



Villagers dance in joy at the news of the birth of a new princess. Little do they realize, the princess will be cheated out of speech by a wicked witch's spell.

## At Farmington Training Center Audience cheers 'Princess'

The students formed a line and kicked up their heels in the middle of the Farmington Training Center auditorium.

During the course of an evening, the Speechless Princess found her voice and her true love when a young shepherd uttered those magic words, "Want some buttermilk?"

Villagers danced and the princess' unsuccessful suitors lined up for a vain attempt to win her hand.

Running away from the suitors and outwitting a gang of bandits were two of the adventures the little princess had before meeting her true love.

The play presented by students at the training center helped inaugurate a coalition of parent groups dedicated to improving and expanding education and opportunities for retarded persons. The groups joined together under the banner Greater Farmington Area for Retarded Citizens.

But Tuesday evening's potluck dinner, which started the new group on its way, turned into 145 family members and friends of the cast cheering the small company of players and finally giving way to a standing ovation.

"The kids were thrilled," said Fran Aaron, teacher and the play's narrator.

**THE PLAY DID MORE** than put a smile on the faces of the actors and audience. It is part of a new trend in special education which opens the arts to retarded students.

Acting, singing and dancing, all a part of the Farmington Training Center's presentation, are becoming available to special education students. Besides being an enjoyable pastime, drama offers the students a chance to learn to do tasks in a required order and increases their poise and memory skills.

Drama is part of a move which recognizes that the student in special education has a right to be as well-rounded in his interests as possible, according to Mrs. Aaron.

The "Speechless Princess" turned into a traveling road show as the actors traveled to other training schools in the area during May and June to entertain fellow students.

Besides giving the players a feeling of pride and accomplishment, the performances proved to the students that they could be active in drama.



Group of cast members stands and listens to teacher Fran Aaron. Scenery was painted by members of the backstage crew who are students at the training center. Mrs. Aaron made the costumes after scouring yard sales. (Photo by Harry Mauthe)



The princess, waiting for a suitor, enjoys a thoughtful moment.

## THE INSIDE \* ANGLE

**FARMINGTON IS SIMPLY BRIMMING WITH LOCAL CELEBS** this week. First, let us consider Dayna Hanke, a third grade student from Flanders Elementary School. During a class project for Michigan week, she wrote a letter to Ousted, Mich. The 800-resident community invited young Ms. Hanke to see the town. Upon arriving with her parents, Ron and Gayle, she saw a special billboard greeting her. After a tour of the town and a concert, she had luncheon at the mayor's home. Not bad for an 8-year-old, or anyone else.

**THEN, THERE'S THE CASE OF** Pamela Hindman, who ought to be a celebrity in her own hometown. Ms. Hindman who works for the IRS, took a dog training course offered by the Grover Walker Post of the VFW in Farmington. After a 12-week course, Ms. Hindman, who only has limited sight, trained her small poodle. Pet and owner won a trophy for "The Most Improved Trainee."

**THE MAN BEHIND THE SOUND** during the Farmington Community Center's recent Ethnic Festival was Rick DeBrincat, who has operated the visual and audio aspects of the festival for three years. He is the owner and operator of the Pacesetter Beauty Salon on Grand River and the leader of the musical group called "The Sound Express."

**A TIP OF THE OLD ANGLIS** **TOPPER** to Nancy Ayres, 25, of Farmington. The Farmington High School grad will receive her MD from the University of Michigan this month. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Ayres will serve her residency at the city hospital in Anderson, South Carolina. She will specialize in family practice.

**ANGLES HAS HEARD OF** businesses sneaking out of town but never thought it would live to see one sneak into town. But the Brands store next to TJ Maxx in Farmington has proved to IA that anything can happen. The store opened last week without any fanfare except for a brown paper sign across the front window proclaiming "Grand Opening." Just knock on the door and say Joe sent you. Maybe they'll let you in.

**FOOTBALL FANS, DON'T DESPAIR.** Fall is almost around the corner. Boys who want to sign up for the Farmington Rockets fall season can do so on June 8 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Farmington High School Field House, the blue building on the east side of the parking lot. All boys between the ages of 9-13 who live on the south side of the 696 freeway are eligible. Practice begins at 4:30 p.m., Aug. 13. Boys who will reach the required age on or before Dec. 1, 1979, can register. Pony league is taking boys 9-10 years old who weigh 60-85 pounds. Junior varsity team players should be between 9-11 years old and weigh from 65-95 pounds. Varsity players should be

from 10-13 and weigh from 85-125 pounds. For further information call 476-3459, 476-5090 or 477-8929. Physicals will be given at registration.

**FARMINGTON'S** second doctor this year is Susan Barbara Perry, who will be graduating from University of Michigan med school this month. Her internship will be served in Iowa City at the Iowa University Hospital. The daughter of David and Roseale Perry will do her residency in family practice.

**THE YOUNG ADULT** department at the Farmington Community Library will sponsor a feature program on Model Airplane Building and Flying for all interested from 2-4 p.m. June 9 at the Farmington Hills branch, 32737 West Twelve Mile. This free program will feature a guest speaker from Joe's Hobby Center in Farmington, who will demonstrate model airplane building. Everyone who attends will receive a free model to build. After the session there will be a feature film on model airplanes flying. There will be an outdoors demonstration of model airplane radio control flying by experts. For further information call Laureen Bowman, 553-0300.

**FARMINGTON HIGH SCHOOL** musicians honored their own at a recent banquet. Three awards were presented to three graduating seniors. The John Philip Sousa Award for all around musicianship was given to Craig Lipski. The Louis Armstrong Award for the best Jazz musician was given to trumpeter Pat Watts. The National Orchestra Award went to Dave Scheer, a viola player.

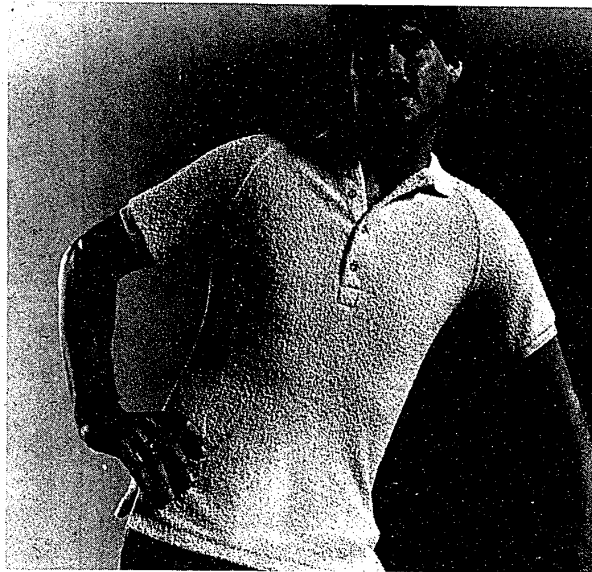
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