

City YMCA sale of Camp Clark depends on contributions

Sale of Camp Clark in Sandwich to the Cape Cod YMCA for \$250,000 has been authorized by directors of the New Bedford YMCA if the "Y" does not receive at least an additional \$200,000 in contributions to its building fund by Dec. 6.

Meanwhile, an organization of former campers, counselors and parents of campers, calling itself "The Committee To Save Camp Clark" has been formed to raise the needed funds.

The new "Y," now 90 per cent complete, will cost in the neighborhood of \$2 million. A fund-raising campaign begun in 1966 has raised some \$1,164,000. An additional \$500,000 was borrowed from area banks. Proceeds from sale of property and other income have brought the "Y" within \$200,000 of its goal.

The YMCA board's vote on Friday came after five years of campaigning for funds. More than 1,000 citizens contributed toward construction of the new facility in the South Terminal area, which had to be built if the "Y" was to continue in New Bedford. The anti-quoted building at William and Sixth

Streets, the oldest "Y" building in the country, now serves 1,800 members. The new building is expected to serve twice that many when it opens around March 1, 1972.

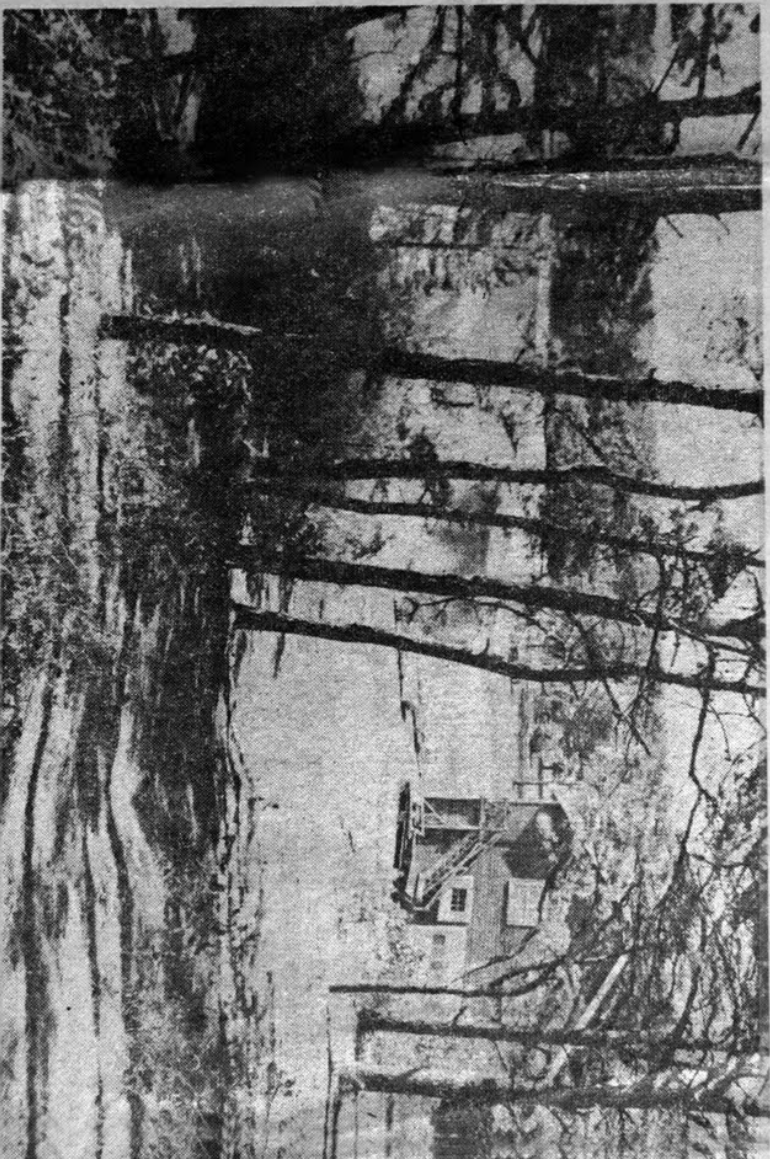
Camp Clark, on Lawrence Pond, has been used for resident camping by boys since it was purchased in 1928 with funds left to the "Y" by the late Frank A. Clark, for whom the camp is named. The camp, a 78-acre site, features swimming, boating, sailing and canoeing, but takes advantage of the Cape Cod location to emphasize nature lore as well.

