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**Setting A Record**

A Birmingham family who have been ardent campers for ten years were cited in Escanaba last week as Fayette State Parks 2,000th campers. They are Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Galbraith, 1482 Washington, and their niece (from left), Terry Johnson of Indianapolis, Ind., and two sons, Ralph Jr. and Scott.

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many people who are still unemployed, the number who are holding down jobs has gone up and their earnings have increased.

THE SURVEY shows that net income locally, after payment of taxes, reached \$125,761,000, a rise from the previous year's \$121,689,000.

This boils down to an average of \$15,720 per household, which is arrived at by dividing the overall income by the number of households.

Just how one locality compares with another in purchasing power and business volume is revealed through an "index of sales activity."

Birmingham's index is given as 255, or 155 per cent above the national average.

**New State Game Area Near Allegan**

A new 40,000 acre state game area in southwestern Michigan is the latest result of the Conservation Department's reorganization program.

Combining the Allegan State Forest, Fennville State Game Area and the Swan Creek Wildlife Experiment Station into one unit—the Allegan State Game Area—the change is designed to cut administrative costs, permit an increase in the field force, and most important, give the public more and better facilities for outdoor recreation.

Long popular among goose hunters, the Fennville and Swan Creek centers will continue to provide shooting permits, but most of the game management work which was carried on through them in the past will now be directed out of the new area's headquarters where the Allegan State Forest office has been located near the city of Allegan.

SUPERVISION of the area will be under Charles E. Friley, Jr., who had been in charge at Swan Creek. Forestry operations will be under Paul Schroeder whose office will be at the Department's District Headquarters at Plainwell.

Over-all supervision will be under Warren W. Shapton, Regional Manager, who explained that the new area will officially come into being with a formal boundary dedication by the Conservation Commission.

If your doctor has prescribed a medication for you, be sure to pack enough for your vacation. It's wise to ask your doctor to make out an extra prescription blank to keep in your wallet, in case your luggage is delayed or you lose your pillbox, the Michigan Heart Association says.

**Scouts Launch New Emergency Training Course**

A stepped-up program of emergency service training is being launched by the Detroit Area Council, Boy Scouts of America, to train 88,179 Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and Explorers to be prepared for all types of emergencies.

Emergency-service activities and training projects will be conducted as a part of the regular program in 2081 Scout units, and special citations will be presented to Scout units meeting minimum requirements, according to Dr. DeWitt T. Burton, chairman of the Scout council's health and safety committee.

The Emergency Preparedness BSA program includes training on an individual, family, or unit basis, Burton explained. The program trains boys to be mentally and emotionally prepared to act promptly and to receive instruction on handling family and neighborhood emergencies.

Boy Scout troops and Explorer posts will also train for emergency service and mobilization to be coordinated with community agencies responsible for disaster preparedness.

"FROM ITS beginning Scouting has taught boys to do their best; to do their duty to God and country; to help others; and to prepare themselves physically, mentally, and morally to meet these goals," Burton said.

"Today's world demands more than ever that boys be trained as individuals and members of a Scout unit to meet emergency situations. This is not new for the Boy Scouts of America," Burton explained, "for Scouting has always taught boys to be prepared for all types of emergencies. Millions of former members of the Boy Scouts of America have received Scout training that has prepared them for emergencies."

EXPLORER POSTS made up of high school age boys must meet three broad requirements to be designated as a "Ready" unit. Explorers must qualify in at least three of five fitness tests according to their ages.

The tests are pull-ups, sit-ups, standing broad jump, 50-yard dash, and 400-yard run (walk).

They must also complete three of four training sessions on mobilization and communication; rescue, first aid and public safety; family preparedness and emergency living; and water safety. They must participate in at least one unit mobilization plus two preparedness activities.

A Boy Scout troop—for boys 11 years of age and older—qualifies as a "prepared" troop when it completes the four-part fitness program of the Boy Scouts of America based on medical checkup, physical testing, exercises and activities, and quarterly re-testing and other complaints.

**Police Officers Report Crime**

State police officers made 16,149 arrests in June; 14,458 for traffic offenses and 1,691 on criminal complaints, according to the department's monthly activity report.

In addition, 498 juveniles were arrested for traffic violations and 528 delinquent minors apprehended.

Troopers assisted 5,018 motorists, investigated 7,727 cars, gave 19,018 oral warnings and made 2,981 liquor and 10,347 property inspections.

DEPARTMENT vehicles traveled 1,612,873 miles, of which 902,877 were on traffic patrol and 709,996 to investigate criminal and other complaints.

The identification bureau received 13,046 sets of fingerprints, of which 7,264 were criminal and 5,782 noncriminal. Twenty-three wanted persons were identified.

Of 1,995 applicants for permits to carry concealed weapons, 234 were identified with criminal records through their fingerprints.

ONE UNKNOWN dead was identified by the same means. The scientific crime laboratory conducted 528 examinations, of which 255 were on questioned documents, 106 microscopic; 72 on firearms, 30 on toolmarks, and 65 miscellaneous.

Crime laboratory assistances numbered 43 for state police posts, a bureau and a division, 33 for local police departments, 10 for sheriffs and 10 for state and federal departments.

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