

Farmington honors own for beautification

Farmington, and those who make it beautiful, were the center of attention at last week's Farmington Beautification Committee luncheon conducted at the Salem United Church of Christ.

Cosponsored by the Farmington Exchange Club, the luncheon honored those businesses which have done extra things necessary to make their establishments more than just ordinary.

All businesses are rated three times a year. Those accumulating the highest points are honored with a plaque attesting to the fact that they have kept Farmington beautiful. The Beautification Committee named 64 businesses at the luncheon.

HOSTING THE luncheon was Carol Kurth, of the Beautification Committee, assisted by Farmington Mayor John Richardson in handing out the plaques. Businesses were judged on general appearance, overall maintenance, landscaping and painting.

Award categories were broken down into seven areas: business, industry, churches, apartments and condominiums, auto service facilities, renovation in movements and special awards.

Those winning awards in the business category were: Dr. Walter Mattia, Dr. Bernard Maxson, Ray Interiors, First Federal

Savings and Loan, National Bank of Detroit, Thayer Funeral Home, Oakhill Nursing Home, Lawrence Mayer Florist, Chapman Brothers Real Estate, Hersey-Sunquist Funeral Home, Professional Pavilion, Plaza Veterinary Hospital, Farmington Parish Credit Union, National Bank of Detroit (Lakeway), Burger King, Burger Chef, Ricardo Hair Fashions, Estates, Inc., and Huron River Hunting and Fishing Club.

Honorable mentions in the business category went to: Metropolitan National Bank, Metropolitan Center Office Building, Village Animal Clinic, First Farmington Savings and Loan and the Glendale Auto Supply.

IN THE INDUSTRY category, American Screw Company and Wolverine Flexographic took the top honors. Honorable mentions went to Cumnation and Boslich Products.

Winning in the church category were St. John's American Lutheran Church, Salem United Church of Christ and the First United Methodist Church.

Honorable mention went to the First Baptist Church of Farmington.

Stacy's Standard Station took the top award in the auto service facilities, with an honorable mention going to Boron Oil.

Six apartment complexes took top honors in that category. They were: River Glen Condominiums, Sunview Manor, Wynset Condominiums, Kinglake Apartments, Kinglake Coop Apartments, and Anderson Apartments.

Honorable mentions went to Jamestown Apartments and Kensington Manor Apartments.

Renovation and Improvement awards went to Hacquethall Courts of Farmington, Jehovah's Witnesses Kingdom Hall, Mayor Office Building and Gordy's Garage.

Honorable mention went to Chapa Business Center.

Farmington City Jail and the Farmington Community Library won the civic and community beautification award.

A new category this year was sidewalk businesses. Winning in that category were Lucy's Oldies But Goodies, The Golden Fleece, The Bon Ton Shoppe, Framery One, Richard's Boys and Girls Wear, Kennedy's Shoes, Classic Auto Restoration, Don's Giant Submarine Sandwiches and the Vintner Wine Shop.

Shopping centers awarded were the Lakeshore, Downtown Farmington Center and K-Mart.

Special awards went to Ruth Clark, the Detroit Edison Power Station and the Farmington Garden Club.



Gerald Pothoff (right) is given an award by Farmington Mayor John Richardson for his painted mural on the side of his store, The Vintner Wine shop. (Staff photo)

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Farmington Mayor John Richardson congratulates one of more than 60 business representatives at the Farmington Beautification Commission annual Keep Farmington Beautiful luncheon. Reading of the list of winners was Carol Kurth. (Staff photo)

Textbook allowance cut in '76-'77 school budget

Concern about the textbook replacement program, which added classrooms and additional funding for extra activities programs surfaced at the recent Farmington Board of Education budget hearing.

The drop in allocations for elementary and secondary textbooks was questioned by Alda Kuehn, president of the Farmington Students' Club.

Last year, the budget had allocated \$25,960 for elementary books and supplies. This year, \$20,000 was given for that use.

Secondary textbooks and supplies had a similar fate. Last year, there was \$29,300 for the purchase of new high school textbooks and supplies. This year, the allocation was reduced to \$23,000 for these purposes.

"LAST YEAR, we adopted a new science program and a new math program," said Assistant Supt. Lawrence Friedman.

This year, the board needs to replace the books in a much larger number of classrooms. "We will have enough of the new books," he said. "Our needs in books are not as great this year as they were last year."

We're in better shape this year than in any year in the past," he said. "We had to play catch-up last year."

In order to comply with Title I funding regulations, the system has increased the allowance of the girls' athletic programs.

Last year, girls' athletics was allocated \$11,000. This year, that allowance has been increased to \$12,500.

There has also been an increase in the boys' athletic budget. Last year, the male basketball was allocated \$80,000. This year, the program will have \$94,250.