Some 300 boys, aged 7 to 15, attend Camp Clark each season, some for the summer, some for two weeks.

In a statement accompanying the announcement of the formation of the new group, Chairman Peter L. Mandell said, "obviously, we cannot count on a public subscription drive to raise this amount in the two-week period. However, we do not intend to let the only resident camping facility available to any Greater New Bedford boy be sold and lost forever."

"We urge concerned parents and friends of Camp Clark to contact the YMCA, urging them to delay or postpone this final action of selling the camp."

"And we urge those interested in maintaining the truly democratic experience of resident camping for Greater New Bedford boys to send as large a contribution as they can — right now — to Committee To Save Camp Clark, P.O. Box 4, North Dartmouth, Mass. 02747."



THE WAY IT WAS — Lawrence Pond is viewed through trees at Camp Clark, Sandwich.

—Standard-Times Staff Photo by Dave Crowell

Article 1

Forests aren't located just 'up north'

By Harley Schwadron

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Think of studies of forestry and you will likely think "up north."

But two nature preserves in the Ann Arbor area have been used for research and education by the University of Michigan School of Natural Resources for years.

Eberwhite Woods, located off Liberty Street in Ann Arbor, is a nature preserve owned by the Ann Arbor school board. It contains significant stands of blue ash and other tree species, as well as many wild flowers.

Stinchfield Woods, 890 acres, five miles northwest of Dexter, has been used for forestry research and demonstration purposes since 1925. It even contained a small sawmill operation



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until 1978, when the mill burned to the ground. Saginaw Forest, an 80-acre tract two miles west of Ann Arbor, is also used for forestry research.

AND RINGWOOD, a 160-acre forested tract near Saginaw, is considered one of the oldest forestry plantations in Michigan, dating to 1883 and containing much high quality red pine.

Today, the natural resources school operates forest reserves totaling more than 2,000 acres in northern and lower Michigan, and in the Upper Peninsula.

While Ringwood, Stinchfield Woods and Saginaw Forest continue to be maintained by the school, Eberwhite Woods is an exception. The 42-acre tract on Ann Arbor's west side was originally purchased by the school in 1915, but in 1945 was given to the Ann Arbor Board of Education by the University Regents. It is still used today as a nature preserve by Ann Arbor public school students.

John Carow, U-M forestry pro-

fessor since 1946 and the director of forest properties for the School of Natural Resources until his retirement in 1977, notes that many forest properties of the school are remnants of the days when Michigan was the leading lumbering state.

"Logging was the first big industry in Michigan, prior to the automobile," notes Carow. "During its peak years, roughly 1850-1900, there was one long string of sawmills from Saginaw to Bay City. Many of the loggers were quite well-to-do."

MICHIGAN'S Ringwood reserve is named for Saginaw logger Eleazer Ring. The property was given to the University in 1930 by his son, Clark Ring.

Arthur Hill, another wealthy logger from Saginaw and also a U-M regent, was donor of the University's Hill Auditorium and also of the School of Natural Resources' Saginaw Forest.

Stinchfield Woods was acquired by the University between 1925 and 1965, mostly as gifts

from the family of logger Jacob Stinchfield.

"The school's properties serve an important function because of the school's heavy emphasis on field study," says Carow. "On many of these lands, pine and hardwoods are grown on a sustained yield basis, providing case studies for graduate level research on a variety of forest management techniques."

