



CLEANING THE RIVER—John Sasseen (left) and Craig Young were two of a group of Boy Scouts from Troop 179 who spent Saturday cleaning debris from the Rogue River in the Farmington City Park. The troop is sponsored by Longacre Elementary School. (Evert photo)

School Watchwords: Clean Up And Beautify



ARBOR DAY SALUTE -- Flanders School pupils added beauty to the grounds by planting trees and shrubs during Arbor Week. Fifth graders William O'Connell and Lori Ann Sidor prepare to plant a Japanese quince which is a graceful flowering bush. (Evert photo)

Farmington schools have been developing vigorous beautification programs.

Regular scheduled cleanups, poster campaigns, poems, plantings and assemblies are but a few of the programs they have initiated.

"In correlating these activities with the elementary curriculum, it is our desire to increase the child's awareness of his environment and his own responsibility to improve it," says Mel Blackman, Bond elementary principal and chairman of elementary beautification procedures.

AS A SAMPLE of specific actions, Fairview School held an assembly on beautiful America and fifth graders of Room 13 planted tulips in front of the building and weeded flower beds.

Room 12 wrote Earth Day poems, attached them to balloons and delivered them to classmates. Room 7 composed detailed lists of cleanup chores for home, school, and outdoors.

Ten Mile School initiated a five-day campaign involving personal cleanliness, school room neatness, school, home and community emphasis. Each class could choose its own special project.

At Forest School, art work was coordinated with the theme of beautification. It dealt particularly with immediate school environment. Development of their already beautiful nature area continues.

GILL SCHOOL concentrated on posters to be displayed in community business places.

Flanders designated a special day during Arbor Week for outdoor planting of trees and shrubs.

Kenbrook anticipated an early visit from naturalist Hartley Thornton to discuss development of a nature trail in the surrounding woods. Several classes planted flowering crab trees.

Fridays are to be special cleanup days at Wooddale with each class spending a few minutes during lunch hour picking up debris.

Rooms one to five won an extra free recess at William Grace for their especially sparkling area. A one-cent fine was set for girls who wear slacks and boys who wear shorts on Student Council "Dressup" day. Money collected will buy a tree or flowers to be planted in the court.

MIDDLEBEL SCHOOL hopes to re-stend the baseball diamond and fill low spots on the playground. A new planter is anticipated later in May.

Jack Cyr, assistant principal at Farmington Junior High and chairman of junior high cleanup efforts, reported similar activities at his participating schools.

Power was particularly fortunate to have received a number of maple and yew trees from a nearby nursery that is closing.

O. E. Dunckel concentrated on fishing the ever-present shopping carts out of the creek and sprucing up their court-yards.

East Junior High needed the maintenance department's truck to collect the large assortment of litter gathered from the grounds.

Farmington Junior High will again cooperate with the City of Farmington Beautification Committee in a community-wide sweep of shopping centers.

Genius Bag Contest Held

Farmington Cub Scout Pack 231 will meet on May 15 in Larkshire School with some 30 cubs and webelos competing in exhibition of their "genius bag" ideas, projects concocted from a variety of articles. Ribbons will be awarded to those judged most original. There will be a skit by Den 3 and a surprise game.

MAY 1 fathers of all cubs or those interested in scouting programs are asked to meet at 8 p.m. in Larkshire to assure fulfillment of pack leadership. Slides of pack activities will be shown and refreshments served. At the May 22 pack committee meeting, all parents are also welcome, at 8:30 p.m. in Marian Bruce's home on Lamar Ave.

Fathers are asked to accompany the scouts on the May 2 and 9 tours of Metropolitan Airport, leaving at 8:30 a.m. from Larkshire. A Scout Fair "Expo '70" is set for May 23, 24 in Walled Lake with displays and games by area scouts.

Also for this age group will be the Little Leaguers parade on May 16 and then on May 30 all scout units are invited to join in the Memorial Day parade downtown. Pack 231 will participate with a booth for the June 6 Larkshire PTA Fair.

ON JULY 11 pack members with some fathers will attend the Tiger's game. On May 15, service awards will be presented by school windows. Awards made at the April meeting were: Bobcats, Michael Lawson Price and Jim Blotock; Wolf—Jim Harkins, Jeff Johnson, Craig King, John Crawford, Gordon Nodaker; gold arrow -- Greg George, Michael Lickey, Scott Gardner; silver arrow -- Dana Bounds; Webelos -- Teal Powell, Richard Carlsson; craftsman -- David Anderson, Mark Bechard, Tom Cisko, Tom Crawford, Robert Bruce, Robert Leonard, Robert Devine, Tom Murphy, Richard Seelye.

Kensington Park with awards and balgame and a weiner roast in August.

The pack committee on April 24 was visited by a scout neighborhood commissioner, Walt Schooley, who plans to be at the May 1 meeting. Schooley announced the Scout Roundtable on May 14 to concern "Child Behavior," open to all leaders. He commended Pack 231 leaders and foresees a good potential for replacement.

THE CUBS will hold a cleanup after the June 6 fair at 5:30 p.m. Some dens are growing flowers from seed to plant in front by school windows.

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Man Of Pride Views Township's Section 36

By ELIZABETH WISSMAN

Gary Justice, of 21245 Verdun, Farmington, is a man with a lot of pride.

Justice takes pride in his wife, Joann; his children, Ronnie, 4, and Julie, 1; his job

with Local 24 Ironworkers; and his 2 1/2 years of service with the U.S. Navy on the guided missile cruiser, USS Galveston.

And he takes pride in the home he has bought in Farmington.

THE HOME, happens to be in Farmington Township's Section 36. There are residents in Section 36 who do not take pride in their homes, neighbors say.

Although he is a newcomer to the area, Justice decided to instill some pride in these persons. He didn't just sit back and gripe when his street looked messy.

He got busy. In fact, Justice got so busy that he was appointed chairman of the big cleanup campaign which took place in Section 36 last weekend.

Three troops of Girl Scouts took part in the cleanup, 120 Boy Scouts, men from Barn Three of the township volunteer fire department, township police, the township volunteer fire department, township police, the township beautification committee, township pickup trucks -- they all took part, over 200 persons.

YOU'D THINK this would be enough for Justice. But it isn't. He wants to make the cleanup a year-round project.

Says Justice: "The neighborhood residents should be informed to keep their places clean themselves. A lot of these people aren't aware of the facilities that are available to them for their trash and other debris."

Joann Justice agrees with her husband, fortunately. He likes a tight ship at home, also.

The couple met at Clarenceville High School, where they graduated in 1960.

Joan's husband puts it this way: "I like to have a clean house and so I like to have a

clean neighborhood. Real estate is money. My house cost money and before I leave it I'd like to have it worth a lot more. A clean house in a clean neighborhood makes a home worthwhile."

JUSTICE WOULD like to organize a committee to Keep Section 36 Beautiful.

"Sort of like a block club," he explains. "There are a lot of renters around here and I know they're transients but I feel they're not well enough informed about what they can do to keep their property clean. They just live day to day and the junk just piles up."

Justice just doesn't like junk piles.



CLEANUP -- Gary Justice, who lives in Farmington Township's Section 36, demonstrates the pride he takes in his property. (Evert photo)

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