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Because I was sure I couldn't listen to one more bi-centennial fact or look at another colonial dust-bonnet, I had been wondering just how I'd react when the big day finally would be upon us.

Tending to be more sentimental than your basic editor, I figured I probably had a higher saturation point than most for bi-centennialism. But still, in the frenzy of celebration, I had reached the point where I was almost ready to embrace a friend who headed for Canada for the weekend.

I'm ready to report, though, that I'm very glad I didn't. We marked the nation's birthday in a very mild manner, but I certainly wouldn't have missed it.

ALTHOUGH WE CAREFULLY avoided tricolor clothing to wear to church, we were glad it was Sunday and we could go there. It was the right start for a 200th birthday.

Back home, we enjoyed an unusual Sunday because everyone was home and no one had to work. I got out our flag and then noted once more that some aluminum

didn't make it impossible to hang it as we used to do.

This time, instead of putting it away, I hung it across the door and rushed to order a flagpole at the next opportunity.

We listened, several times, to a patriotic Christmas carol record the girls gave up with, because they decided it definitely should be played on the Fourth of July.

LIVING IN AN OLD area where there are churches nearby, we enjoyed the clanging of the bells at 2 o'clock.

I read more of the Sunday papers than usual, especially the bi-centennial features. I even deciphered some of the old script writing of the reproduced Declaration of Independence.

We tried a trip to the beach, which we usually wouldn't venture on at hot Sunday, thinking it might be less crowded with people away for the holiday. Sure enough, we found some room to swim.

Before the country's birthday was over, the girls turned it into a combined late Fe-

ther's Day and early mother's birthday (we take liberties with such dates depending on who's home) and the man of our house and I had a new tape deck for our new car.

We grilled steaks and roasted marshmallows, but stopped the fireworks in favor of family charades. It was a good game, even though they were much to quick to guess. "We hold these truths to be self-evident."

Bring on your tricenennial hoopla.

— MARGARET MILLER

Engineers honored

The following engineering students from the Farmington area have made the dean's list for scholarship at the University of Michigan-Dearborn School of Engineering: Lewis P. Bright in Farmington, Duane R. Merrell and Michael J. Morrison of Farmington Hills.

Variety abounds at library

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their hands and feet. Participants will be encouraged to track up the library in an attempt to decorate it.

CHILDREN SHOULD wear an old bathing suit or shorts and bring an old towel. There will be a hose to help wash off the paint.

If the weather isn't appropriate, movies will be shown.

The pairs will be at the City branch from 10:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. The Hill branch will be the scene of multi-colored hands and feet from 2 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Paintings by local artists who are members of the Farmington Artist Club can be rented from both branches for \$2.50 or \$3.50 a month. Paintings can be rented for three months and can be purchased.

The Farmington Hills Branch has purchased a wheelchair for its patrons who have difficulty walking. The wheelchair can be obtained at the Circulation Desk.

Donations of old metal trash hangers which can hold several stories and old copies of popular children's series books are requested by the staffs of both libraries.

The hangers will be used to hang unused display posters and make a center to organize the posters by subject.

Nancy Drew, Hardy Boys, Tom Swift, Dana Girls and other adventure series can be donated to the Children's Room of either library. The staffs will accept all donations which are in good condition.

The American Association of Retired Persons will meet at 1:30 p.m. July 14 at the Hill Branch Library. The League of Women Voters will have its candidates

night at 7:30 p.m. July 27 at the Hill branch.

The American Association of Retired Persons will have a meeting at 1:30 p.m. Aug. 30 at the library.

The Farmington Branch Library, 2300 Liberty Street and the Hill branch, 2277 West Twelve Mile Road, are open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday to Thursday and from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday. The libraries are closed Saturdays.

Referral feud unfolds in city

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mitted by juveniles are either drug or alcohol related says the Farmington Hills police.

"A B&E—breaking and entering—could occur because the kid wants to get some grass," says the source. "FAAC is primarily a drug and substance abuse agency."

"We refer most of the kids to FAAC because the crimes do involve drugs either directly or indirectly."

The city of Farmington police department refers more of their juvenile cases to FYA, says Sgt. Murray Switzer.

It is up to our discretion which agency to use and we try to look at the total situation," he says. "FYA is fantastic to work with and is used primarily for social and family problems. FAAC referrals are strictly drug or substance abuse."

The difference lies in how the two police departments define the problem as either social or drug-related.

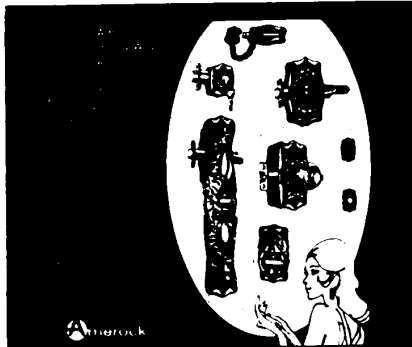
Referrals to FYA have slowed down since FAAC has increased its staff, agrees Ms. Harris. "There are both male and female counselors at FAAC."

"A kid can walk into FAAC and not be there because of a referral," she says. "There are a lot of kids walking in there on their own, doing things like getting information for school reports. At FYA they are there because they got into trouble."

If FYA can't handle the case they refer it to another social agency perhaps as far away as Berkeley or Pontiac, says Ms. Harris. "We do everything we can to keep the juveniles in the city."

A lot of the kids live in the area of FAAC, says Farmington Hills Detective Larry Doyle. "If a serious problem exists, contact can be made sooner at FAAC. They usually can see someone within two days."

If FYA expands, they'll get more referrals than they're getting, says Ms. Harris. FAAC has the same status as FYA as far as the courts are concerned, she says.



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