

From Caveman Clubs To Computers

Vocational Ed: Old As Work

By EMORY DANIELS

Vocational education is as old as man himself. The stone age teenager learned stone-knapping for existence by imitating his parents. Ancient youth attended schools in religion during the morning but went home in the afternoon to learn a trade from his father.

The principal means of education up to the 20th century was by apprenticeship, participation in skilled labor under the guidance of master craftsmen. Famous apprentices were Benjamin Franklin and Paul Revere.

THE FEDERAL government has long recognized the need for vocational education. The Smith-Hughes Act of 1917 established federal financial aid to promote vocational education

(This week, the Farmington Enterprise and Observer begins the first in a series of articles examining the need for greater emphasis on vocational education including what the Farmington School District has been and is doing and how merchants can cooperate.)

of less than the college level for persons 14 years of age and older.

Later acts further confirmed the government's position in the form of the George-Dean Act, George-Harden Act, and the National Defense Education Act (NDEA).

Vocational education in Michigan is geared to an area of service related to the nature of the state's economy; one oriented to the production of the nation's most widely used consumer goods. The trend toward greater use of technical skills in industry places added

responsibilities upon vocational education to provide these skills.

Not only are industrial skills needed badly but there is an increasing need for service skills such as auto mechanics, radio and television repairmen, electricians, plumbers, carpenters, etc.

THE TASK of vocational education is emphasized in the Carnegie Corp. report entitled "From High School to the Job." The report shows that of the 1.8 million 1960 high school graduates, about half entered

college on a full or part-time basis. Another 880,000, who did not enter college, had to compete for jobs with the 900,000 who dropped out of high school before graduation.

Add to this the drop-outs from college (58 per cent) and the figure becomes a startling indication of the number of students who would have profited from some type of vocational or technical training.

Statistics show the following findings about the Class of 1967: 40 per cent were in four-year colleges in the spring of 1968; another 14.6 per cent entered two-year colleges; 2 1/2 per cent began other specialized training; 25 per cent were employed; nine per cent were in the armed forces; 61 7/8 per cent were housewives; and 1 1/2 per cent were unemployed.

A similar look at the class of 1968 shows: 60 per cent

planned to enter college the next fall (23 per cent in two-year colleges, 36 per cent in four-year); five per cent planned other specialized training; 30 per cent planned full time employment; and five per cent expected to enlist in the armed forces.

According to the Michigan Department of Public Instruction, during the next 10 years our population will increase by 83 per cent, the labor force by 92 per cent, and the gross national product by 340 per cent.

If present trends continue, vocational education must be prepared to meet the challenge of educating students to meet the rapid expansion of industrial needs for qualified people in a wide variety of fields. In the face of rising industrial needs, the demand for technical personnel increases and the demand for common labor continues to dwindle.



NOBODY MOWS THE LAWN - In something of a landscape innovation, the recently opened Center Building has completely eliminated grass. A natural rock garden adorned with small cedar shrubs substitutes for the lawn. The new business building at 23629 Liberty St. is owned by Gordon R. A. Fishman of Farmington (right) who posed with John Dinan, city manager. The second floor of the building has already been rented by Arrowsmith Industries but space is still available on the first floor. (Evert photo)

Survey Exposes Needs Of Poor

FARMINGTON

A door to door survey in the Farmington area to determine day care, transportation and housing needs among low income families is being conducted by the West County Unit of the Oakland County Commission on Economic Opportunity (COCEO).

In surveys already completed, the COCEO has found the three areas of priority concern among low income persons.

Day care centers are needed by those families receiving aid from the Department of Social Services. The COCEO states that if this need could be met, men capable of constructive training and basic education could fill jobs and be removed from welfare roles. Women with no other family support could also hold down jobs by having their children cared for during working hours.

The COCEO has found that public transportation in the area is non-existent and hopes to bring the need for it to the attention of elected officials.

It was discovered in surveys that two to three Farmington needy families are living in one small sub-standard home and that many of these persons pay disproportionate rent.

While day care, transportation and housing needs were found by the COCEO to be of primary concern in Farmington, the broad base of needs by lower-income families, Farmington included, includes problems of the aged, education, employment, training and community development interests.