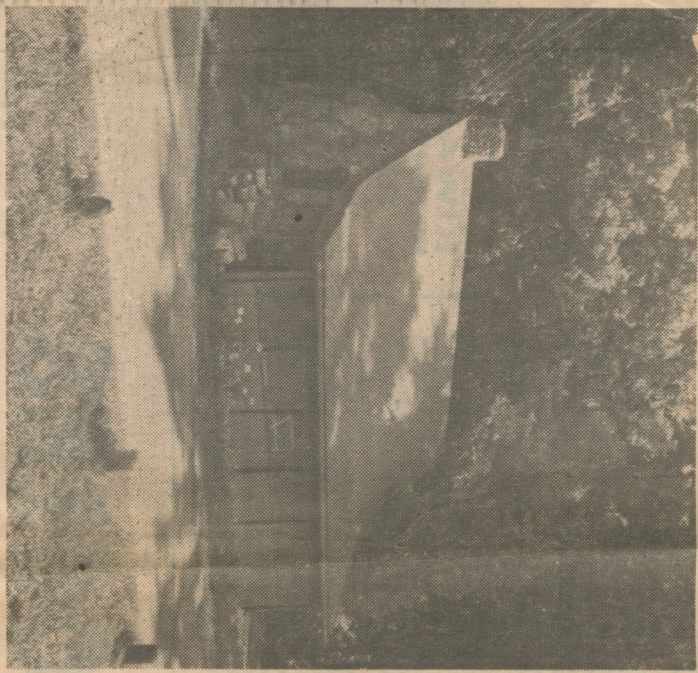
The school harvests a portion of this lumber, which is sold to pulp mills, lumber companies, and as firewood, notes Carow.

Bruce Breitmeyer, the school's supervisor of forest properties, notes that at Stinchfield Woods and the school's adjoining Newcomb Tract near Dexter, students engage in timber harvesting and used to mill the lumber until the school's sawmill burned down three years ago.

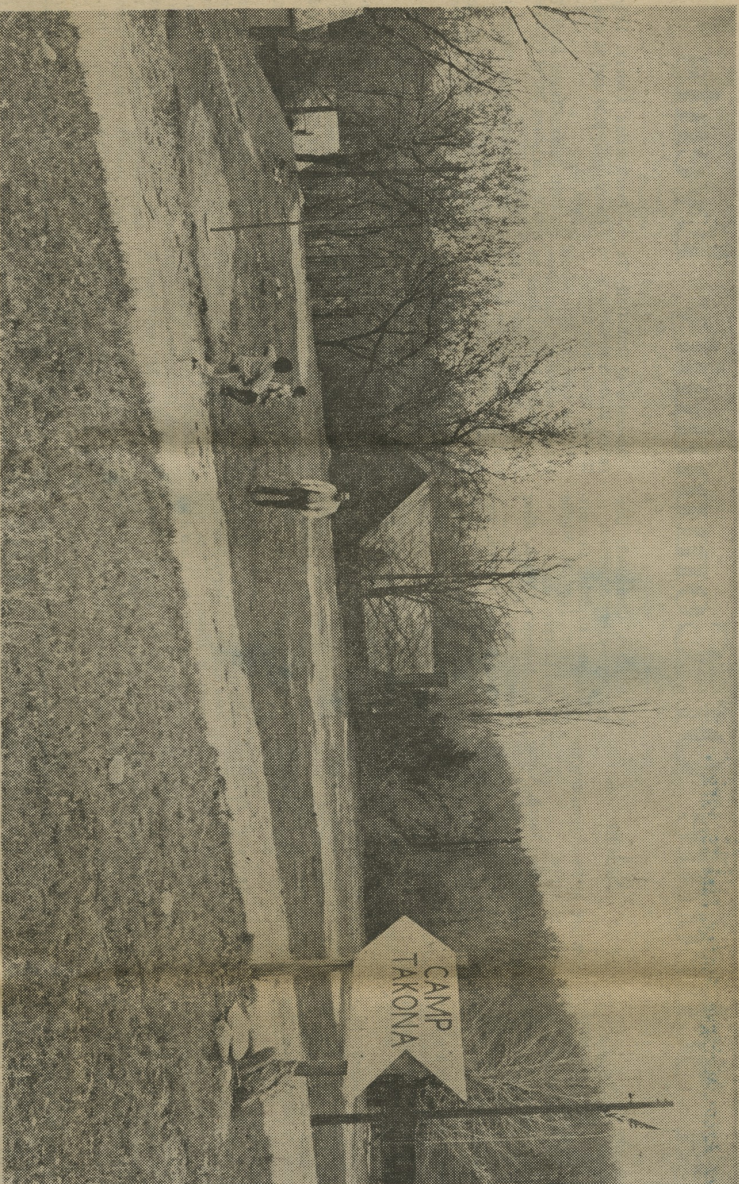
MOST of the school's properties are open to the public, and Stinchfield Woods and Saginaw Forest are particularly popular

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LANDMARK — The caretaker's cottage in the Saginaw Forest is a landmark for forestry students at the U-M. The stone cottage was built in 1915 by former Prof. Leigh J. Young and nurseryman William Marsh at a cost of \$300.



