



### YMCA Visitors from Germany

THESE ARE the German-YMCA teenagers who have been visiting in Birmingham since Tuesday. They complete their three-day stay today. The boys are touring the United States and stopping to look over 'Y' camps in conjunction with the YMCA Exchange Program. In Birmingham, Mrs. Robert J. Fisher, 3420 Bradley Blvd., has been hostess to the group. Local families welcomed the boys as guests in their homes during the visit here.

### County Is 'Vital Cog' In Truck Transport

Oakland County plays a vital role in making truck transportation Michigan's fourth largest industry, according to data compiled and released by the Michigan Trucking Association.

Based on figures reported by the U. S. Department of Commerce, Michigan State Highway Department and by the Michigan Secretary of State, this county is "one of the vital cogs that does so much to keep our agricultural, industrial and commercial machinery running smoothly."

Three methods by which Oakland County participates in the over-all value of the trucking industry are reported in a new booklet published by the Michigan Trucking Association, entitled "Truck Transportation in Michigan."

ONE FACT was that 25,066 trucks, valued at \$28,597,200, were registered to owners in Oakland County in 1961, the latest complete compilation available.

This compared to 384,897 truck registrations, with a value of \$427,485,550 throughout the state. In the same year, 22,598 persons were gainfully employed in this county, with the total earnings of \$128,260,714, from various types of direct or indirect service to the trucking industry.

This figure compared to 292,163 truck employees, earning \$1,619,459,569 throughout Michigan. State-wide, trucking pays one out of every eight Michigan paycheck earners an average of \$7,302 per year.

IN ADDITION to wages paid and trucks and other supplies and equipment purchased in this county, trucks also account for a substantial portion of taxes paid into Oakland County revenue coffers.

This money was derived from Michigan motor vehicle owners who paid \$224.5 million in special state highway-used taxes. Of this sum, Michigan's trucks paid \$68.7 million, or 30.6 per cent, although they constitute only 11.5 per cent of all vehicles registered.

These figures do not include an additional \$41.9 million in special federal taxes of various descriptions.

OF THE sum total of \$5,719,288, which represents the truck portion of all monies returned or expended

### Writer Cites Problems Of College Athletics

Intercollegiate athletics is the one activity most likely to give a university president gray hairs, according to Dr. Alexander G. Ruthven, president emeritus of the University of Michigan.

Dr. Ruthven, Michigan's president during the 22 years of its greatest growth (1929-1951), tells why in his autobiographical book "Naturalist In Two Worlds," published by the University of Michigan Press.

"Intercollegiate athletic competitions inevitably become involved with educational standards, the hiring of athletes, and large capital investments for physical education," Dr. Ruthven explains.

"THEY AROUSE the emotions of the alumni, often to no good purpose. They attract a large public following interested only in the games as spectacles or as a source of profit and distort the true image of institutions of higher learning."

Well known as a zoologist before turning to university administration, Dr. Ruthven recalls that even the college sports were fast becoming big business whose pressures caused schools to subsidize athletes and juggle entrance and scholastic requirements. He took up the subject in his first address as president in 1929.

"In the years following I continued to observe signs of creeping professionalism in the nation's schools," the author recalls. "In spite of protestations of purity, evidence accumulated that students were admitted to sister institutions, sometimes with substantial stipends."

"I even had the record of a young athlete who was admitted to a sister institution before graduating from high school. This lad played on the college teams for four years and failed each year to meet the published academic requirements."

### Travelers Aid Helps People From Area

During the last year nearly a million travelers were helped by Travelers Aid societies, including 31 from Birmingham, three from Bloomfield Hills and one from Bloomington.

The Detroit Travelers Aid Society is a Torch Drive agency and member of a nationwide network of similar organizations devoted exclusively to helping travelers get out of trouble.

TRAVELERS AID helps people away from home and in trouble, without charge.

The trouble may be lost children, lack of funds, handicapped persons, loss of wallet, lost address, language difficulty, or any one of a thousand other unpleasant developments which may beset the traveler.

Summertime multiplies the number of people traveling on highways, planes, buses, trains and boats and brings more trouble for people away from home.

### 3 Trustees Selected by Village Assn.

Three trustees were elected to serve for a term of three years at the recent annual meeting of the Bloomfield Village Protective Association.

They are District 1, Vincent Van Fleet, 1019 N. Cranbrook Road; District 2, Frazer F. Hilder, 2882 Kodaleigh Drive; and District 3, Charles F. Mason, 3534 Burning Bush.

OFFICERS FOR 1962-63 are Ivan Ludington, Jr., president; Robert E. Harvie, vice president; Colin Campbell, re-elected secretary; and M. J. Welty, re-elected treasurer.

Responsibility assignments include water and sewer, Frazer F. Hilder; roads, Robert E. Harvie; road signs, Ralph E. Hunt; police, Charles Duryea, Jr.; fire, Ivan Ludington, Jr.; and bulletin, Colin Campbell.

**FOUR OF A KIND**

The European explorer credited with being the conqueror of Peru was a Spanish adventurer named Francisco Pizarro, and the name Pizarro is also prominent in the early history of Bolivia.

These early explorers, however, were not one and the same man. There were four different Pizarros involved in the conquest of South America, Francisco and three half-brothers. The member of the family who subjugated the Indians of Bolivia in 1538 was one of the brothers, a chap named Hernando Pizarro.

**HIGH FLYERS**

In the opinion of most ornithologists, the tallest birds ever to live on earth were members of a species called the moa, native to New Zealand.

The biggest of these birds reached a height of twelve feet with enormous elephantine leg bones, and weighed in the neighborhood of 500 pounds. These giant moas are extinct now, but some were alive until about 1570, possibly until about 1770.

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