EUGENE J. MELESKI of 20830 Botsford, Farmington, has been appointed advertising manager for Burroughs Corporation's International Group. He will be responsible for all direct advertising and collateral material and will also coordinate preparation of non-English advertising and sales promotion materials. Meleski joined Burroughs in 1966.

Help By Moms Nursery Seeks

Mayfair Cooperative Nursery is inviting inquiries from interested mothers who would like to assist at the nursery as members of working committees.

The nursery, located at Orchard Methodist Church on Farmington Rd. north of 13 Mile, Farmington, offers an environment for the pre-school child which provides growth physically, emotionally and socially. The nursery was established in 1955 and now accommodates 80 youngsters.

Mothers who serve on working committees are required to assist at the nursery approximately one session per month and also must attend general membership meetings, usually five per year.

Inquiries may be directed to the membership chairman, Mrs. Yvonne Berrich, 476-3294.



GEORGE GEDDIS of 28547 Greenwilde, Farmington, has been elected president and general manager of Royal Oak Heat Treat, Inc.

Socially Speaking

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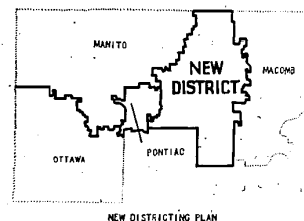
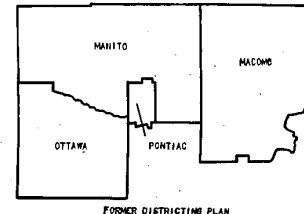
Good looks and brains seem to run in families. The American Legion School Award, which places emphasis on development, courage, honor, leadership, patriotism, scholarship and service, is presented each year to top scholars (a young lady and a young man) in the graduates class of that particular school.

PAM LAHEY, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Lahey of Oakpointe Drive, 3rd Craig Court, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bud Gow of Westerville, were this year's recipients of the award at the O.E. Duncker Junior High School.

It just so happens, that Craig Gow and Pam Lahey seem to be quite popular as far as awards go. Last February, they were crowned the King and Queen of Hearts at the annual Valentine's Day Dance held at the Duncker Junior High.

Craig also won the physical fitness award at Duncker. Mike Gow, Craig's older brother, who has just completed the 10th grade at N.H.S., received the American Legion Award and physical fitness award last year at Duncker. While Pat Lahey, Pam's older sister, was crowned Queen of Hearts in February 1966 at Duncker. Pat, a 1969 graduate of North Farmington High School, was chosen the most attractive young lady of her class.

So, as we stated before, it looks like brains and good looks run in families!



BOTH THE NEW and old districting plans of Clinton Valley Council, Boy Scouts of America, are shown above. Effective July 1, the council will have five districts. The heavy black lines in the lower map show changes in district boundaries from the existing alignment. The dotted lines indicate no change.

Scout Council Changes District Boundaries

FARMINGTON Clinton Valley Council, Boy Scouts of America, has changed the boundaries of its districts—increasing the number from four to five effective July 1.

"This was one of the council's most important decisions in recent years," Council President George H. DeCoursey, of Farmington, said.

"We are looking for ways to expand our service to boys. At the end of last year, the council served just over 11,500 young men. By the end of 1976, we expect that figure to be around 21,000. Realignment of our district boundaries was an important step in that direction."

The redistricting, approved by the council's executive board, will enable the council professional staff of Scouters to give better service to units and Scouts.

The realignment resulted from an intensive study conducted by a special committee headed by Wallace W. Edwards, director of purchasing and production control of the GMC Truck & Coach Division of General Motors and a council vice president.

The redistricting means that the current Ottawa and Pontiac districts will stay about the

same in size, and the Macomb and Manito districts will be smaller. A new district, as yet unnamed, will be created to serve portions of northern Oakland and Macomb counties.

The study found that best service could be expected if districts followed school system boundaries.

In the Ottawa District will be the South Lyon, Novi, Farmington, Huron Valley, Walled Lake, West Bloomfield and Birmingham school districts. Manito District will have the Royal Oak, Brandon, Clarkston, Waterford, Oxford and Orion districts.

