

Franklin Camp Climaxes Season with 'Blast-off'

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As summer school, day camps and Little League baseball wind up their respective programs, scores of families prepare to head for favorite vacation spots. The Franklin Summer Day Camp climaxed the end of its sixth season with a "blast-off" last Friday that included the graduation of over a hundred little astronauts and astronautics. Camp director Bill Nunez and his assistant, Marilou Warner, who guided the six-week morning program at Franklin School, ordered a real count-down for the nearly life-size Camp-sule which symbolized the out-of-this-world time shared by local youngsters.

TYPICAL OF the hazards of our scribbling trade, this writer had promised to get a picture of the Camp-sule project early last Monday morning, but "no go."

It's surprising, the technical difficulties encountered at a simple off-Canaveral launching. In the gloomy morning I zeroed in on Franklin School and Nunez was there waiting in the gym with a half dozen freshly scrubbed sub-spacemen. Publicity chairman Mrs. Miriam Archer was there too.

THE ROCKET was ready, quite magnificent, though hurriedly taped in spots for the premature press coverage. (The camp party was scheduled for Friday, but we had to have the picture in by the Monday before).

Blindly your reporter fumbled with her camera apparatus. The Stroke light didn't work, and the Camp-sule was eight feet high and couldn't be moved out of the gym.

So, obligingly Nunez and his faithful space cadets, disembowelled it and the "control panel" was taken outside into the available light of the early day.

Like well-disciplined soldiers, the cadets arranged themselves quickly as ordered and the picture was snapped.

Names were taken and the reporter rushed off—shaken but consoled that at least she got part of the camp-sule and the deadline would be met.

I PHONED in the "ID's" (names of those photographed) to save time. But alas—the project was accidentally scuttled in the dark-room.

The photo got printed backwards. The presses rolled before it could be corrected. The finale of six weeks of camping were never properly documented. But we tried.

At least, at this late date, we can give Ted Donald, Pam Kerr, Jay Archer, Paul and Wayne Nunez, Tom Wolfe and Peter Archer a special citation for performance beyond the call of duty, on that dismal Monday morning.

A SPECIAL event to be featured in the annual Franklin Round-up this September will be the Country Kitchen.

Sure to be an attraction, the booth will offer the best culinary efforts of village women. To assure the utmost from Franklin Kitchens, the sponsoring Franklin Community Association has decided to award prizes for the best cakes, pies, jellies, jams and preserves.

Home Economics specialists, Mrs. Robert Winkel and Mrs. Ken Bailey, are giving local homemakers plenty of advance notice to prepare their specialties for this competition.

FRANKLIN'S Little Baseball League playoffs are being held this week between the White Sox and the Tigers.

In the Pony League, it looks as though the Giants and the Pirates have it made. An all-star game will be held the morning of the Round-up, on Sept. 14.

Life at the George Howards on Greenbriar is pretty hectic. After entertaining a student from Amsterdam, Holland, here on the Experiment in Living program, daughter Nancy is packed off for two weeks in New York City.

Son Steve is home after two weeks at Camp Howell in Brighton. George Howard is wrestling with Round-Up details as chairman, while he also serves the community as councilman and Little Baseball League president.

A "MILLIONAIRES" party is being held in honor of Al and Cidlet Rob Rottiers this weekend.

While Rob was up north camping, Dan Dozier and other former school friends arranged details for the occasion that will round

up Rottiers' friends before he returns to his station in Yellow Springs, Colo.

Mrs. Gretchen Lopponow of Franklin Road has had an opportunity to revisit her favorite haunts, as she shows her brother, Robert Hunsaker of Long Beach, Calif., around during his month's stay.

The sightseeing jaunts are enhanced by reactions of Hunsaker's small sons, Robbie and David, whom Mrs. Lopponow is getting to know for the first time.

News gathering will be resumed after the 19th.

Films taken of the Explorer Post 1011's Ontario canoe trip in July are being edited by Paul Nelson.

PLANS CALL for an evening showing for families, soon after Labor Day, when full attendance can be expected.

The Robert Owens of Franklin Park Drive joined friends last weekend at Greenbush. It was an annual reunion at the Lake Huron resort.

HAVING FOUND A suitable home for their two baby raccoons, the Chet Hards meandered towards Wallon Lake for two weeks of loafing and sailing.

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First Presbyterian Church, Birmingham, was the scene for the double-ring marriage ceremony of Rebecca Jane Wagner and Robert Joe Decker.

The bride's parents are the Ross A. Wagner of Birmingham. Mr. and Mrs. Joe Decker of Kalamazoo are the parents of the bridegroom.

For her wedding the bride wore a gown of bridal taffeta. Leaf patterned Alencon lace edged the scoop neckline. Matching motifs of Alencon lace highlighted the full skirt which fell into a chapel train. A pearl and rhinestone crown caught the finger tip veil. She carried Amazon lilies, Stephanotis and ivy.

THE MAID OF honor was Marilyn Marston of East Lansing. Marianne Ulrich of Birmingham and Jo Ann Decker, sister of the bridegroom, attended as bridesmaids. They wore yellow silk organza over taffeta gowns and carried white and yellow daisies with ivy.

Wade Schultheiss of Plymouth was best man. Seating guests were Arnold Weller of Chicago, Ron Weiss of Cadillac and Robert Crispel of East Lansing.

A reception in the church social hall followed the ceremony. The couple will take a wedding trip through Eastern Canada before making their home in Detroit.

Dean's List

Michael Field, 5880 Burnham Road, Bloomfield Hills, has been named to the Dean's list at Beloit College, Beloit, Wis. He graduated this spring from Beloit and maintained a three point average.

It's a boy

Mr. and Mrs. Harry C. Zimmerman of Millburn, N. J. (Barbara Bertling of Birmingham), announce the birth of a son, Christopher Mark, on July 26.

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