Article 2



Walter Hill and two young Community Center prospective campers on an inspection tour of Camp Takona earlier this year . . .



... and walk up the hill from the beach area

Community Center Buys 'Y' Camp Takona

By Doug Fulton

Camp Takona is a most familiar name to long-time Ann Arbor residents. From the time it opened its doors in 1928, thousands of Ann Arbor children have enjoyed summer camping, swimming, and other recreational activity there under the direction of the YM-YWCA. Grandchildren of some of the earlier campers have used the camp in later years.

With the merging of the YM and YWCA, the combined organizations enjoyed the benefits of two area camps. Birkett, on Silver Lake, was largely relegated to day use, and Takona, on Clear Lake, was shared by boys and girls on an alternate week basis for camping.

But both camp areas were small, and the needs grew. In the late 1960's an opportunity

arose to buy Camp Algonquin, owned and developed by Ann Arborite Herb Twining, on the shore of Burt Lake, and the YM-YW Board of Directors took that opportunity to purchase the larger camp.

Clearly three camps, with attendant upkeep and renovation, to say nothing of transportation problems, were one too many for the "Y" to handle, and Takona was considered surplus to the needs of the local organization.

"We hesitated to put Takona on the open market, though," said "Y" executive director John Williams, "because the camp had such a long tradition of use by Ann Arbor people. Over the years a large number of public-

spirited Ann Arborites have provided funds, materials, and labor to build and main-

tain the facilities at the camp."

The answer to the dilemma came with the offer of the Ann Arbor Community Center, which has long operated a day-camping program but had no facilities of its own, to purchase Takona.

"Our campers had rented Takona for a couple of over-nights last year," explained Director Walter Hill, "and when we learned that Takona might be available we talked it over in our Board of Directors. They gave an OK to negotiate, and we began seriously to consider the possibility late last year."

Firm negotiations started in January, and a price was finally set which was agreeable to both organizations. The Center Board of Directors had to obtain approval

from the United Fund board for a special fund drive. The "Y" camp committee recommended the purchase, the Board of Directors gave unanimous approval, and the Board of Trustees agreed. This week the sales agreement was concluded, and the down payment given.

Money from the sale of Takona will go toward rehabilitation of Camp Birkett, according to Williams. And the Community Center will mount a special fund drive to bring Takona back into shape for the programs they hope to implement.

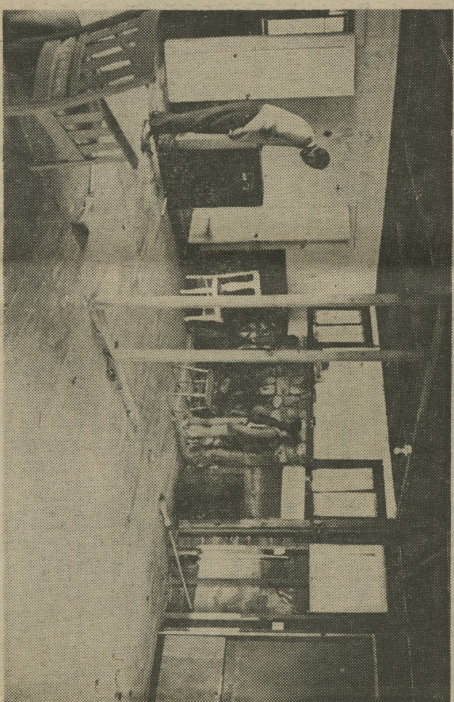
The sale of Takona to the Community Center has been advantageous to both organizations, both Williams and Hill agreed. "We will be able to consolidate our camp program, and the Center will

now have a home of its own," said Williams. "And we are especially happy that the camp will continue to be used by children from Ann Arbor."

Hill is equally enthusiastic, even though he and the Center Board of Directors realize that it means a major fundraising drive throughout the community.

"With renovation we will be able to use the camp not only for camping, but also for retreats, and for such groups as our senior citizens. And we shall continue to make it available on a rental basis for community organizations when the center does not have programs there, as the "Y" has always done," said Hill.

