

Community Agencies Seek Teen Volunteers

Birmingham-area junior and senior high school students over 16 years of age will be interviewed for summer volunteer openings through the Central Volunteer Bureau of United Community Services.

Interview dates are Tuesday, June 4, at the Birmingham YMCA, 400 E. Lincoln, and Thursday, June 13, at the South Oakland Branch YMCA, 1115 E. Cleveland Mile Road, Royal Oak. Hours are from 3 to 4:45 p.m.

Many health, recreation and welfare agencies throughout the Detroit Metropolitan area are dependent on volunteers to help carry out their programs.

"THE NEED for this assistance is critical during the summer months when regular volunteers are on vacation, and the recreation agencies, in particular, handle an influx of young children.

Teenage boys, as well as girls, can help coach children in outdoor sports and games on playgrounds.

They assist with indoor recreation and gymnasium activities in settlement houses and community centers and serve as junior counselors in day camps, instructing in simple crafts, acting as swimming pool aides or accompanying youngsters on outings.

FOR "VOLUNTEERS" over age 16, there are additional opportunities in hospitals where they fill a variety of assignments from patient aides, escorts and recreational therapy assistants to central supply room and laboratory helpers.

Homes for the aging use teenage volunteers to visit, read and play cards with elderly residents and render such personal attention as combing hair and giving manicures. And for the young person interested in office procedures, there is typing, filing and reception work in any number of agencies.

State Police Give Warning On Strangers

Because complaints involving the molestation of small children increase in the warm weather months, Sgt. John Amthor, commander of the Pontiac State Police post, is urging parents to warn their youngsters against going anywhere with strangers.

Sgt. Amthor emphasized that this warning should be occasionally repeated to keep children on guard against accepting gifts or other lures from persons they do not know.

He said that State Police last year investigated 571 sex offense complaints, which include child molestation, throughout the state.

WHILE THIS WAS 22 fewer than 593 in 1961, Sgt. Amthor stressed that the records again showed that the offenses increased in the warm weather months.

High month last year was July with 68 and then in order, June, 55; August, 62; May, 57; October, 54; April, 52; and September, 48, with the remaining five months having 40 or less.

Sgt. Amthor observed that reluctance by parents to report child molestation incidents to the police for fear of embarrassing publicity is unwarranted. Names of minor children involved and their parents are not used by the press, radio or television except in situations involving abduction or murder.

HE ADDED that this reluctance conceals the actual total of molestation cases, tends to thwart preventive action by law enforcement agencies and may even encourage the offender to strike again.

Sgt. Amthor emphasized that parents should impress their children with the importance of the following cautions:

1. Don't accept any offers of money, candy or other gifts from strangers and don't go for walks or rides with them.
2. Report to your parents, police or teacher any persons acting suspiciously near you or your group.
3. Have playmates or companions with you while outdoors, on play, going to or from school and when running errands. Don't play



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YMCA Super-salesman

Nine-year-old Robert McIntyre, 6035 Old Orchard Drive, Birmingham, "bagged" the prize in the Birmingham YMCA mint sales contest to raise funds for 12 days at Camp Ohivaya. He was awarded a sleeping bag for selling 245 boxes of mints at a net profit of \$85.75. His share was \$65 for camping, and the rest of the proceeds go into a Campers Fund to help other boys who need financial aid.

Dennis Ragan, 1276 Holland, Birmingham, was runner-up, with 208 boxes sold. Thirty-three boys participated in the drive.

or walk alone in alleys, deserted buildings or isolated areas.

4. Don't loiter in or near public rest rooms because these are danger spots.
5. Don't let anyone persuade you to disobey these rules. Be sure to consult your parents, teacher or a police officer if you have a problem or a question concerning your safety away from home.

Sgt. AMTHOR suggested that children can help curb the child molesting problem by doing as follows:

1. Write down or memorize descriptive details of any suspicious person noticed while outdoors, on the way to or from school or other places.
2. If the person has a car, write

down in some manner the license plate number and try to remember other details about the car such as color, make and decorations.

Children should be advised that their suspicions can help protect themselves and other youngsters from harm. Sgt. Amthor concluded:

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Oakland GOP Told Ways of Redistricting

The Executive Committee of the Oakland County Republican Party met Tuesday to discuss Oakland County legislative and senatorial redistricting, circuit court judgeships, the recount as it affects Oakland County, a Fisher Theater party and the upcoming RIB drive.

In the absence of Charlie Lyle, county chairman, the meeting was chaired by Mrs. Allen Strom, county vice chairman.

A. R. BALDEN, chairman of the county Research Committee, spoke to the group regarding the many possibilities of redistricting in the county. Balden explained to the committee that because of the population of the county we could possibly have 10 legislative districts. He said this will depend on the distribution of seats outstate.

The Research Committee is going into extensive study of all the possibilities and will present them to the Southeastern representative to the Apportionment Commission, former governor Wilbur Bricker. Ruskay Craighed, county finance director, announced the appointment of Fred Colombo as the chairman of the county RIB drive which will be kicked off Monday.

Dan Murphy, county clerk, explained the recount procedures which are being used in the Con-Con election.

MOST of the meeting was spent discussing the candidates for the two circuit court judgeships which have just been created.

The committee decided to send four names to the Governor for his consideration. The names to be presented are James Thornburn of Royal Oak, a practicing attorney in Royal Oak for 15 years; Philip Pratt of Pontiac, a partner in the law firm of Smith, Pratt and Muligan; Theodore F. Hughes of Berkley, former Berkley city attorney, and George F. Taylor, prosecuting attorney for Oakland County who resides at 6310 Franklin Road, Birmingham.

Mrs. Strom said the four names were selected from a list of 12 candidates. Other candidates were Ronald Greenberg, Vernon Hampton, Ernest Hutthwaite, Sr., Harvey Lodge, John McGrath, Maurice Merritt, W. Cadman Prout and Clarence Reid, Jr.

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