he might be hurt?"

Children have a way of finding their own limits, Baker claims. Unless he is coddled on by an older child, a youngster will seldom attempt feats which would be dangerous for him.

Young Camper Heading Back to Bush Country

(See Photo, 5-A)

You don't have to go into outer space to find unexplored domains. A 15-year-old outdoorsman from Birmingham knows some bush country in Canada where even the bears need a compass.

Big Ted Blake spent 10 days last summer in Ontario with no roads and fewer people.

This year he's going back for more.

"It's an experience everybody should have," says the Derby Junior High School ninth grader. "Last year, I didn't want to leave the north woods."

He and seven fellow campers canoed and hiked 100 miles through the wilderness of the Mississippi Provincial Forest Preserve.

From Ranger Lake in eastern Ontario, they paddled north in four canoes with a camp counselor and junior counselor. They majored out to head for Lake Meguin, a watery 50 miles away.

THE YOUNG (14 and older) outdoorsmen picked up their canoes and packs and portaged across log breaks in the chain of lakes and streams along the way. Their portages were short jaunts and mile-long hikes, some through swamp and brush, others along well-cleared paths.

The wilderness days began about 7 a.m. Two boys cooked breakfast while others folded up their pyramid tent, rolled up the bedding and packed most of the gear.

THE TRAVELING campers breakfasted, lunched and dined on a main diet of dehydrated foods. The powdered substances made lighter loads for their back packs than canned goods. And with a little stream water added to dehydrate them, and some smoked meat on the side, the food tasted divine to the hungry tentmates.

They washed their plastic dishes in the streams.

"The Indians up there are offended if they see anyone carrying a canteen," says Ted. "They're proud of the uncontaminated waters."

"All you have to do for cooking or drinking water is wade out in the stream or lake and scoop it into a pail."

ON "WASH DAY," the youths scrubbed their one extra change of clothing in the stream with bar soap. Then they spread the jeans and T-shirts on overturned aluminum canoes for quick solar drying.

They had no trouble from illness or injury.

"You're especially cautious when you're isolated like that," says Ted. "But if anything should happen, you light a big fire, then pour greens over it to make smoke. The rangers see your signal and fly an amphibian to you."

BEFORE THEY started on their trip, they were assessed for their (See CAMPER, 6-A)



Grandville Guests

Grandville visitors from the village of Beverly Hills on Government Day last week were (from left) Mrs. Douglas Wood and husband, Councilman Wood, Mrs. Marvin

Cline and Beverly Hills Mayor Cline. The foursome toured Grandville, visited two factories, lunched at the local Rotary Club and topped a busy day with dinner.

Accusation Brings Staunch Defense

By KEN WEAVER
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Birmingham city commissioners may not always agree with the recommendations of the city administration, but they certainly have trust in the integrity of city officials.

Commenting on a letter of accusation Monday night, commissioners made it plain that they have full faith and trust in their employees.

In a letter to the commission, John Clark Alberts, 678 Westwood, said that there was no justification for sidewalk work in his area.

HE STATED: "Recently many unnecessary repairs to and replacements of sidewalks in this area were performed by the City Engineer's Dept."

"Many of these walks were not in any way in need of repair much less replacement."

"Therefore, it is my conclusion that an investigation of the department's responsibility should be undertaken. It is extremely likely that collusion exists between the city departments and the private contractors involved."

"For no other reason would it be conceivable that the work done would have been undertaken. No reasonable justification for such wasteful expenditure of householders' money is evident."

SAID COMMISSIONER William E. Roberts:

"This is the first time during my service on this commission that we have received a communication accusing our staff of collusion and dishonesty."

Southfield Youth Killed in Accident Near Romulus

SOUTHFIELD — A car-truck collision near Romulus last week killed the son of a Southfield woman who won \$140,000 in the Irish sweepstakes a year ago.

DENNIS FREDERICK Eagen, 23, of Ann Arbor, apparently died instantly in the crash on May 23, when his car jumped the center strip of Interstate 94 and struck a semi-truck. The youth lived in Ann Arbor.

Eagen's car caught fire but the flames were extinguished by firemen before the blaze reached him. Mrs. Eleanor Eagen, 21211 Eight and One-Half Mile Road, said her son had attempted a performance of the Metropolitan Opera in Detroit and was returning to Ann Arbor.

HE WORKED AS an engineer at the Bendix Corp., Ann Arbor. Eagen is survived by his mother; his father, Aloysius; and two sisters, Karen, and Deborah.

Village Woman's Club Postpones Dedication Day

Due to a carpenter's strike, the Village Woman's Club Dedication Day scheduled for June 1 has been postponed to Friday, June 8.

Dinner reservations for club members and special guests will be valid unless cancelled by calling the club office, MI 4-3450.

The annual meeting will be held June 12.

Torch Drive Women Plan 'Living Fair'

Plans for a "Living Fair," a presentation of the work being done by Torch Drive women, were announced by Mrs. H. R. Stedding, 116 Penhoke, Bloomfield Hills, Oakland County treasurer chairman for the United Foundation Women's Organization.

The six sessions of the fair, to be held mornings, afternoons and evenings, June 6 and 7 in the Veterans' Memorial Building, Detroit, will present to the public the services provided through Torch Drive agencies in Oakland, Wayne and Macomb counties.

Doors will be open from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. on both days. National Teachers in the fields of health and character building will speak at 11 a.m., 2 and 8 p.m. in the banquet hall, which will be known as the "LFWO Theatre."

EXHIBITS, demonstrations, and moving pictures will be presented by participating agencies. These will include live demonstrations of actual treatments of patients. Speakers will include Dr. Edward D. Greenwood, director of clinical training and child psychology at the Menninger Clinic in Topeka, Kan.; Charles M. Helstan, assistant executive director of the Boy Scouts of America; and Sherwood A. Messner, program services director of United Cerebral Palsy.

Invitations are going forward to 80,000 women in the three counties. Of these, 30,000 are members of the UFWO. Mrs. Young said, however, that invitations will not be necessary.

"Everyone is invited," she said. "We want as many people as possible to see the exhibits and learn about the work being done by Torch Drive agencies in this community."

THE "LIVING FAIR" is sponsored by the UFWO, a year-round organization of women who work in the Torch Drive. Its purpose is to conduct a public education program encompassing the philosophy and achievements of the United

Foundation. It seeks to make it possible for volunteers to answer questions regarding the work being done with Torch Drive dollars. Mrs. Joseph C. Dodge of Birmingham, former Torch Drive executive chairman and former chairman of the UFWO, is honorary chairman of the event. Mrs. Benjamin E. Young of Grosse Pointe and Mrs. Worth Kramer of Bloomfield Hills are co-chairmen.



Graduation Guest

Dr. Theodore Rice, professor of education at WSU, will be the commencement speaker at the Bloomfield Hills High School graduation exercises at 8 p.m. on June 14. A total of 222 students will be graduated. Dr. Rice, specializing in secondary education, has been a member of Wayne's faculty since 1957. A former associate and director of Michigan's secondary schools study, he has written extensively on education.

Meet the Candidates

SOUTHFIELD — The Southfield PTA Council has announced a "Meet Your Candidates" night to be held Tuesday at 8 p.m. in the auditorium of Southfield High School.

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