"It will be a major project for us," he added, "but it sure will be nice to have our own camp."



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Camp's spirit won't quit

Just outside of Bolton Landing on the road to Trout Lake is a summer children's camp. For forty-four years children from twenty-two states and fifteen foreign countries spent as many as seven weeks of their summer vacations there.

Most of the kids went back year after year. Some went through the Counselor-in-Training Courses and became counselors. Many adults who went to the camp sent their children there years later.

Now the camp is closed.

What used to be Camp Timlo for boys and Pine Log Camp for girls now lies vacant. Nine cabins, a wash-house, a rec room and nine hard surface tennis courts, all recently constructed for the girls now lie deserted with 23 other buildings, the ballfield, waterfront and other program facilities on Trout Lake.

The camps didn't open this year because of a bitter foreclosure dispute between the camp directors, Mr. and Mrs. Barr Morris and the Marine Midland Bank, Mr. Morris said.

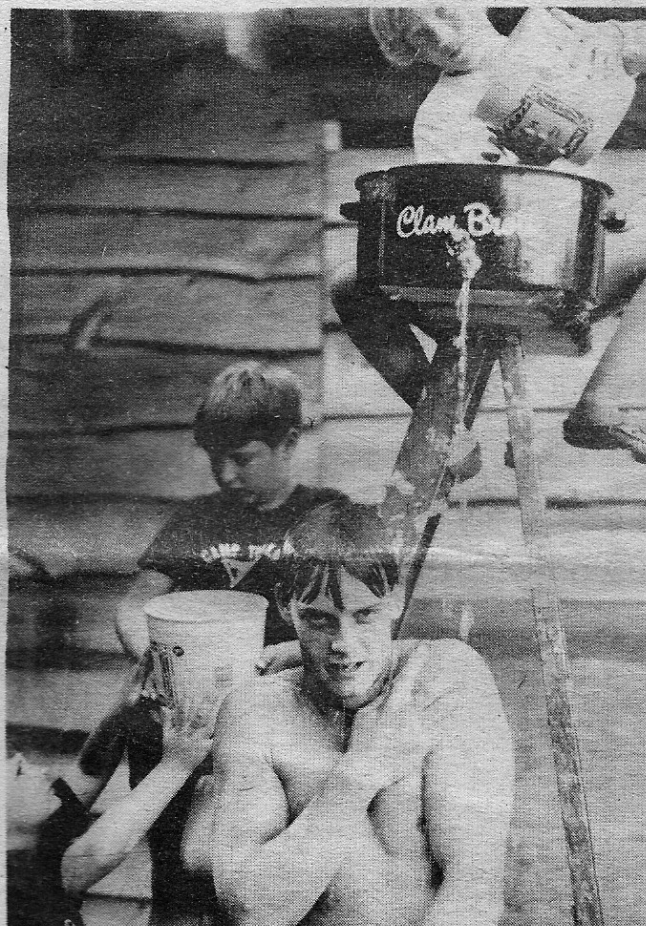
A loyal group of campers, though, decided they wouldn't allow a business war with its fences, chains, padlocks and "No Trespassing" signs to deter them.

With the encouragement of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ballantine from New Jersey, who have sent eleven girls and four boys to the camps for years, they have set up "camp" on a 2.18 acre portion that did not fall under the bank's control, Morris said.

"The Enclave," as the children call it, has no running water, electricity, toilets, bathing facilities, or refrigeration but that hasn't prevented the kids from having fun, Morris said.

They have taken trips to Montreal and Lake Placid. Speakers come to the make-shift camp to talk to the small group and they take advantage of the free movies and recreation facilities in Bolton Landing. One former camper has taken the children waterskiing on Lake George. Another took them sailing.

Because the kids are personal guests of the Morrises they are not paying for their weeks at the makeshift camp. Contributions from former campers help defray some of the costs but most of their supplies are donated from local businesses. A grocery store in Glens Falls supplies food. Van Aernem's Dairy donates dairy prod-



Brian Francette takes a makeshift shower assisted by friends at a Camp Timlo reunion. The camp was forced to close at the end of last summer.

ucts. Art Curren, owner of Sportsman's Paradise lets the campers use his bathrooms and occasionally pumps water to them.

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