

## Community Calendar

ROBERT'S RINGERS

Tuesday, Aug. 3: Robert's Ringers convert choir of 12 English handbell ringers from South California ship on tour of the U.S. at Farmington Baptist Church, 3301 Middle Belt, 7:30 p.m. No charge.

### PLANT PARTY

Thursday, Aug. 5: Plant Party sponsored by Women of Wayne in Farmington Community Center, 200 p.m. Admission of \$2.25 owed at the door.

### BACKYARD CARNIVAL

Friday and Saturday, Aug. 6-7: Carnival, 4-8 p.m. Displays in the backyard of Steve Barnes, 3361 Lamar, from 4 to 8 p.m. each day.

### THE ART OF CLOWNING

Tuesday, Aug. 10: The Art of Clowning with Russ the Clown teaches the technique of three stage acts. Russ is an experienced clown in Farmington community center.

### PANTOMIME

Tuesday, Aug. 10: Pantomime class starts this day with Katerella DeLuca from her act of the "Merry Fiddlers" in Farmington community center. Registrations are being taken now in the center.

### THE BOYS IN THE BAND

Friday and Saturday, Aug. 11-12: The Boys in the Band, staged by the Farmington Players, National Workshop, in the Players Room on Taylor. Meet between 6 and 8 p.m. and Farmington Road, 8:30 p.m. each evening. Tickets \$10.00, \$20.00, \$30.00. Advance booking, 414-272-0100. Tickets on Friday and Saturday to \$20.00.



A medley of American songs sung by Susan Reed (left), Miss Farmington 1974, and master of ceremonies Roland Sharettes furnished entertainment for guests while contestants were preparing for the next of three competitions within the Miss Farmington contest.

## Down to earth

# Trip shows beauty of state

by ALICE WESSELS BURLINGAME

Seldom is an English descriptive words fall this columnist, but today I wish I had a good French vocabulary to describe my recent trip to Alaska.

I have been all over the world, seen the beautiful scenery of Switzerland and Austria, plus Mt. Cook, etc. but the ultimate is in our own land. Coming home from Vancouver, flying at 37,000 feet with the wind, we were in Metro in three and one-half hours. I draw up your chair and share the wonderful experience of being in our forty-ninth state.

We traveled over the inter passage in Canada's "Adventure." The first stop was Ketchikan Isle. One was to appraise a place away from home base is to ask about the rate of rainfall (we have an average of 30" in Michigan; this town has 15").

The temperature seldom reaches zero. Surprised?

The National Guard is always on 24 hour guard duty.

Look at the map. The answer why they are always on guard is obvious. There are masses of Rhododendrons all over Alaska. Beautiful. But it is difficult to have a garden because of the amount of rain. Plants rot as a result, but the hemlock and spruce are abundant and their colors are subtlely beautiful.

Traveling on to Juneau, the capital of Alaska, proves that the white person is in the minority — especially after a walk down any street. Indians predominate there.

At one time the bald eagle was a pest and there was a bounty for shooting them. However, since Alaska was admitted to the Union, shooting them is forbidden.

Homes cost three times what they do in Michigan and all the milk used in Alaska is shipped up from Washington State. A bale of hay costs \$10 in Alaska and only about \$1 in Michigan.

During the war there were 10,000 soldiers based in Alaska.

While we were there, we were shown the fish hatchery where Michigan Cobia Salmon eggs were processed. Gasoline sold for 72.9 cents.

**I WILL NEVER FORGET** the beauty of the blue lupines growing wild beside the road. Another highlight of the Alaskan experience was the trip to Glacier Bay. There are the most spectacular snow-capped, high mountains, plus a giant glacier.

Since 1940 the weather has changed so that now there is a bay instead of an ice field at some points. The two current explanations for this are the excessive CO2 emitted from automobiles and general air pollution which melts the glacial formation at a rate of one and one-half inches each day.

A ship can glide right up to the edge of the glacier among the icebergs. The blues of the cold ice, the seals, the birds and the beauty is wonderful and everything is very quiet in this region while you are such beauty.

A town which might become your favorite, as it has mine, is Sitka. It has a very strong Russian influence from its pioneer days.

The totem poles are beautiful and well-preserved. The flowers seem to be rhododendrons, wild roses and the perennial vivid blue bachelor buttons set off the home displays.

It was reported that in Sitka there is barely enough snow for sledding. The annual waterfall is 100°. The highest temperature is 55 degrees, the coldest is 47 degrees. The Japan Current warms the coastline.

This town of 6,500 souls has five doctors and three dentists. Major surgery cases are sent to Seattle. There is a Presbyterian College with an impressive campus. A progressive curriculum is presented.

The beauty of gliding by ship on the inner passage with its snowcapped scenery made a lasting impression. When anybody says in the future "Why go to Alaska?"

I know about the splendor of this state right within our own country. Plan to go for the treat of a lifetime.

Monday, August 2, 1976

OBSERVER & ECCENTRIC

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## Miss Farmington

(Continued from Page 1A) and has an older brother and sister, and a younger brother.

She was encouraged to enter the contest by Ann Wagner, who she has worked for in her school's guidance office.

MISS HEADLEE took the second place spot with her medley of songs from "Sound of Music." The Oakland Community College student who told about her philosophy on life stemming from open heart surgery has had two years of voice training and has studied piano for five years.

Miss Maier also chose to sing a number from "Sound of Music" and will enter Oakland University this fall seeking a career in music education or music therapy.

Kay Clark, director of Patricia Stevens Casting Agency, acted as judge chairperson for the total of six judges all with backgrounds in other pageants from throughout the state.

The decorating theme of red, white and blue was carried throughout the production and in the confining of uniform entertainment furnished by Janice Lynn Schreiber. Miss Farmington of 1975 Susan Reed, Miss Farmington of 1974 and Shariette BETH MAUGARET POWDER was sponsored by American Federal Savings.

Kathy Jean Anderson was sponsored by Elk Lodge 1988, Laura Jean McCallum was sponsored by Real Estate Inc. and Sarah Virginia Bentley was sponsored by Holiday Inn.

Susan Lynn Gregory was sponsored by contemporary Awards & Trophy. Lisa Michelle Schwartz was sponsored by Schreiner's Flowers. Joan Annette Canalis was sponsored by Realty World and Yvonne Tidemand Nielsen was sponsored by Holiday Inn.

Dawn Virginia Merrill was sponsored by World Wide Center. Deborah Ann O'Boyle was sponsored by Bob South Real Estate.

## Steve will hold backyard carnival

Steve Byrnes will serve as ringmaster for a backyard carnival to help tight money for his family Aug. 6-7 at his home, 3161 Lamar.

His brothers, Dan and Larry, and eight cousins will help with the fun and games planned from 4 to 10 p.m. each day.

All proceeds will go to the Muscular Dystrophy Association of America. Last year, children crossed the country stage more than 42,000 armchairs and raised just short of \$1.2 million for the organization's research and patient service program.

## Radio signal

The expression "on the nose" signifying exactly on time is believed to have originated in the broadcast business where the producer signals to performers by putting his finger on his nose when the program is running to schedule time.

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