There is an improvement from last year," admitted Vagstad. "But the discrepancy between boys and girls athletics is still too great."

It should be a major cost item. The commitment should be accelerated," he said.

"But we've come a long way—let's put it that way," he said.

"THERE SHOULD be equal treatment of students. It wasn't awful unbalanced."

but it was done that way," he said.

"I'm impressed by the increases in the girls' athletic program," said Trustee Michael Speyer. "It's a beginning."

This is a budget I think I can live with," he added.

Last year's board president, William Corliss, who helped vote in some of the school budget cuts, suggested that the budget surplus be used to replace some of the deleted programs.

He also registered a mild complaint about overcrowding in Power Junior High School.

"I went to an open house at Power," he explained. "I was surprised that there were 33 students in a class. This means that there are certain types of teacher assistance which isn't available."

"Our student-teacher ratio is 28 students to a teacher," said Schulman. "We have some classes that have 33 students but there are few. One of them is a junior high Spanish class."

"If we cut back on teachers that means that sometimes we don't have the class sizes that we would like have," he said.

Lucky lady strikes again

Good things come in threes for Little Vicki of Farmington, Ill.

The mother of three children and a three-time grandmother, Mrs. Vicki has won three prizes in the last three years.

I've been very fortunate," she said. "Three weeks ago Mrs. Vicki bought a \$1 lottery ticket at the Circus Circus Hotel."

When she finished playing, she found the square number 10 on the ticket and she

just acquired an extra \$10,000.

I came home and I scratched out the numbers with my fingernail," she remembered.

"THERE WERE 50 many zeroes on the ticket. It took me a while to figure it out. Finally, my son told me that I had won."

She doesn't know what she'll do with her windfall.

I don't have any plans for it," she said.

I put the money away. I don't have it at home.

I had planned to take a trip to Hawaii to see my granddaughter swim on a synchronized team. But that was already planned before I won the money," she said.

Last year, Mrs. Vicki won \$200 in the Circus lottery.

We had two finalists tickets—one in my name and one in my husband's. Mine won," she said.

The money came on Dec. 31. Just an enough time to include it in my income tax," she said, wryly.

Three years ago on a family vacation in Las Vegas, Mrs. Vicki won a diamond ring in a drawing at the Circus Circus Hotel.

Tales of her luck have circulated among her friends and family.

People are asking me to buy tickets for them so some of my luck will rub off on them," she said.

HER THREE LUCKY numbers—four, six and nine—were on the \$10,000 lottery ticket.

She and her husband, Robert, once a Farmington fireman, are trying their luck again by purchasing tickets for Michigan's Presidential Lottery.

"I don't know how many tickets he bought," said Mrs. Vicki. "I do know they'll only pick ten winners."

Residents of the Illinois since 1959, Mrs. Vicki was active in volunteer work until she began to care for her invalid mother-in-law.

She attributes her luck to clean living and a willingness to help others.

Tax sharing blasted by county executive

Farmington would have been forced to send \$25,744 to Detroit in 1972 through 1974 if the tax base sharing proposal had been in effect, according to Oakland County Executive Daniel Murphy.

Murphy, who began a campaign against the proposed legislation last May when he testified before a house committee, said the bill would drive most Oakland communities into deficit spending and tax increases.

"If this bill passes the legislature, Oakland County residents will be forced to send \$6 million to \$10 million to Detroit each year," he said.

We will have to lay off police officers,

firemen and cut other vital services. Or, we will be forced to raise our own taxes to bail out Detroit."

The legislation, House Bill 6010, was cosponsored by Murphy's opponent in the county executive race, State Rep. Philip Martin (D-Hazel Park), but he has since withdrawn support.

But my feelings are clear," Murphy said. "That is a bad bill that would result in a bad law that would have nothing but bad effects for Oakland County."

Murphy ordered an analysis of the bill after it was submitted. He sent the analysis to all 62 units of local government in the county and urged their cooperation in fighting the bill in the legislature.

He is a member of the University of Detroit Estate Planning Council and the Planned Giving Committee at MSU.

Estate planning is chamber topic

Estate planning for the business interest will be the topic of discussion at the Oct. 28 breakfast meeting of the Farmington Area Chamber of Commerce.

Beginning at 8 a.m., the meeting will be at the Farmington Holiday Inn, 38123 Ten Mile. Admission is \$5.

Speaking will be Jerry Tobin, vice president of Trust Business Development, Detroit Bank and David Stone, assistant vice president of City National Bank.

Tobin is a graduate of the University of Detroit. He earned his law degree in 1959. He has worked in the public relations and personnel department of General Motors.

Stone is a graduate of Michigan State University and earned his law degree at the Detroit College of Law.

He is a member of the University of Detroit Estate Planning Council and the Planned Giving Committee at MSU.



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