



NEAT AND TIDY — Mrs. Helen Simonette, chairman of the City of Farmington Beautification Committee, visits Longacre School to distribute litter bags as part of the committee's cleanup campaign. At left is pupil Bob Peters, with Principal Walter J. Jablonski looking on. (Everett photo)

Parents; Teachers Have Drug Responsibility

A drug counselor and an educator agreed that parents and teachers must work together for better drug awareness in the third meeting of a series sponsored by the Farmington Jaycees.

Dr. Jerry Tobias, director of juvenile services for Bloomfield Township, listed three ways parents must assume responsibility for their children's understanding and use of drugs.

"First of all, parents should recognize the signs of a child who is in trouble," Tobias said. "Children who are delinquent or are involved with drugs seem to have some of the same characteristics."

"They have behavioral changes, are moody and unhappy, and rebel against authority; physical health declines; the child loses interest in achievement and school marks decline."

All of his material needs are satisfied by the drug. Often he has a poor family life because of a lack of interest by his parents.

Tobias told about one boy who said, "My father and I have one thing in common. We both like grass - I like pot and he likes merlot blue."

"Secondly, parents should be guidance-oriented. In order to do this a parent needs to be available and approachable."

Tobias advised, "Play it straight and start listening to your kids with empathy. Be sympathetic and understanding; develop an interest in your kids; do things together as a family; establish fair and clear limits which let kids know where they stand."

"Explore jobs and careers which are within the limits of the child's ability."

"Thirdly, parents should be community interested. They should participate by visiting their police departments, visi-

ting schools, and by getting involved in activities which benefit the community."

Tobias maintained, "It is absolutely necessary that parents contact the police if they have information concerning the use of drugs by any child. The police need your help. Some drug education should be formally taught in school, rather than hoping the sensitive teacher will teach it on his own."

Lawrence Freedman, principal of Highmeadow School, stressed that the most important thing we can do for our children is to give them a feeling of self-worth.

He said, "Parents should strengthen the child's outlook on life and let him know that he is a contributing to society - that he belongs. Parents should help a child to make choices that will produce successes not failure."

He warned that children should not be urged to attend college unless they have the ability. Freedman said, "Since children learn by example, we, as parents, can help by making sure that our own values are valid and then act accordingly. Too many parents say one thing and then act contrary to their expressed code of ethics."

"Since we are a pill-oriented society, we must teach children a respect for the human body and medication."

Freedman explained, "In Farmington there is no formal drug education program as such. There have been a few pilot programs which have been studied by the health commission. These have been reasonably successful, but educators have no pause to measure their results. Schools have held workshops for their teachers and have trained personnel, but the schools are waiting for some sign or expression from the community as to what the citizens want them to do."

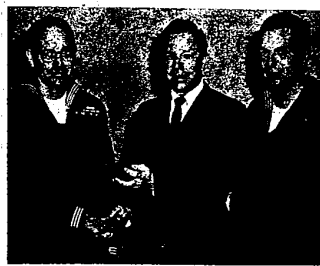
The citizens advisory committee, appointed by the board of education, is communicating with interested parents in the area to get their views and thus the entire community picture. Parents should let the committee know if they feel drug education should be formally taught in school, rather than hoping the sensitive teacher will teach it on his own."

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The price will include transportation, lunch and dinner. Call 474-3440 for more information.



MILITARY ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS — Three Farmington men were honored by the Detroit Free Press in the annual presentations to top enlisted personnel serving in Michigan's national guard and reserve units. Above are Engineman First Class Cecil Kellogg (left) and Aviation Operator Third Class Douglas Clingman (right) along with John Olson of the Free Press. Not pictured is First Sergeant Robert Krenbrink.

Ex-Local Man Tests Saturn 5

The United States has spent more than \$25 billion to get a man on the moon. And men from all over the United States have worked years to make July of 1969 now seem like an inevitability.

One of these men is Dave Mitchell, 1953 graduate of Farmington High School, who conducts tests for the second stage (S-II) of the giant Saturn 5 rocket which powers Apollo 10 in its lift off.

Saturn 5 will shoot Apollo to an altitude of 114 miles and a speed of 15,300 mph as it starts for the moon.

Mitchell is an engineer with North American Rockwell which he initially joined in 1957 after earning a degree in mechanical engineering from Michigan State University.

He entered the Air Force a year later as a second lieutenant and was assigned to operation of the Thor IRBM weapon system. Later he was given responsibility for checking out activities on two Air Force launch pads.

After his discharge from the Air Force, Mitchell worked briefly with Boeing Aerospace in Seattle and at Chrysler Missile and Space in Huntsville, Ala.

He rejoined Rockwell in 1964 as a propulsion system test engineer.

He tested the initial static firings of the Saturn 5 second

stage in Santa Susana, Calif., in 1964.

He moved to Florida in 1965 and conducted tests for Apollo 6 and now for Apollo 10.

Mitchell is married and has two children.

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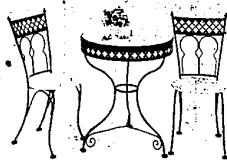
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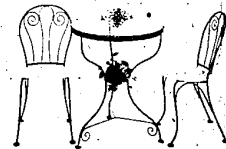
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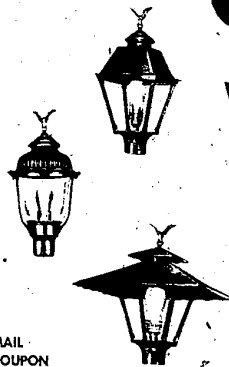
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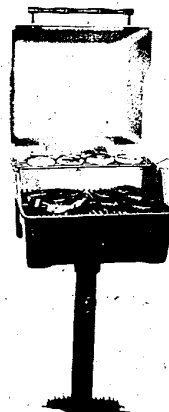
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