



POSSIBLE SITE OF NEW YMCA FACILITY; 5 1/2-ACRE LAND GRANT GIVEN TO RED FEATHER AGENCY
—Gazette aerial photo by John Todd

YMCA Given Land for New Facility

A 5 1/2 acre land grant carrying an \$80,000 price tag has been anonymously given to the Kalamazoo YMCA as a proposed site for a new facility.

Adjoining the Kleinstuck Preserve; the acreage is located at the corner of Maple Street and Hudson Avenue, immediately south of South Junior High School.

Dr. William Kavanaugh, president of the Kalamazoo YMCA, and Frederick B. Curtenius,

chairman of its board of trustees, jointly announced the anonymous property contribution today.

"This magnificent contribution by one of our generous citizens provides an auspicious beginning to the Kalamazoo YMCA's plans for a new building," Curtenius said.

The YMCA obtained clearance last June from the Kalamazoo County Community Chest to conduct a campaign in the

spring of 1967 to raise money for the construction of the new facility.

The present YMCA building at the corner of W. Michigan Avenue and Park Street was built in 1911. The cornerstone was laid by President William Howard Taft. An addition was built in 1940 which added 15 residential rooms, bringing it up to its present resident capacity of 85.

"This land, with its ample acreage and proximity to the Kleinstuck Preserve," Dr. Kavanaugh said, "rates high as the proposed site for the new YMCA building. The gift indicates again the desire of Kalamazoo's leaders to provide modern facilities for our community."

A facility developing committee is being formed and its members will be announced in the near future.