

Recipes are different in her class

By LOUISE KORUTSKY

Mrs. Barbara Dermody hasn't repeated a recipe in at least three semesters of teaching gourmet cooking classes in Farmington High School's community education program.

"The recipes were all different," Ruby Smith of Farmington Hills said. Mrs. Smith and Evelyn Kennedy of Farmington have taken Mrs. Dermody's class three times.

"The teacher is dynamic," Mrs. Kennedy said.

Mrs. Dermody, a former English teacher, says that she's always cooked but it wasn't until three years ago that she turned her avocation into a vocation.

"It was natural," she says. "It all kind of happened."

She adds to her collection of recipes each time she travels. Mrs. Dermody and her husband do a lot of walking during

their trips, she explained. They usually end up eating at family restaurants in out-of-the-way places. If she likes what she's eaten, she'll ask for the recipe.

"Sometimes, I get them," she says with a grin. She adds that sometimes she wonders if she was given the entire recipe.

HER CLASSES are conducted with a goodly helping of recipes and advice, a pinch of off-hand humor and a sprinkling of comments from her student cooks.

during a crepe-making demonstration, she waved a crepe pan back and forth to cool it and cautioned her students to make sure the baby is out of the way or you'll leave a permanent imprint.

"My pie crust landed on the floor," Jim Anderson of Farmington Hills complained during an explanation of how to transfer a pie crust into a pie pan.

Mrs. Dermody showed a skeptical Anderson that the easiest way to transfer the crust was to place a rolling pin on the en-

ter of the crust and fold half of the crust over it, then lift the rolling pin with the crust draped over it to the pie tin.

Anderson, who retired in October, decided he was tired of watching television and enrolled in four community education classes. Cooking seemed a natural choice. His father was a chef and Anderson used to watch him at work.

While adding a little wine to her crepe batter, Mrs. Dermody suggested that her students cover half of the bottle's opening with a thumb to control the flow of the wine. "It also sterilizes the fingers," she added.

"I'm going to take this bottle home for my bed time snack," she joked.

TO KEEP THE crepes from sticking to the pan, Mrs. Dermody suggested filling the pan with oil, baking it for a while, then letting it stand before wiping off the excess. "If something burns, use salt to clean it. It doesn't absorb the oil."

Most of the recipes used in the class aren't very complicated and are chosen to suit the limitations of the two-hour session. Time is not the essence of her at-home projects. "It's a worth making. It's worth taking my time to prepare," she says.

She prescribes patience and a good cook book, such as "The Joy of Cooking," for the novice chef.

"If it doesn't come out the first time, it's not the end of it," she consoles. She thinks today's beginners are handicapped because many of them haven't spent much time in the kitchen watching the family's meal being prepared and picking up hints.

She attributes her slim appearance to the fact that she wears loose clothing and eats salads for lunch. "But I have to taste everything I make," she says.



Mrs. Barbara Dermody, gourmet cooking teacher, prepares the crepes for serving while Linda Totten (left) of Farmington and Sharlene Winkfield of Plymouth (right) make another batch.

Elementary youngsters watch action of pre-snowmobile days

By CORINNE ABATT

You can read about sled dogs and see pictures of Siberian huskies pulling the sleds, but it doesn't come close to watching the real thing in action.

Edgewood Elementary School youngsters had a taste of the real thing this week and they clapped and cheered with delight.

For four hours on the playground behind the school, just north of Grand River, a team of Siberian huskies owned by Rachel Bell and Dave Bell of Howell performed well for the children.

Mrs. Bell is a sixth grade teacher at Edge-

wood, has arranged the program for the last three years.

It begins with a slide presentation of Canadian winter camping using the dogs to pull the sleds loaded with 200 pounds of equipment plus the driver.

The Bell's bought their dogs from Dick Rosetto, owner of Firewise Kennels of Milford. The Bells now have their own Sutar Kennels in Howell and both dogs return Rosetto's and Bell's have a number of American and Canadian champions several of whom were in the team demonstrating at Edgewood.

The Siberian husky, noted for its endurance and ability to perform in severe con-

ditions, is immediately identifiable through its muscular build, thick coat and distinctive face markings.

As opposed to mongrel sled dogs, some times called Alaskan huskies, the pure-bred Siberian is expected to pull twice his weight and does, when in harness.

Bell, who uses them for cross country trips, says they are born to pull.

