



HORSEBACK RIDING is a favorite activity at the YMCA Day Camp. Getting ready here are (from left) Kathy McMillen, 1125 Birmingham Blvd., Birmingham; Joan Robinson, 598 Chestersfield, Birmingham; and Peggy Panther, Detroit.

Kids Find Full Day At YMCA Day Camp

Birmingham youngsters have many facilities available to them for leisure-time activities during the summer months. One of these is the Birmingham YMCA Day Camp for boys and girls 8 through 12.

The boys and girls are delivered to the Y on W. Lincoln at 9:15 a.m. either by their parents or by the bus which makes pickups at local schools with their lunches and equipment for the day. They gather around the flagpole for a daily flag-raising ceremony, performed by different children each

morning. With alacrity the YMCA bus is boarded for the scenic trip to Kensington Park, headquarters for the day's activities.

CLOSE BY the park, the bus makes its first stop at Hickory Ridge Stables—as this is Tuesday—and all the boys and girls will have their chance to ride. The younger and less experienced youngsters ride in the corral under the tutelage of a typical "western-type" wrangler who holds the hearts of all the youngsters

who come to know him. The more experienced ones ride with their counselors over the hilly trails of the farm, while archery is enjoyed by those who have completed their turn on the horses.

WHILE AT the farm one has a chance to become acquainted with the Day Camp mascot, "Woodie" the woodchuck. This little animal is adored by all the youngsters, fed milk from a doll's bottle and takes it all in stride as his just reward for becoming camp mascot. The children eat their lunch at the farm before boarding the bus for the remainder of the trip to Kensington Park.

At the park the group divides, with the boys finding a shady spot for handicrafts, while the girls have their turn at swimming. A special area of the lake is roped off for the Birmingham YMCA group.

job market with less than a high school education. Unless something is done to help to equip them to live in a skilled economy, they will pile up helplessly against the rising barriers to unskilled labor."

The Youth Employment and Conservation Bill will provide work and training from the age of 16 through 21. They will work on and receive training in, various jobs and projects involving general areas as erosion, stream control, reforestation, and construction of outdoor recreation and camp facilities.

THE CHILDREN receive swimming instruction from the counselors who have all undergone a YMCA pre-training swimming program in order to be qualified to instruct. With the instruction given at day camp, the children can go right on in the fall with the YMCA swimming program.

The boys have their swimming session and instruction while the girls enjoy arts, crafts and boating. A 45-minute rest period is included into each day's activities.



JIM STEVENS, 173 Chopin, Troy, feeds "Woodie" the woodchuck, mascot of the Birmingham YMCA Day Camp at Kensington Park. Care and feeding of animals is one of the things children learn at the camp.

A TIRED but happy group of boys and girls return to the Birmingham Y between 3:30 and 4 p.m. each week day. Before departing for home, however, the children end the day with the flag-lowering ceremony.

The camp program is varied each day. On Thursday a naturalist from Kensington Park takes the groups on nature hikes.

On rainy days visits to historical museums, automotive plants and other projects are offered. Several

overnight sessions are planned during the summer sessions.

THE YMCA Day Camp is staffed by counselors who are over 21; many are teachers.

Con Elders of the Birmingham YMCA staff is the director of the Day Camp. The assistant director is Miss Helen Corright, who teaches in the Berkeley School System. Previously, she has had three years day camp experience and one year of regular camp counseling.

Openings Available In Summer Reading Improvement Class

Registrations for Birmingham's secondary summer school program in reading improvement and study skills are still being accepted.

Charles Buell, of the Birmingham schools, said that there are a few openings in both the senior and junior high sections that will start July 15 at Seaholm High School.

Buell said the class gives average and better readers a chance to develop better abilities in the area of speed reading, comprehension and methods of studying.

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Chief Moxley Urges Support Of Youth Bill

Birmingham Police Chief Ralph W. Moxley has issued an appeal to the people of this community to lend their support to President Kennedy's Youth Employment and Conservation Bill, sponsored by Senator Hubert Humphrey, which was passed by the Senate and is expected to go before the U.S. House of Representatives in the near future.

The chief said: "Common sense and justice compel establishment of this program which will give many thousands of currently unemployed young persons a chance to find employment, to be paid for their services, and to acquire skills and work experience that will give them a solid start in their working lives."

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