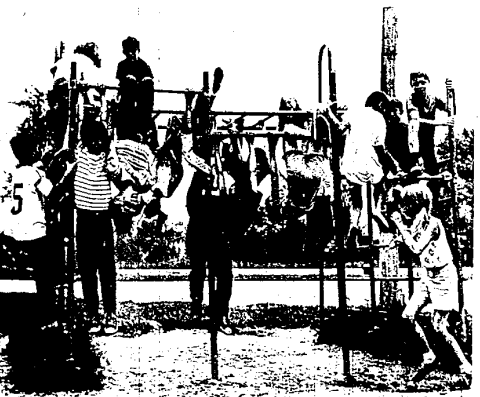
Pontiac District will have the Pontiac School District. Macomb District will include the Fraser, Clintondale, Mount Clemens, Chippewa, L'Anse Creuse, Anchor Bay, New Haven, Richmond and Armada schools.

The new district will have the Avondale, Warren Consolidated, Utica, Rochester and Romo school systems.

Under the new setup, Ottawa will have 69 Scout units and 3,119 boys currently; Manito, 63 units and 2,541 boys; Pontiac, 38 units and 1,159 boys; Macomb, 49 units and 2,193 boys, and the new district, 49 units and 2,180 boys.



FLORAL EXCHANGE - Officers of the Farmington Soroptimist Club accept the flower symbol of their offices at the recent Soroptimist installation of officers held in the Western Golf and Country Club. Mrs. Nadine Cardwell, at left, re-elected president, receives the flower of her office. (Evert photo)



WHICH WAY IS UP? - Some of the 160 children who had fun the other day in Farmington Area Recreation Commission's summer program at Ten Mile School twist and turn every which way on the school's exercise bars.

3 Farmington Students Win PBK Honors

Three U-M students from Farmington were initiated into the University of Michigan chapter of Phi Beta Kappa on April 13.

Phi Beta Kappa, the nation's oldest and best known honorary society, is open to undergraduate students with a superior academic record and a promising potential for the years ahead. It is limited to students in the liberal arts.

The society was founded in 1776, and the U-M chapter was organized in 1908.

Ellen Leslie Berger is a junior, majoring in Anthropology. She is a graduate of Farmington High School. Her home in Farmington is at 38224 Padelford.

John Dana Hartley is a senior, majoring in Music Lit. His home in Farmington is at 29150 Westmont Ct.

Lenore Glenda Libby is a senior, majoring in Classics. Her home in Farmington is at 38345 Willowhay Road, Apt. 23.

Writer Elected

Mrs. James F. Scharfberg, 35949 Quakerstown Lane, Farmington, has been elected a secretary-treasurer of the Detroit Women Writers.

Elect Bevan

Harold R. Bevan of 26117 Pillsbury, Farmington, has been elected president of the Hamtramck Board of Commerce. He is president of Arrow Plating Inc., a director-elect of the Hamtramck Rotary Club and for two years has been Hamtramck chairman of the United Foundation community business drive.

Earns Honor

Marilyn L. Smith, 22590 Brookdale, Farmington, has been named to the dean's honor list at Southeast Missouri State College. She is a freshman student majoring in English.

Nun Studies

FARMINGTON Sister Jean Belaire of 23519 Powers, Farmington, is currently attending a graduate summer school in French at Millersville State College, Millersville, Pa.

Rotarians Elect Board

The newly organized Farmington Rotary Club announced its new slate of officers at its July 8 meeting.

The local club filed its application to Rotary International on June 30. Last week, the club elected a board of directors which, in turn, selected a slate of officers.

The officers are: Robert Anderson, president; David Comerford, vice president; Joseph Nicola, secretary; and Vernon Lunn, treasurer.

Directors are: John Anhalt, James Bridson and Carroll Chapin. Rev. Bill Hughes was selected an advisor to the board, a non-voting position, and Roger Peck picked as sergeant-at-arms.

Anderson was also charter president of the Novi Rotary Club when it first organized.

Woman A CPA

Harold E. Vroman of 23217 Cora, Farmington, has been granted a CPA certificate by the Michigan State Board of Accountancy.



ACHIEVEMENT - Farmington residents who recently received the 32nd Degree in the Scottish Rite Free Masonry included: (from left) Ronald J. Swanson of 31831 Grand River, Patrick B. Duthie of 24353 Buchanan Ct., Alexander M. Madias of 25111 Leestock Ct. and Thomas A. Richards of 21806 Albion. Not pictured is William Walker III of 25656 Westmoreland who also received the 32nd Degree.