



### Teen of the Week

Sandy MacPherson's creative abilities and leadership qualities have won her many honors at Bloomfield Country Day School. Sandy, a senior and art editor of the yearbook, lives at 20 Merrimac Court, Bloomfield Hills. While at Country Day she has won two gold keys and a certificate of honorable mention in the National Scholastic Art Contest for her talent in art. Other honors include the Time Current Events Award and Class Day awards for chapel, history and speech. Active in all school affairs, Sandy is a member of the social committee, Student Council, newspaper, glee club and the literary staff. She has held the offices of freshman class president, secretary of the drama club, and assistant editor of the newspaper. Sandy loves good books and languages, especially French, and she is now looking forward to spending part of the summer in France.

### Girls Gather For Parley On Maturity

The baffling problems that teenagers cope with as they seek maturity will be explored by speakers and discussed by teenagers themselves at a May 9 conference of Y-Teens, Girl Scouts, and Horizon Girls (senior Campfire Girls).

Meeting at the Oakland Center Building at Oakland University in Rochester, the girls will hear Herman Resnick, of the University of Michigan School of Social Work, keynote the conference theme, "Maturity and Me."

Obstacles to maturity will be outlined in five talks. Donald Kern, administrative director, Oakland Child Guidance Clinics, will speak on "Coping with parents." Harold J. Abrams, consultant supervisor in special education for Oakland schools, will discuss "Coping with Studies."

THE PROBLEM OF coping with peer groups—finding your group, playing different roles in different groups, techniques of group dynamics—will be explained by Ivor Echols of the Merrill Palmer Institute.

The Rev. Ralph Stribe, minister of the Church of Our Saviour, West Bloomfield Township, will talk on "Coping with Boy Friends," and Doris Webster, work-education coordinator for the Special Youth

Employment Project of Detroit, will speak on "Coping with the Law."

The conference program will begin at 10 a.m., and following lunch, the teenagers will discuss wanting your own way, getting your own way, what is your own way, and the way to maturity. The discussion groups will be introduced by Dr. Donald O'Dowd, dean of Oakland University.

The final address will be made by Lowell Eklund, associate dean of the division of continuing education, Oakland University. He will speak on "The World Needs Mature People."

CONFERENCE MODERATOR is Mrs. Priscilla Jackson of Oakland University's division of continuing education.

Girls interested in attending the conference may register until May 1 at any branch of the YWCA of Metropolitan Detroit, at the Girls Scouts office or the Camp Fire Girls office.

Registration including round-trip bus transportation.

### Stationed in Iran

Airman First Class Thomas E. Davies of Boulder, Colo., is participating in Exercise Delawar, a joint Iranian-U. S. military training operation being staged in Iran. The airman's father, William B. Davies, resides at 17178 Birwood, Birmingham.

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## County Speech Clinic Cited For Services

Oakland Schools Speech Clinic is the only public school speech diagnosis and correction center now certified by the American Speech and Hearing Association. The Speech Clinic was commended by the examining board of the American Speech and Hearing Association for high quality services and professional competency of its staff.

A part of the Oakland Schools special education program, the clinic is the base operation for speech services that reach more than 9,000 children. Ninety speech correctionists in the districts that comprise Oakland Schools refer to the clinic the pre-school and school age children in their case loads who

need periods of diagnosis and intensive correction. CHILDREN WHO come to the Clinic in the Board of Education building in the County Service Center are usually between the ages of four and seven. Some of them have not begun to talk, some of them talk, but with little or no meaning; some talk a lot, but so poorly that even their families have trouble understanding them.

For those who do not talk, or have not learned the meaning of words they use, the language development program is both a teaching and diagnostic process. Specialized speech correctionists work in cooperation with psychologists,

psychiatrists, and medical specialists to discover whether the child's problem is one of hearing, emotional disturbance, brain damage or mental retardation. Findings from the diagnostic period form a basis for making educational plans which take into account both the child's handicap and his assets. The child in the intensive correction program has two-hour sessions with Speech Clinic staff members three times a week for six weeks.

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