

In Miss America contest

Hildi Zetek wants a winner for Farmington

By CORINNE ABATT

A Miss America from Farmington? Until a year ago it wasn't possible, let alone probable.

Now, since the Miss Farmington pageant became a local franchise of the Miss America pageant, given the right young woman and some incredible luck, it could happen. It means that Janice Schriber, competing for Miss Michigan in Muskegon June 14-20, is in the running and that her successor to be chosen Miss Farmington July 30 could make it to Atlantic City by way of Muskegon next year.

"A Miss America is just what Farmington needs to put it on the map," said Hildi Zetek, local pageant director last year and this year.

The pretty, vivacious career woman, credit manager for Hewlett-Packard, looks over the volunteer job at the request of Pat Fallon.

Although it takes a few thousand more hours and phone calls than she bargained for, Ms. Zetek said, "I really enjoy working with the girls."

The deadline for this year's Miss Farmington contest is June 15. Latecomers should contact Ms. Zetek. She promises to be as flexible as possible.

John Ashut of the Hotford Inn is donating his facilities for the June 27 orientation luncheon. Martha Main, field director for the Miss Michigan pageant, will be the special guest.

"Her job," says Ms. Zetek, "is to make sure local pageants conform to statewide standards. There are 40 local pageants in Michigan."

Like coaches scouting the opposition, Ms. Zetek and Miss Schriber have visited other area pageants.

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Getting a wardrobe together for the Miss Michigan competition is expensive," she says.

"The Chamber of Commerce gave Janice a \$500 wardrobe allowance and that was really a big help."

Ms. Zetek and a crowd of Miss Schriber's friends and relatives plan to be in Muskegon to cheer her on. Last year when Sue Reed, first Farmington girl to compete for Miss Michigan, came on the stage, there was only a handful of supporters there.

One change from previous years is a rule that none of the judges can be from the local community.

"They will be persons with prior judging experience selected through the state pageant group."

"It is completely out of our hands," Ms. Zetek said, "and we can live with that."

"It is not a beauty pageant. It is an opportunity to grow with the times. It's for the girl who is interested in using her brains and whatever God-given talent she has—a well-educated, community-minded person."

While there won't be a scholarship available to Miss Farmington this year, Ms.

Zetek feels the opportunity to participate in the Miss Michigan pageant should be a help.

One of the ideas behind the Miss Farmington contest has been pretty much overlaid by the businesspeople of the community.

Miss Farmington should be utilized during the year as an attractive goodwill person in the community—a guest at special events, ribbon cuttings, parades and new business openings.

Since she receives support from the chamber of commerce and, ideally, from sponsoring merchants, Ms. Zetek says she could be a definite asset to many local events.

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Zetek happened into, but she is very serious about making it a success. She likes working with intelligent, directed young women who want to make a positive contribution.

"I always wanted to be a mother and the counseling and comfort I can give these girls is very rewarding."

Miss Farmington goes to statewide contest

By LORRAINE MCLEISH

Janice Lynn Schriber wound up classes at Oakland Community College last week to vie with 22 of the state's loveliest and most talented young girls for the title of Miss Michigan.

The 19-year-old statuette beauty is the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Schriber. She is the holder of the 1976 Miss Farmington title.

She arrives in Muskegon today to begin "Pageant Week," a constant round of rehearsals, interviews, luncheons, dinners, a place in the pageant parade, and preliminaries leading up to the Miss Michigan Scholarship Pageant, set for 8 p.m. Saturday night.

The pageant is offering \$20,000 this year in scholarships and a host of other awards. Miss Schriber is already a holder of a four year scholarship to Eastern Michigan University which she won last summer in the local contest.

Originally, she was going to pursue a nursing career. But she has since switched to fashion merchandising.

"I WANT TO BE A BOYER," she said, then added, "I'm a buyer now. I've just coordinated a whole new wardrobe to take

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years ago Patricia Connolly, from Detroit, was Miss America in 1950. Nancy Ann Fleming, from Whitehall, won the title in 1959 and Pamela Elford, from West Bloomfield, took the title in 1969.

SPONSORS OF THE Michigan Pageant boast of it as being one of the most spectacular in the United States, with hundreds of local volunteers participating in staging the week-long event. The board of directors expect there will be 50 units and 1,000 participants in the parade alone, watched by tens of thousands.

Miss Schriber attests to the fact that the pageant is a popular one.

"My folks got their reservations in February, but some friends of ours got theirs last week and they are staying at a hotel 40 miles away," she said.

Miss Schriber met Julie Ann Beckers, the current Miss Michigan, when she visited the Farmington Pageant last summer.

We were both newly crowned at the time so there was little chance for first hand information as to what was expected of Miss Michigan," she said, "though I do know she is on call for public appearances, grand openings, a lot of functions. It's a very demanding year for the winner."



JANICE LYNN SCHRIBER

Memorial launched for Rose Frenkel

The American Jewish Congress will launch the Rose Frenkel Memorial Fund June 17 with a garden reception at the home of Mrs. Frenkel's daughter, Mrs. William Ellmann, 2888 Weymouth, Farmington Hills.

Mrs. Frenkel was a long time member of the American Jewish Congress until her death last year, devoted to its principles and ideals, sharing in its commitment to strengthening Jewish life, building understanding of Israel's cause and advancing the frontiers of freedom for every American.

In establishing the fund in her mother's honor, Mrs. Ellmann said, "A living memorial commemorating mother's devotion to the work of the organization seemed to be the most appropriate manner of honoring her."

"Recollections of congress members meeting at our home, filling it with their ideas and vitality, remain vivid. How

please she would be to know that this work continues now partly in her memory."

Mrs. Frenkel moved to Detroit at the time of her marriage to Joseph Frenkel, and with her husband, was active in addition with the congress, in support for the Jewish National Fund, the Jewish Theological Seminary and their membership in Congregation Shaarey Zedek.

THE AFTERNOON program, set to begin at noon, will include installation of the congress Women Division officers and readings by Harold Norris from his recently published collection of poems. Norris is professor of constitutional law at Detroit College of Law and a vice president of the congress.

The reception is open to all members and friends of the congress, by reservation only, through the congress office, 857-4708.

The office will also take inquiries about contributions to the memorial fund.



American Association of University Women members Nancy Davis (at left), Perle Briggs and Doris Gaston have barrels ready which are now placed in buildings and shopping centers

for donations of used books. The local chapter's annual sale will be in September in Livonia Mall, headed by Mrs. Gaston. (Photo by Cyd Abatt)

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