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Marji Debele, co-owner of Stage Door, and a resident of Farmington, talks about ballet and a new home for the theatrical arts where she hopes aspiring stars will be launched, in today's Farmington life section. (Staff photo by Steve Cantrell)

CBers join posse to safeguard roads

In the good old days, when people joined a posse they jumped on a horse and rode off after the sheriff. Today, good citizens can jump in their cars and put on their "hats" as part of the American Federation of Police's CB National Radio Posse. Chief Robert Ferguson, president of the federation (and known as "Smokie Bear" in CB circles), invites all Citizen Band operators to help form the posse as auxiliary members of the AFP.

"The purpose is simple. There are millions of citizens who now have inexpensive means to report accidents, crimes, problems in their own community. If we can get volunteers to act as an extension of our eyes and ears we can catch criminals in the act," Ferguson says.

According to Ferguson, who heads the Bath Township Police in Ohio, as well as holding the AFP presidency, licensed CB operators who participate will be issued a special ID card with their call letters, name, and "handle." An emblem for the back of the car will show they are a member of the posse and have agreed to follow certain rules of membership.

The most important rule of all might be distressing to some CBers. The rule states, "Members must pledge to obey all traffic rules and conduct themselves as an example to other CB operators."

The members must also pledge:

- To report to any local Smokey station in your area, any criminal activity in progress and to observe that action until the police arrive. Posse members are never to attempt to apprehend a criminal unless asked to do so by a police officer.
- To assist motorists in distress and to report any accident when aid is needed.

Each member must pledge to carry in the car a first aid kit, flags and warning flares and a hand fire extinguisher in case of an emergency.

"We feel that a CB Radio Posse member will help us reduce crime because the main problem is manpower. Each member will get a training manual and our magazine and that will keep the members in touch with law enforcement problems and rebuild an institution that we knew in the days of the old west. That's why we selected the handle 'Posse' member," Ferguson adds.

Head 'em off at the pass boys.

Storytellers start season

Storytellers from the Detroit Storytelling League are warming up now for their first meeting of the new season to be held in the Lavonia home of Roberta Hildreth at 1871 Park on Sept. 11.

Members come from the entire metropolitan area to hold meetings and workshops with the aim of keeping the art of storytelling alive.

They work under the motto of "Service through Storytelling" and answer requests for stories to groups, churches and clubs throughout the southeastern section of the state.

President of the group is Ruth Kneipel, of 3629 Kears Lane, Farmington, who is now taking inquiries from potential members who will be invited to the September meeting.

The local league's membership has steadily grown in the past year, but Mrs. Kneipel said, "If numbers become too large we can open separate leagues in suburban areas which will be affiliated with the Detroit league."

AMONG THE NEW members this season are Betty Blaise, a librarian at Lavonia's Carl Sandburg Library, Louise Chase a librarian from Lavonia's Noble Library, and music teacher Ruth Hildreth.

Mrs. Kneipel notes that the league's membership is heavy with teachers, librarians and school principals but asks new members not to be intimidated by that number. "We welcome all who are interested in storytelling," she said, "that is the only requirement."

Mrs. Kneipel may be reached at 477-9621.

Schoolcraft schedules counseling

New counseling schedules have been announced for the Schoolcraft College women's resource center as the fall semester begins.

Peer counselors are now available at the center from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Friday. They will also have hours on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. beginning Sept. 11. Evening hours are available by appointment.

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