

Campers Seek 'Good Old Days'

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A homemade planetarium, plaster of Paris and taffy-making are among items heading for a weekend "Camporee" with members of the Southfield Church of Christ.

About 70 persons, ranging in age from two to 77 years old, will leave this afternoon and evening for a spiritual and recreational retreat at the Michigan Christian Youth Camp near Lapeer.

Emphasis at the three-day campout will be on fellowship in age groupings as well as families.

One evening will feature a family candlelighting service led by the minister of the four-year-old congregation, Doyle Earwood of Royal Oak, also a professor of psychology at North Central Christian College, Rochester.

Simulated Sky—

The other evening will feature a devotional titled, "The Heavens Declare the Glory of God," directed by Norval Scott Jr. of Royal Oak, a science teacher in the Detroit school system who assists in the Bible School program.

This is where the homemade planetarium comes in.

The planetarium, devised by Scott, is made from a dozen old hula-hoops and some dyed bed-sheets. Dome-shaped when erected, the planetarium works in conjunction with a projector apparatus to simulate the heavens.

Pinpoint holes represent various constellations.

Nine-feet tall at its highest point, the planetarium "seats" about 35 children Indian-fashion.

"You really have to see it to understand it," says Scott's wife, herself a former science teacher, who leads the class for two and three-year-olds at the Southfield church.

Sorry, No Moon—

After the demonstration, the group will venture outdoors to see the real thing. "If everything goes according to schedule," says Scott, "there will be no moonlight Saturday night with a conjunction of Saturn and Jupiter."

Daytime activities will include winter sports, arts and crafts (explaining the presence of plaster of Paris), movies and music.

One evening will be rounded out with an old-fashioned taffy pull.

Quarters will be dormitory-style. Food, camp-style, will be handled by Scott's mother, Mrs. Norval Scott Sr. of Clawson, age 70, who is accustomed to cooking in quantity, having been in charge of the kitchen at the YMCA camp at Sand Lake and later at Camp Narrin Girl Scout camp.

Better-Known Soloist—

The senior Scott, at 77, is oldest camper, whose forte is directing the singing. The Church of Christ uses no musical instrument during services.

"Everything is done vocally," explains the younger Mrs. Scott. (Perhaps best known example of Church of Christ vocal training is singer Pat Boone.)

A fundamentalist but fun-loving congregation, the Southfield group is not averse to having a good time. Camp planners have a few surprises in store for their fellow members this weekend.

There will be a badminton tourney with paper cups for birdies and paper plates for rackets.

A bubble-gum blowing contest for adults with an extra stick of gum for the prize.

A six-legged hula-hoop race.



EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES on the Southfield Church of Christ "Camporee" this weekend will include studying the heavens from a homemade "star dome" planetarium. Among young people on the trip will be Don Umphrey, Lynne Wicka and Richard Isbell.



RECREATION will include arts and crafts for the small fry. Mrs. Norval Scott Jr. of Royal Oak, Bible School teacher, helps daughter Wendy make a plaster cast of her hand. (Tribune Photos).

An egg tossing relay.

And a toboggan race with three persons on each vehicle and three pulling.

Everything is planned as though an attempt to re-capture "the good old days" or start them up again. Simplicity is the keynote; family activity the basis.

The Southfield Church of Christ meets temporarily at East Southfield school. Member on the trip will join services at the Lapeer Church of Christ Sunday morning. The stay-at-homes will have service conducted by Robert Wahner, Bible professor at North Central Christian College.

No Money, No Gas —But Lots of Fun

Old hands at camping out are Mr. and Mrs. Norval Scott Jr., 233 East Webster, Royal Oak, who will be among leaders at the "Camporee" of Southfield Church of Christ this weekend.

The Scotts, who met at Wayne State University while straining worms out of cornmeal for a lab project, have taken two 10,000-mile trips across the country.

At one time or another they've run out of gas or money. But they've never run out of their spirit of adventure or love of travel.

Both science teachers (she's retired to homemaking), the Scotts formerly were members of the Royal Oak Church of Christ where they once organized a "starvation hike," a 10-mile walking trip for the young people. Destination (and they made it) was a cider mill near Twenty-Two Mile and Ryan Road.

Another experience recalled almost simultaneously by the couple is the time they set out to motor West and ran out of funds about half-way. "We were stranded in this small town waiting for a check to arrive by airmail. THEN they told us airmail only arrived once a week. Regular mail everyday, but airmail only on Sunday."

Incidentally, the check arrived.

The Scotts have three daughters, Jennifer, age 10; Janine Michelle, seven; and Wendy, three.