



BEST SEAL -- Thomas Ultz (left) receives a plaque and congratulations from Mayor Wilbur Brotherton for winning first place in the City of Farmington's seal and motto contest. A decision has not yet been made whether or not to accept Ultz's handiwork as the official city seal and motto.

(Evert photo.)

Jaycee Membership Climbs To 100 Mark

FARMINGTON The Farmington Area Jaycees reached the hundred mark in membership last week when the chapter installed 11 new members.

The 11 were installed at the annual Jaycee Installation Banquet held in the Elk's Temple on Dec. 2. In addition, Jaycees and community leaders were honored for service.

MEMBERS WHO have joined the Farmington Jaycees since June 1, 1969, and who were installed are: Jim Brinkley, John Flinter, Gary MacLean, Tom MacFarland, Mike Love, Paul Schindler, Vic Bogdan, Dennis McGurter, Ed Layton, Chris

Reichardt and Dick Whitaker. Welcoming remarks were made by Chapter President Noel Kurth and Auxiliary President Nancy Dittmar. Among the club awards were: outstanding first quarter Jaycee, Chip Tappen; and second quarter outstanding Jaycee, Gordon Greenwald.

Receiving certificates for community service were: Wilbur Brotherton, City of Farmington mayor; Dr. Roderick Smith, Farmington superintendent of schools; Tom Zoes, president, Farmington Board of Commerce; and Emory Daniels, editor, Farmington Enterprise & Observer.

Also: Curtis Hall, Farmington Township supervisor; L.J. Lavigne, president, Metropolitan

Bank of Farmington; and W.A. Smith, president, Farmington Community Center.

KEYNOTE address was given by Pat Nowak, president of the Michigan Jaycees and past-president of the Farmington Jaycees.

Also attending was John Bailey who was recognized as the outstanding district vice president by the Michigan Jaycees for the first six months.

Special guests attending were Diane Ankele, newly crowned 1970 Farmington Junior Miss, and her parents Mr. and Mrs. William Ankele.

Santa Undergoes Surgery; Will Miss Plaza Appearance

FARMINGTON Santa Claus won't be visiting the Farmington Plaza Shopping Center this year because he was just recently released from the hospital after having two operations.

Gene W. Reeves, 67, of Canton Township, had appeared as Santa for the Plaza for the past 10 years and is a familiar face for hundreds of youngsters in Farmington.

BUT A COUPLE of weeks ago, Reeves entered the hospital for two operations to correct a hernia and appendix difficulties. Understandably, Santa was not in any shape to have youngsters jumping onto his lap this year.

A number of Farmington teenagers will remember 10 years ago when Reeves made his first appearance as Santa at the Plaza. He arrived in a big red Santa Claus car with sound equipment and gave rides to children around the parking lot. In those days, Santa talked with children inside the car with the interviews being broadcast all over the parking lot.

Later, Reeves arrived with a big red Santa Book which also was quite popular. After talking with Santa and receiving their candy, the children would sign their names in Santa's Big Book.

Reeves came attired in a Santa overcoat, believed to be the only one of its kind in use. He was an experienced pro when he made his first visit

to the Plaza. Reeves had served the downtown J.L. Hudson store as Santa for 15 years, starting in 1955.

IN ADDITION to Christmas appearances, Reeves used to appear in parades as Sleepy the clown for the Shriners. He was one of the original Shrine clowns.

During the year, Reeves is kept busy with a hobby inherited from his grandfather—collecting autographs. Reeves has the world's largest autograph book which weighs 250 pounds and is transported in a trailer.

The collection, started by his grandfather, contains over 20,000 autographs and is valued at about \$50,000. In the back of the big autograph book is a collection of military in-

signia shoulder patches, signed by famous generals such as Eisenhower and MacArthur.

Reeves once owned a used car lot but now is semi-retired. He just recently was signed up as a deputy clerk for Canton Township to register vot-

ers in the Royal Holiday Mobile Home court where he resides.

Children who miss Santa at the Plaza this year can send out get well cards to his home at 39500 W. Warren, Lot 424, Plymouth, Mich.

Co-Op Hosts Patrolman

FARMINGTON To acquaint the children enrolled in the Farmington Co-operative Nursery with a police officer, Patrolman Robert Novak of the Farmington Township Police Department canals corps visited them on Dec. 1.

Novak talked with the children about what a police officer's duties are and showed them his equipment, including his police car and his German shepherd.

Other activities in which the children have participated this fall have been trips to a cider mill, a turkey farm and a fire station.

The group of three and four-year-olds meets Mondays and Thursdays in the North Farmington Baptist Church, 32500 13 Mile Road, Farmington, Mrs. Eleanor Bartlett and Mrs. Cathy Borst teach the children.

Parents of pre-schoolers interested in further information about the nursery may contact its membership chairman, Mrs. Susan Bond at 472-9810 or its president, Mrs. Betty Arnold at 474-7834.

BOE Opens Office Here

FARMINGTON Roger W. Boe of Detroit has opened his architectural office in Farmington at 32580 Grand River in the offices formerly occupied by Charles D. Hannan.

Boe is a native of Broadview, Ill., and attended the University of Illinois College of Engineering and the School of Architecture of the Illinois Institute of Technology.

AFTER COMING to Detroit in 1963 as part of a corporate architectural department, Boe has been employed by architectural firms in Detroit and has maintained a practice in Northwest Detroit. He recently has been associate in charge of production for Ralph Calder and Associates.

A member of the American Institute of Architects and the Michigan Society of Architects,

PETER J. SCHALDENBRAND of 21827 Ontaga, Farmington, has been elected president of the Detroit Society for Genealogical Research (DSGR). The 23-year resident of Farmington, a mathematics instructor at Farmington Senior High, attended Farmington High, Michigan State and Wayne State. Among the purposes of the DSGR are preservation of records, research, and compilation of family data for publication.



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FARMINGTON THREESOME -- Gathered at the 19th District Democratic Dinner Friday were these three party notables with ties to Farmington. From left are Harold Julian, Farmington resident UAW official; Aldo Vagnozzi of Farmington, district chairman; and James McNeely, Democratic state chairman and a former Farmington school teacher.

(Observer photo)

Trash-Can Operation Underway

"Operation Trash-Can" is the latest program inaugurated by the Township of Farmington Beautification Committee.

Responding to the desire of merchants in the Orchard Lake-13 Mile Rd. area, the Beautification Committee has made arrangements so that large steel all-weather trash containers can be purchased by the merchants at a special price.

These are attractively designed rectangular containers with a covered top. The can is predominantly white, with colonial blue trim and top.

Gerald Harrison, executive director of the Farmington Board of Commerce, reports the Board of Commerce has endorsed the program. They join with the Beautification Committee in urging all merchants in the area to participate in "Operation Trash-Can" and place the containers in prominent locations in the shopping centers.

Further information regarding the trash-can program can be obtained from Mrs. Dwight Gordon, chairman of the Beautification Committee, at 474-0908.

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