They love the sled. They love to pull. They get excited the minute they see me get the harness out. It's a natural instinct with this breed. You put a young dog in harness with an old timer and it takes about 10 minutes for him to pick it up."

Bell also explains that while the Siberian

may look ferocious, he is not a guard dog. In fact, he is very friendly and loving.

This was obvious as the hundreds of Edgewood youngsters gathered around the sled after each demonstration, the dogs remained calm and quiet, thoroughly enjoying the attention.

Rosetto, who ships dogs to buyers all over the United States and throughout the world, says the uncle of all the dogs pulling the sled at Edgewood belongs to Sam Edmund, Muskegon.

The breed originated in Northeast Siberia and has been developed by the Chukchi Indians over a 2,000-year period.



On a perfect winter day for Siberian huskies, students at Edgewood Elementary School, watched action from the pre-snowmobile days. The dogs belong to Dave and Rachel Bell of Howell. Bell drives and his passenger is Dick Rosetto, a Siberian husky breeder from

Milford. The lead dogs are a mother-daughter team. Daughter is seven months old. The two males behind are the power source needed for turning the sled around corners. (Staff photo by Harry Mauthe)

First Baptist of Farmington

Area church celebrates

By CORINNE ABATT

On Sunday, Feb. 15, the trumpets of praise will sound in the First Baptist Church of Farmington, marking the 150th anniversary of its founding.

Special guest Dr. Myron Cedarholm, Naranath Baptist Bible College, Watertown, Wis., will speak and members and friends will gather for the celebration. There will be a family carry-in dinner after the morning service and another program in the afternoon.

This information, along with the history of the ensuing years, is included in a story of the church written by Austin Patrick of Farmington Hills.

Meetings were first held in an old log schoolhouse at the corner of Tenth and Halstead. In 1825, the Baptists built their first church on the site now occupied by the West Farmington Cemetery.

But, continuing growth didn't go in that direction, and eventually the area was deemed too remote. In 1881 the congregation built a new frame church on Shawnee at Farmington Road.

The 38-by-48 foot building cost \$1,000 and is the original section of the present church now used for offices and meeting rooms.

An educational wing was added to the

east side in 1926; the parsonage was purchased in 1943, and a large west wing housing the 400-seat main auditorium was dedicated Oct. 4, 1969.

Parish documents events and details of church life in the 150 years, mentioning names of church leaders, repairs to and changes in the buildings, missionary activities and former pastors.

Declared a historical landmark by the Farmington Historical Society, the church will someday have a plaque noting the place of the church in the life of the community.

First Baptist records are now being microfilmed and will be placed in the Historical collection of the Farmington library.

Church Pastor, the Rev. Richard G. Duncan, will celebrate his first anniversary with the church this month.



The First Baptist Church of Farmington will celebrate 150 years as a congregation Sunday, Feb. 15. (Staff photo by Harry Mauthe)

Community band salutes seniors

The Farmington Community Band will present a special tribute to seniors and the handicapped at 8 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 22 in Harrison High School, Twelve Mile East of Orchard Lake.

Entitled "Grand Old Flag," and one of the first Farmington bi-centennial events, the concert under the direction of Paul Barber will feature the Michigan Ballet Theater as guest performers. Evelyn Kreson has choreographed dances especially for this concert.

Transportation for senior citizens will be provided at special pick-up points. Our Lady of Sorrows, 22415 Powers, First Methodist Church, Grand River across from Federal's, Farmington Police, Grand River at Liberty, American Legion Hall, Grand River at Farmington, Nardin Park Church, 29807 Eleven Mile, Baptist Man-

ner, 30251 Thirteen Mile.

Special vans for the handicapped will be available for transportation to the Farmington Nursing Home, the Hill-Nutting Home, White House Convalescent Home, Community Living Center, Sarah Fisher Home and Williamshurst Home. Shuttle

cars will be provided for those with special needs.

Ed Dodson, 22415 Powers, is in charge of arrangements. Music by the Farmington Belanger as concert ensembles.

The band will perform at the concert by John Higgins.

Hillel displays science projects

The Hillel Day School of Metropolitan Detroit, 3220 Middle Road in Farmington Hills, will show its new year winning projects at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 11 on the school's gym.

The top projects, awarded in six categories, submitted by students in grades three to nine will be on display for parents

and area residents to view.

Each class prepared projects in six categories: earth and space, biology, physics, chemistry, mathematics and general science.

According to school officials, the past year's school projects had quarters in arts and crafts, social studies, and science.

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