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B'field Couple Provides Land for Scout Camp

A 350-acre site near Alger, Mich., has been made available as a camp and canoe base for Michigan Boy Scouts, particularly boys and leaders from the Metropolitan Detroit area.

The property was obtained through Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Cole of Bloomfield Hills who recently purchased it from Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Foreman of Alger.

Cole, a group vice president of General Motors, also serves as a



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vice president of the Detroit Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America. Negotiations to purchase the property were started last year when Cole was president of the Council.

E. O. GEORGE, current president of the Detroit Area Council, said the property was formerly known as Foreman's Greenwood Camp.

It has been a popular commercial camp for canoeing and other outdoor activities for a quarter of a century.

Scout officials point out that Mr. and Mrs. Foreman "have long been interested in Scouting and have been very enthusiastic sup-

Pools Are in the Swim Faster Than Inspectors

They're building swimming pools faster than the Michigan Department of Health can inspect and approve them.

In fact, the health department's Division of Engineering is scrambling with plans for new pools. State regulation requires that plans for public swimming pools must be approved by the health department before a construction permit can be issued, and that the completed pool be inspected to make sure it has been built according to specifications before an operation permit can be granted.

AT THE START of the year, there were 778 public pools in the state—298 indoor and 480 outdoor. The total included 205 school pools, 102 in motels and hotels, 91 country and swim club pools, and 74 municipal pools.

During the first six months of the year a record of 32 construction permits for new pools were issued by the health department, including 18 in May, a record for one month.

The biggest group of new pools is being built for motels. Pools for apartment buildings, clubs, and ski resorts are also increasing.

HOWEVER, THE number of health department engineers responsible for approving plans and inspecting new pools has not increased.

In fact Paul Hodges, sanitary engineer in the Water Supply Section is the only one.

In the past, Hodges has been able to keep pace with new pool construction, but the number of new plans submitted for approval has increased so rapidly that the necessary field inspections have not been made. As a result, nearly 20 per cent of the public swimming pools in the state lack operation permits.

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Census Bureau Helps Locate Birth Records

porters of the program. It was through their valued cooperation that the plans were finalized which will make the camp available for use by the Boy Scouts.

The location is being renamed the Rifle River Scout Canoe Base and will be put into operation this summer. It will be used primarily for Scout activities centering around canoeing. Scout officials said.

ON THE SITE are 85 canoes, a number of overnight accommodations, as well as numerous camp and tent site areas on the Rifle River. The canoes and other non-attached property will be presented as a gift to the Detroit Council by Mr. and Mrs. Cole.

Cole said, "This new facility will help meet the increased need for additional outdoor opportunities for many future generations of boys. In addition to the fun experiences it will provide, use of this property should also teach many thousands of youngsters a respect for one of their most valuable heritages — our nation's great natural resources."

DALE OLSEN, field director for the Detroit Area Council, will serve as summer director of the new Scout base for 1963. Future plans call for its increased use by Scouts from all over the state.

Last year about 5,000 residents of Michigan turned to the Bureau of the Census, U. S. Department of Commerce, for help in proving where and when they were born, the bureau reported today.

They needed proof of age to collect social security and other retirement benefits. They needed it to obtain passports.

They needed it to qualify for jobs carrying certain age or citizenship requirements. They needed it for some forms of insurance.

These persons who requested assistance from the Census Bureau last year were among an estimated 20 million United States residents who are without proof of age or birthplace. The historical records of the Census Bureau provide the only acceptable source of this information for many of these people.

SINCE ITS beginning in 1790, the U. S. Census has recorded identifying data for almost 350 million persons, many of them listed several times in separate censuses. The Bureau has provided

copies of these records to about three and one-half million people, as legal proof of age, place of birth, citizenship or kinship.

Persons seeking such a record for social security purposes should go to the local Social Security office or, for other purposes, write to the Personal Census Service Branch, Bureau of the Census, Pittsburgh, Kansas, for an application form.

A FEE of \$3 is charged for a search of not more than two censuses for one person and for one copy of the information found. Additional copies cost \$1 each.

An expedited search costs \$4. Expedited searches are usually completed within a few days while the routine \$3 search may take up to 30 days, depending upon the backlog of requests.

The personal information in the records of the 1900 and later censuses is confidential by law and may be furnished only upon the written request of the person to whom it relates or, for a proper purpose, a legal representative

such as a guardian or administrator of an estate. Information regarding a child who has not reached legal age may be obtained upon the written request of either parent.

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