

Boys' Groups' Effectiveness Results in \$115,000 Bequest

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"I don't care much for publicity. When you give something, you don't expect a pat on the back. You just thank God you can do it."

These are the feelings of 72-year-old industrialist Charles B. DeVlieg, who last week donated \$30,000 to Camp Oakland, a camp for underprivileged children at Oxford, and \$25,000 to the South Oakland Boys Club of Royal Oak. His gift to the Boys Club will provide an addition to the existing facilities at 736 S. Wilson in Royal Oak, which will permit 400 more boys to participate in vocational recreation and social activities, according to S. J. Christie, club president.

"THE THING THAT sold me about Camp Oakland is that better than 70 per cent of the boys rehabilitated. Its a score that hits me squarely between the eyes," said the articulate business executive.

Circuit Judge Arthur E. Moore, on the Camp Oakland Board of Trustees, said "although no specific use of the monies has been determined, it would be used to basically broaden our base of operations so that we could do several things which are not now doing."
"We are more pleased with the incentive Mr. DeVlieg has given to the people than to the outstanding generosity with which he has given. There is a great need for people who are able to give to this type of program to become more interested in it."

DEVLIEG'S EARLY life could prove to be the motivation behind his philanthropic interests. Although he is now chairman of the board of the DeVlieg Machine Co., a worldwide metalworking supplier, the white-haired gentleman completed the eighth grade at 14 and never enrolled in high school.

Throughout the years in his climb to personal success, DeVlieg's says he kept in mind that "it isn't the business or equipment, it's the people." He applies this statement to why Camp Oakland and the Boys Club were chosen as his benefactors.

"The people there have exercised unselfish devotion and competence. A great deal of credit should be given to the organization at both groups."

CAMP OAKLAND has not been just a sudden interest with DeVlieg. He has been a smaller-scale contributor there for several years, and ten years ago a group of his employees got the ball rolling by giving up a Saturday and Sunday to build the first cabin out in Oxford.

"Later on, other service groups joined on the effort," said DeVlieg. He hopes now that public notice of his gift will also encourage others to contribute what they can, since he shuns personal publicity.

DeVlieg's interest with the Boys

Santa

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has devoted herself to brightening the drabness of these pathetic lives. She has lived in different sections of the country but wherever she moved, she's looked up the "state poor farm."

In Connecticut, she left the women with "the only Oriental rug in a state hospital. It might have had holes in it, but were they proud of that thing?"

"You know, you can ask 100 people to donate to a charity for children and at least 90 will do it, but ask the same 100 to help the inmates in a mental hospital and they will give you every excuse in the book," Mrs. Adams comments. "That's why I give my help to the state hospitals."

MRS. ADAMS does her volunteer work independent of any organization. Although garden clubs, bowling leagues, church circles, etc., help furnish some things, much of the money and gifts come from Mrs. Adams' own resources. Seasonally, she holds hat sales in her home, obtaining hats from a wholesale house and selling them at a small profit.

Her friends and neighbors are the customers, enjoying coffee, company and convenience while they buy. She keeps a standing supply of gift items on hand for neighbors to buy throughout the year.

The profits help to supply the wants and needs of the 200 "friends" in halls M and N.

"THERE ARE over 3,500 patients in Pontiac State and I venture to say there are fewer than 100 volunteer workers helping them," said Mrs. Adams. "People are needed to give home permanents, to help them sew, knit and embroider, to teach the children, to read—to help in dozens of ways."

"I don't find it depressing. On the contrary, I'm uplifted when I know I've helped to brighten their lives. You know, everyone is anxious to help the needy at Christmas but the rest of the year they are forgotten!"

Forgotten they may be by everyone else. But they are remembered by Lola Adams.



LEARNS ABOUT CAMP OAKLAND

Keith Trebble, 13, Clawson, Boys Club member, learns what the camp has to offer from the brochure and benefactor Charles B. DeVlieg.

Club dates back to a friendship with Herbert Hoover, prime mover of the group, plan that are ahead of me. "I'm partial to Boys Club simply because they have a fine record of accomplishment. They are keeping 1,200 boys off the street, their influence can be felt right now. I've been contributing to their building funds for several years. Now they can complete their building project."

ANOTHER REASON DeVlieg concentrates on these two projects is that "they both hit closest to home."

"I can see the results and can visualize the plans that are ahead of me."

for both groups. "I can't go out and personally administer the two groups, but I can give them what I have."
DeVlieg, who not only plays the part of Santa Claus but also looks out for C-average students who could benefit from \$500 to \$1000 scholarships.

"These students should get just as much of a chance to go to school. High marks are not always the sign of high intelligence."

"There is a tremendous volume of imagination and talent in that area of the C-average student. Because they can't get straight A's they are judged less than they should be."

Officials Seek No-Parking Ban On S. Glengarry

Patrons of the Cranbrook-Maple shopping center stand to lose one street in the area as a possible parking place.

Soured by the complaints of upset residents on S. Glengarry, Supervisor Homer Case and Police Chief Norman Dehne have recommended that no parking signs be erected on the street between Maple and Whitley. The township board Monday night requested the county road commission to install the signs.

THE SHOPPING center, Case said, does not have adequate parking space and the overflow of cars has been blocking driveways on S. Glengarry. There have been instances of merchants hiring boys to take the patrons' cars and park them, he said.

"The owners of the shopping center used to own the vacant space and the vacant space to the west," Case added. "I'd like to see that picked up and used as P-1 (parking)."

Airman Completes Air Force Training

Airman Dennis A. Schmalz, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur X. Schmalz, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur X. Schmalz of 1041 Rock Springs, Bloomfield Hills, has completed Air Force basic military training at Lackland AFB, Tex. Airman Schmalz has been selected for technical training as an aircraft maintenance specialist at the Air Training Command (ATC) school at Sheppard AFB, Tex. The airman is a 1962 graduate of Bloomfield Hills High School.

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ITA Alphabet Creator to Visit

Sir James Pitman, originator of the House of Commons and Knight of the British Empire, is visiting his son in Toronto before embarking on first grade classroom, will visit this area next week from his home in England.

Pitman will be honored at a 7:15 a.m. breakfast Wednesday at the Holiday Inn on W. Telegraph by the Oakland County school officials. The preceding evening, beginning at 8:15 p.m., he will meet the 36 ITA teachers in the county at the County Service Center.

Mechill Incorporated, Birmingham, recently purchased three registered Angus cows from Knobby Hills Farms, Clyde, Michigan. Pitman, a retired member of the



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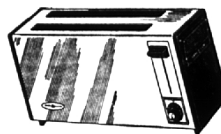
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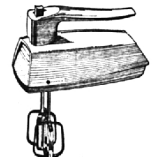
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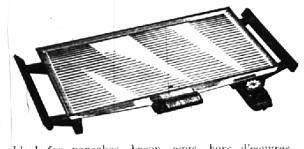
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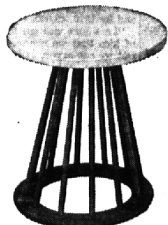


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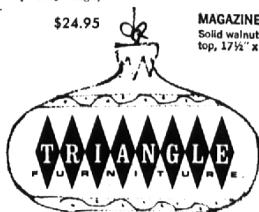
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