

## TA theory taught in Y skill class

A series of communication skills classes based on Transactional Analysis (TA) theory, will be offered to local high school students by the Farmington Area YMCA. The classes are designed to help develop better skills in communicating in a variety of circumstances.

Classes will be held at the YMCA, 2800 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills under the direction of David Heiser, community program director.

Interested persons may contact Heiser by calling him at the Y, 474-3222.

## Miss Matmueller selected for choir

Kathy Matmueller, daughter of Mrs. and Mrs. Ralph Matmueller, 31741 Marblehead, Farmington, performed in the Cotley College Christmas concert as a member of the college choir.

Members of the college musical groups are all selected by audition.

The college is a two-year liberal arts college for women, owned and supported by the PEO Sisterhood, an organization of 194,000 women who work in support of women's education.

Miss Matmueller holds a Cotley grant, awarded by the Michigan State Chapter of PEO.



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## Winter wonderland

One of the most colorful rooms in the Farmington community is in Williamsburg Convalescent Home, where nurses turned an area into a winter wonderland for the benefit of the

home's residents during the holiday season. The home is on Middle Belt, between Grand River and Eight Mile. (Staff photo by Harry Mauthe)

## Down to Earth

# 'Hand-In-Hand': A gift shared

One community is rather this week because of a very special occasion. The First Presbyterian Church of W. Maple in Birmingham gave "Hand-In-Hand" to the residents of the young at heart from Birmingham.

About 100 persons came to share the spirit of giving provided by some 10 volunteers.

Many years ago the Rev. Charles S. Myers of the First Presbyterian Church saw the need to help the young and the old. He saw the need for the young to share the spirit of giving provided by some 10 volunteers.

As you saw it, it turned out to be a very special occasion.

given a cute bag with a loop for your arm. You need it for the many, many gifts you will receive, made months before hand by parishioners all ages of the church.

In one scene the Christ Child was in the manger and a group of children were asked what gift they would bring if they were coming to the manger. One child said "a diamond," another "a pearl," then "a prayer," and the fourth little girl said, "a bag of M and M's."

THERE WERE many booths from retirement facilities. Hundreds of retarded adults and children also arrived to share the warmth of the occasion.

There was the popcorn machine, the railroad train room, the music box room with its joyous music, the bakery where you could poke your finger in the rising dough and sample homemade bread with that never-to-be-forgotten aroma, the room of dolls and beautiful doll houses, the tables where you sat and decorated a cookie with icing and tried to hold out minutes before you ate it.

Experience after experience unfolded to remind one of the goodness of being together.

There was a room filled with pets in cages, and many cute puppies from the Humane Society. There was an autistic child who arrived where the puppies were and for the first time in his life he spoke, "Puppy loves me." How exciting and a reward for all who planned and executed this sharing spectacle.

Then in the courtyard outdoors we visited animals. There was Hosanna, the donkey, who often had chickens riding his back to warm their feet. The Holstein heifer was called Holy Cow. There were three Romney Sheep called Eleanor, George and Chris, and wandering around in the hay were an assortment of ducks and chickens.

AFTER ALL, the holiday time is sharing, loving and showing concern for others. "Hand and Hand" would find welcome acclaim from all religions.

Your columnist feels like more than a byline to the many readers of "Down to Earth." My life seems to be dedicated to sharing and bringing to you treasures I discover along life's way. It has been that way for 29 years.

## Woods gains post in cooling firm

The board of directors of Water Saver Systems, Inc., of Farmington, announced the election of Harold Woods as president and general manager.

Woods joined the firm three years ago. The company manufactures various fire, water and pre-engineered industrial equipment water cooling systems.

Woods was general manager of the firm for three months before his promotion. He was an engineering sales manager, coordinating engineering and sales activities of the firm's non-pulsating water cooling systems.

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