

# Parents classes dovetail with year of the child

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"Children: The Challenge," parenting classes that have been sponsored by Farmington Youth Assistance since 1977, begin again in the week of March 12.

Participants will have the option of

attending morning, afternoon or evening sessions in several locations for a 10-week period.

"Our classes take on special significance in the International Year of the Child," said Madelyn Ryan, speaking for the education committee of Farmington Youth Assistance. "The United

Nations' General Assembly gives all countries a special year to put fresh focus on children's concerns."

One of the activities the UNICEF committee recommended on a local level is the support and attendance of parent education classes.

Using Rudolf Dreikurs' book, "Child-

ren: The Challenge," as a textbook, the local classes have reached hundreds of parents to help them do a better job.

The class focuses on fighting among children, fears and temper tantrums, bad habits, demands for undue atten-

tion and dawdling at meals.

THROUGH SMALL group discussions, parents learn and discuss a democratic approach to parenting. Non-professionals who have completed the 10-week course act as assistants to the professionals in the classes, which take a positive approach to family and classroom harmony.

Because the parent groups were so successful, the sponsors added a similar course for educators through the local school system.

The aim is to teach adults how to motivate the child to function cooperatively, to respect himself and others, and take responsibility for his actions.

Gary Galens, organizer and chairman of the program, passes along testimony from former participants:

"I have more confidence in myself since I have been aware of the Dreikurs philosophy."

"Our family has fewer conflicts."

"I am much happier and can enjoy the family more. Once you have a grasp of the Dreikurs approach, you can usually solve your problems."

"There's a great deal more cooperation, more healthy and honest feelings, between the children and me."

MS. RYAN ADDS: "Parenting isn't an easy job and more and more people are finding out that neither grandma or Dr. Spock had all the answers."

The \$12 fee includes both a textbook and handbook that will be used in the class.

The spring sessions will be held in Ten Mile Community School, Farmington and North Farmington High School. Early registration is suggested for participants to assure a first choice for location, time and date.

The Farmington Youth Assistance office is taking registrations by phone, 476-3840.



## Kustron-Beasley

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Kustron of Farmington announce the engagement of their daughter, Konnie Gerlyn, to Keith Randall Beasley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dossie H. Beasley of Ulica.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Michigan State University and Detroit College of Law, and is an associate with the law firm of P. Scott Scherrer in Farmington Hills.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Wayne State University and Detroit College of Law, employed as a research attorney with Michigan Court of Appeals in Lansing.

A May wedding is planned.



## Niemi-Kastamo

Mr. and Mrs. Paul E. Niemi, of Farmington Hills, announce the engagement of their daughter Karen Dawn to Larry Kastamo, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald E. Kastamo of Waukegan, Ill.

The bride-to-be is a 1977 graduate of Farmington High School, employed by St. Mary Hospital. Her fiancé is a 1976 graduate of Waukegan High School, employed by Johnson Motors in Waukegan.

A June wedding is planned.



## Dziadzio-Kain

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dziadzio of Nathaline Street, Redford Township, announce the engagement of their daughter Cynthia M. to Dan Allen Kain, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Kain of Parklane Street, Farmington Hills.

Both are 1978 graduates of Thurston High School. The bride-elect is employed by Fireman's Fund Insurance Co. and her fiancé by Detroit Diesel division of General Motors Corp.

Their April 20 wedding will take place in St. Robert Bellarmine Catholic Church of Redford Township.

## First aiders learn

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bone to stop the bleeding.

IF BREATHING HAS stopped, mouth-to-mouth resuscitation is the answer. If the heart is not beating, the first aider must rhythmically press the victim's lower chest to get the heart pumping.

Students must learn quickly these procedures well enough to respond calmly to an emergency.

The responsibility of saving a life makes a first aid class a serious place. That is why a seemingly well-tied knee bandage that suddenly drops down around the "victim's" ankles provides useful comic relief. It gives students a breather before tackling how best to aid a child who has downed a half bottle of aspirin, or the man who collapsed from heat stroke.

To first aiders who fear that too much may be expected from them, Leibel defined their role.

"A first aider is a person who performs initial aid for a victim," he said. "He stops bleeding, does basic bandaging and CPR. He may have to transport a victim or handle a problem of heat or cold. But in general, he attends a victim until he can be turned over to professional medical personnel."

TOM LEWIS HAS his own plan to help him stay calm under stress.

"I am going to keep reviewing the material to give me the confidence to react in the proper manner," he said. "I like to think I am ready, but I hope I

won't have to use it."

Lewis admitted to being reluctant to take the class. "But after the first day, I felt a lot better. After seeing the films and hearing the discussion, I could see the need for it."

"My interest in it started to grow, and I got more involved. It has made me more safety conscious."

He added that his company is placing heavy stress on safety, from the corporate level down to office and warehouse employees.

The part of the course really relevant to James Kelso was a brief section on treating electrical shock victims.

"If a person came in contact with a live wire, the current would run through his body and into the rescuer's, unless the contact was broken," he explained.

The film seen by the class showed a victim knocked out by electric current. She was pulled away from contact by a man using a piece of wood.

Wood is a non-conductor. Kelso added that an article of clothing or plastic material could also be used to separate the victim from electricity.

LIKE LEWIS, Kelso is now more safety conscious. "I'm going to try to see to it that several others from the company take the same course," he said. "It is a logical thing to do in a profession like ours."

Kelso said everyone should study first aid and CPR.

"If 90 percent of the people in the Detroit area could be aware of these procedures, it would be an ideal situation," he said.

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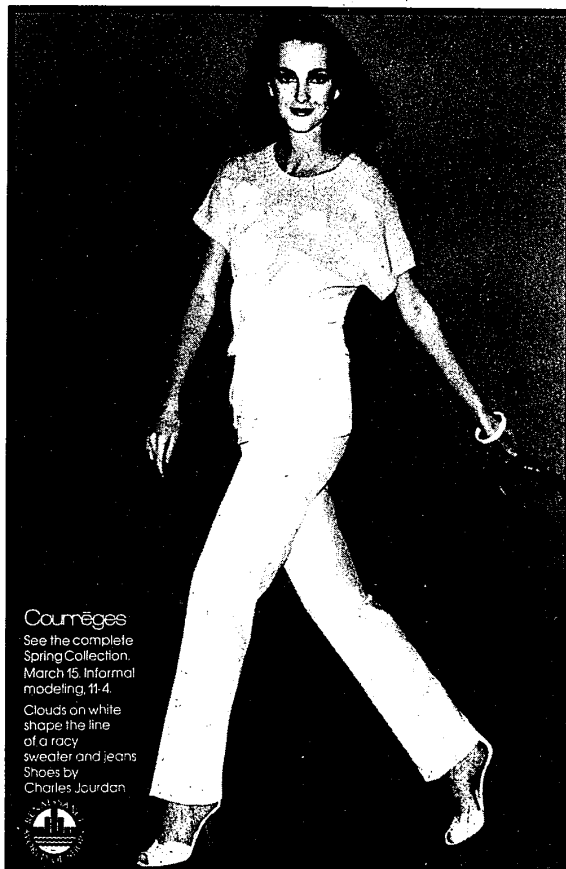
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