

Art fosters friendship among 11-year-olds

Artwork by 11-year-olds who have participated in an international summer camp will be on display 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 9:30 a.m.-6 p.m. until July 31 at the Detroit Bank and Trust main office, Fort at Washington Boulevard, Detroit.

Called "Children's International Summer Village (CISV)," the program's purpose is to "foster international understanding and friendships in the hope of achieving peaceful solutions to the worldwide problems people face today," said Mrs. Marilyn Wheaton of Farmington.

Mrs. Wheaton is the president of the Detroit chapter of the CISV. Although the CISV organization conducts several activities, its primary focus is on CISVillages.

THE VILLAGES, 20 of them throughout the world, contain about 50 children each. The children will represent nearly 12 nations in each camp and will live together for four weeks.

"The program is simple, with emphasis on activities which encourage close relationships among children and creative expression, one of which is involvement with art and craft activities," Mrs. Wheaton said.

"The Detroit chapter hosts CISVillages every three years with the next one scheduled to be held in...1978. In addition, however, it is also supportive of other CISV activities involving exchange programs which send older children to live abroad for entire summers."

"The following year, children that these older Detroit area youngsters

have visited come here to stay over an entire summer and participate in group activities."

"This develops true feelings of friendship and understanding," she said.

Children's International Summer Villages was founded in 1951 by Dr. Doris Allen, professor emerita of psychology at the University of Cincinnati. It was established to provide an opportunity for young children to experience other children from different cultures.

"ONE OF THE most interesting features of the development of the villages was the decision to limit them exclusively to 11-year-olds. Various ages were tried, but CISV finally decided that 11 was the ideal age," Mrs. Wheaton said.

"At this age, although they already carry the stamp of their respective cultures, children are able to develop relationships among themselves without prejudice.

"They are also old enough to travel and can understand the purpose of joining with other children in an activity international in scope.

"There are no foreign language skills required of child delegates. Strangely enough, language seems to be no problem at the age of 11. The children manage to make themselves understood through gestures, naming, making sounds, drawing. By the end of four weeks at CISV, the youngsters have acquired many useful words from all the languages spoken in camp," she said.

Thousands of children from more than 55 nations have participated in the program.

The art exhibit was assembled in conjunction with the National Geographic Society and shown in its Explorers Hall in Washington, D.C. Other portions of the exhibit are now touring the country.

Included in the exhibit at the bank are paintings, sculpture, drawings and crafts.

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OBITUARIES

RALPH R. SCHRADER
Mr. Schrader, 62, of Livonia, died July 16 in Beaumont Hospital. He was a former resident of Farmington.

He was a shipping clerk for Mallard Inc. of Detroit and a member of St. Gerald's Catholic Church, Farmington.

He is survived by a son, James, of Brighton, a daughter, Mrs. Ray Hill of Livonia, a brother, Roy, and five grandchildren.

A rosary was held in the Heenev-Sundquist Funeral Home, Farmington. Funeral was July 19 in St. Gerald's Catholic Church with Rev. James P. O'Hagan officiating. Burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield.

HAWLEY A. MACKENZIE SR.
Mr. MacKenzie, 57, of Big Rapids, died July 13 in Community Hospital, Big Rapids. He formerly lived in the Farmington area.

He was a foreman for Kraftlube Co. in Big Rapids.

He is survived by his father, Alex Mackenzie, sons Hawley Jr. of Livonia and Brinn P., daughters Mas Robert George Jr. of Royal Oak and Mrs. James Devine of Farmington, brothers, Carlton, Richard and Donald, sisters Mrs. Frank Blenman and Mrs. Max Barrone, and 11 grandchildren.

Funeral was July 17 in Heenev-Sundquist Funeral Home in Farmington with Marvin Dean Biery of Brightmoor Christian Church of Detroit officiating. Burial was in Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens, Novi.

RICHARD S. ANDRIDGE
Mr. Andridge, 59, of Farmington Hills, died July 18 in Botsford Hospital. He lived in the Farmington area for 17 years.

He was an architectural hardware consultant for Detroit Sterling Hardware Co.

He is survived by two daughters, Miss Linda Andridge and Miss Carla Andridge, both of Farmington Hills, sons Douglas of Detroit, Phillip of Hawaii and Richard of Willis, and six grandchildren.

Memorial service was held July 23 in North Farmington Baptist Church, with Rev. Stan Nichol officiating.

Council rejects subdivision

FARMINGTON HILLS—The city council tripped the first step toward construction of a proposed new subdivision by turning down a rezoning request.

Councilmen voted 4-3 against changing the property from its presently designated one-family residential to a planned residential district.

The 48 acres involved lies between Nine and 10 Mile roads and between Inbster Road and Old Farm Colony. Petitions protesting the change and claiming to bear the signatures of 20 per cent of abutting property owners were presented at the meeting.

A planned residential district allows a mixture of single family homes, apartments and open space. The petitioning developer, Thompson-Brown, had promised to leave the location's heavily wooded area in its natural state.

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