# Activities for young, old round out programs



## Minister recalls spirit of Hills congregation

Echoes of boots scuffing down the empty Orchard United Methodist Church corridor accompanied by a raptitely whistled tume herald the approach of Rev. Eric Hammar.

In his 25 years as a minister, Rev. Hammhar recognizes that "things have freed up."

During the 10 years he's spent in Farmington Hills. Hammar had switched from black cassocks to bolloquies sadded innovative touch to church services. Meetings ended with a hamshake led a hug.

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"I'LL STILL CONDUCT services but it won't be in the same place each time," he said. "I'll miss the personal contagt. I like the ladies' teas. I tried to get people to free up things toward one another."

holding," he said.
"Our bodies aren't so sacred that
they can't be touched. The word became flesh. There's nothing evil about
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Behind all the hugging, there's 10
year's worth of knowing his congregation and its problems.

"A longer pastorate is a good idea."
he said. "People should be comfortable with one another and trust one
another."

"I enjoyed serving this church. The people are willing to experiment," he said.

EXPERIMENTATION has taken the form of adding color soliloquies to

"There are a lot of colors, a lot of banners to express the joy of religion. Orchard Church is one of younger con-gregations. We use children a lot in the services," he said.

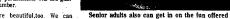
Soliloquies made by Hammar in the persona of Simon Peter and the cross maker help to get teachings across.

To emphasize the seriousness of Advent, the four weeks before Christmas, Hamman once walked into services wearing his red cessock and a Santa mask. After extorting his congregation to remember that Advent was more than a time to buy presents, he started the service again.

playing in the nursery school outside playing in the nursery school outside his study window.
"The thing that has meant the most to me is that the children have come up to me and said, 'I'm going to miss you.' I enjoy children and adults," he said.

His enjoyment of people extends to his elderly parishoners, who are gain-ing in number.

"They're beautiful too. We can learn a lot from them."



Summer playground programs, swimming lessons and senior adult programs are all part of the fun being presented by the Farmington Area Recreation Commission(FARC) this

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The summer play centers will be open on Monday, June 27-August 4. Hours are 9 a.m. to 11:39 a.m. and 12:39 p.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Participating youngsters, from age 61-5y-ear-sold, will be able to enjoy such activities as kite flying, playing ball, throwing frisbees, building popsicle stick palaces.

The school playground locations include Bond, Forest, Kenbrook, Longaree, Edgewood, Gill, Larkshire, Middlebelt, Shiawassee, William Grace, and Wood Creek elementaries and Farmington Junior High School.

Supervised activities include creative arts and crafts, movies, sports, a trip to Bob-Lo, carnival day at City Park, special events, recreational swim with transportation to the high

school pools and the annual youth olympies.

Oakland County mobile recreation units will visit the summer play grounds with the sportsmobile featuring games; roller skating with the skatemobile and art activities with the artmobile.

SWIMMING LESSONS for all levels of ability will be offered by the FARC at Farmington and North Farmington high schools. There are three two-kes kessions which meet daily. Mon-

for children and 75 cents for adults 18 years and older.
On Tuesday evenings, North Farmington High School will feature family swimming form 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.
FARC offers a wide variety of actives at "The Gathering Place." the American Legion Hall. 31755 Grand River, Farmington for senior citizens. Seniors will have the opportunity to so-cialize, enjoy a companionable lunch.

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day through Friday, from 10:30 am. Senior activity highlights include shopping trips and monthly excursions, when once a month special trips are planned for entertainment except the state of the senior and the senior citizens will enjoy Sunday banquets. Iravers if the senior citizens will enjoy Sunday banquets. Iravers if the senior citizens will enjoy Sunday banquets. Iravers if the senior citizens will enjoy Sunday banquets. Iravers in the senior citizens will enjoy Sunday banquets. Iravers citizens will enjoy Sunday banquets.

#### Mercy marathon effort collects cash

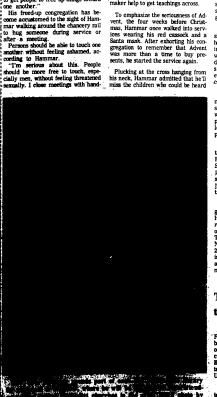
Our Lady of Mercy High School radio students may be well on their way to attaining new radio equipment for the school. That's the word from Sister Michele, radio broadcasting instructor, who's finally catching her breather last week's 100-hour radio marathon ended last Friday.

Nearly 200 Mercy students went the distance in realizing their goal and have already raised \$1,900 from a dance, the "Gong Show" and the Mercy "Battle of the Sexes," events coordinated with the marathon. The work of collecting matthe of the Sexes," events continued with the marathon. The work of collecting matthew the students of the sexes were no casualties," Sister Michelle quipped, although the students blew out a couple of record players before mastering the correct broadcasting technique.

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Senior adults also can get in on the fun offered by the recreation orumission.



### Program board taps 2 from area

Renee Zale, of Farm-ington Hills, and Ron Du-senberry of Farmington will be involved in organizing cultural and en

The board is responsible for sponsoring a host of activities including concerts, music workshops, films, video displays, arts and crafts shows, and special events such as board and special events such as board and special events. events, such as home-coming.

Although entertainment events are empha-sized, most activities will stress cultural ap-preciation; some involve lectures by nationally prominent figures

Ms. Zale is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymhnd Zile, of 25067 Skye Drive. She is a 1974 graduate of Harrison High School, and a \_\_\_ ngn school, and a junior majoring in adver-tising.

Dusenberry, a 1971 graduate of Farmington High School, will be director of publicity for all of the board's events. The son of Mr. and Mrs. Neville Dusenberry, of 21453 Chestrut Lane, he is a senior majoring in advertising and business.

#### Tracey is treasurer .

Tracey Epstein, of Farmington Hills, has been installed treasure of the 1977 Honor Society of Education, Kappe Delta Pt, Pf Chapter, at Eastern Michigan University.

