

In your backyard

Look out for wildflowers

By CORINNE ABATT

Don't be surprised if a Farmington youngster walks up to you in the park and tells you not to pick the wildflowers. It's all part of the training and appreciation of the outdoors which is coming their way through programs in the schools presented by members of the Farmington Area Naturalists.

EACH SPRING the naturalists pack up their wildflower slides and arrange dates to present wildflower talks to all fourth and first grades in the district. Naturalist Kay Waloff of Farmington Hills, who also does many of the color slides, gave two programs at Longacre school last week.

She talked for several minutes before the slides were shown. Ten thousand years ago there was a glacier in Farmington and the ice was a mile high. As it receded it left hills and valleys and then came the grasses and trees.

She mentioned several places they could suggest to their parents for good wildflower observations—the Highland Recreation Area, the nature trails on the Orchard Ridge campus of Oakland Community College and any wooded setting near their homes.

Don't pick the wildflowers or the leaves, she told them. "If you take the leaves that's the food for the roots." She made an exception with dandelions and said the figured violets were plentiful enough to be picked.

THEN SHE WENT to the slides starting with the earliest wildflower, sail and popper, then skunk cabbage, blood root, adder's tongue, dog tooth violet and on through May apple, trillium, wild geranium, columbine, dogwood and jack-in-the-pulpit.

As often as possible she told the children where they and their parents could go to look for species like the marsh marigold which she said is found in many ditches around Farmington and along the freeways.

The children took very seriously her warnings not to eat any berries or appealing looking plants which they may find.

and many of their questions centered on this subject.

Mrs. Waloff, like most of her fellow naturalists, has a wildflower garden and much

of her photography is done there. Mrs. Robert Douglas of Farmington Hills is president of the club which meets monthly in the Farmington Community Center.

District enrolls new students

Farmington District schools will be enrolling children who are eligible for kindergarten May 3-7.

Children who are Farmington area residents and will be five years old before Dec. 1, 1976 are eligible to enroll for the 1976-77 academic year.

Parents should contact their local elementary school this week for specific details concerning kindergarten registration. Pre-schoolers may register by May 7 also are eligible to participate in the kindergarten orientation programs offered at each elementary school.

Five Hills students receive degrees

Five Farmington Hills residents received degrees from Madonna College, Livonia.

Beverly A. Wooden Weems received a bachelor of science in nursing, with honors.

Four students received bachelor of science degrees. They are: Gary David Brown, Joyce Ann Hallingstad, Richard D. Murphy and James A. Worthington.

McCABE

funeral home since 1893



DETROIT, MICHIGAN
1857 GRAND RIVER PHONE: VE-61752
William J. Jones, Manager

GRAND OPENING SPECIAL



★ CONVERSE

A GREAT RUN FOR THE MONEY

A fine all-around athletic shoe with all the extra quality features: treaded sole, padded topline, built-up arch and padded tongue. Only the price is basic. In Blue Nylon and Suede and Gold Nylon and Suede. Sizes 6 1/2 to 13. All colors in all stores. Master Charge or BankAmericard.

A \$20 VALUE NOW

1490

VISIT OUR NEW LAKESIDE & FAIRLANE STORES

sherman shoes

Phone: 646-8431

FAIRLANE & LAKESIDE CENTERS

Days 9:30-10:30 PM, 11:30 PM-1:30 AM

BIRMINGHAM, 115 W. Maple

SOMERSET MALL, Troy

PRICES SHOE DEPARTMENT

Deborah Open Thurs & Fri 11:30 PM

Farmington Observer & Eccentric

Published every Monday and Thursday by the Observer & Eccentric News, 3021 Schoolcraft Rd., Livonia, Michigan 48150. Second-class Postage paid at Livonia, Michigan 48151. Address all mail (subscriptions, change of address, Farm 3070) to P.O. Box 3028, Livonia, Michigan 48151. Telephone 261-3800.

Co-Publishers

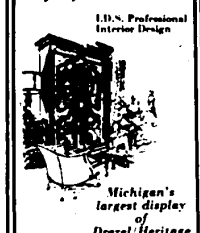
Henry M. Hogan, Jr., Philip H. Power

HOME DELIVERY SERVICE

Newsstand per copy, 25c

Carrier monthly, \$1.00

just beautiful things for your home



Michigan's largest display of Dressel Heritage
RAY INTERIORS
Furniture for the Discerning Homeowner
33300 BLOCUM Phone
FARMINGTON 476-7272



Good times beckon in good looking gear for mom with that Breckenridge flair.

Sportive in attitude Contemporary in style Carefully collected in down-to-earth naturals. Polyester/cotton print front T in natural combinations, sizes S-M-L. \$13. Cotton drawstring pants. \$27. Cotton elbow sleeve jacket. \$27. Both in natural Sizes 6-16. Shorts also available. In Hudson's Contemporary Sportswear, at Northland, Pontiac, Eastland and Oakland Mall stores only.

hudson's



I Remember Mom

Mother's Day is Sunday, May 9.

TIME TO ORGANIZE! Come To Our OFFICE FURNITURE SALE

Standard 4 Drawer File

- Full Suspension with thumb latch, 26 1/2" deep
- Black or Sand

Reg. \$89.95

\$59.95

Cash 'n Carry

CHECK OUT OTHER OFFICE FURNITURE SALE ITEMS

- XEROX 6500 Color Service
- Blue Print Copy Service
- XEROX 7000 Copy Service

Available at our Downtown Farmington Store

Two locations to serve you:
• 23234 Farmington Rd.
Downtown Farmington Shopping Center
• 23877 Industrial Park Drive
476-1324

EXECUTIVE OFFICE SUPPLY INC.

Our staff from left to right: Ray, operator; Anko, operator; Kay, operator; Mary, receptionist; Hazel, manicurist; Roger, operator; Front, Sue, receptionist; Marion, operator.

Join us for refreshments during
St. Georges Day Open House
Thursday, May 6

Salon St. Georges
34777 Grand River
Farmington
474-6530

Ethan Allen

AMERICAN TRADITIONAL INTERIORS

Unbeatable Values...

Superbly styled, Ethan Allen, antique brass finished lamps

The ageless charm of gleaming brass... the mellow glow of light shining through shantung shades... a combination of classic charm and with one... two... or three of these attractive Ethan Allen lamps, a "Mystic" lamp, 37 inches high... b. "Westport" lamp, 36 inches high... c. "Newport" lamp, 35 inches high.

Your Choice: Reg. \$79.50 each...

Sale \$64.50 each

WIGGS

4080 TELEGRAPH RD. at Long Lake Rd. BLOOMFIELD HILLS
OPEN MON, THURS & FRI TEL 9 644-7270