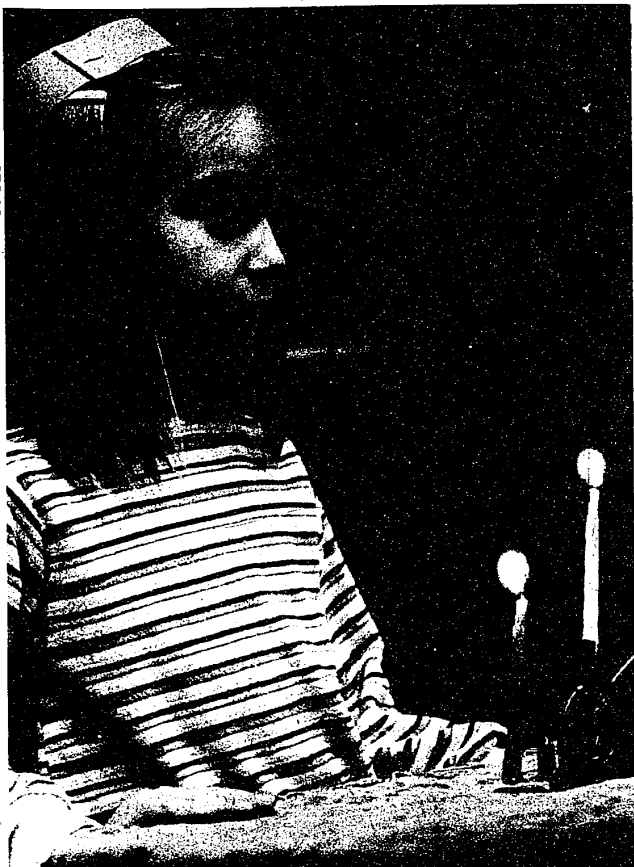


Youth gather to celebrate Hanukkah



Participating in the Hanukkah celebration at the Hillel Day School, Farmington Hills, is Jessica Beckton. (Staff photo)

Children from the early elementary grades at Hillel Day School in Farmington Hills gathered earlier this week to begin the eight-day Jewish celebration of Hanukkah.

In the school assembly, first-grader Jessica Beckton, 5, lit the first candle, which symbolizes the first day of the observance.

With that, the Hillel celebration began. Dancers from the Jewish Community Center in West Bloomfield sang and danced in the telling of the story of a child's first Hanukkah.

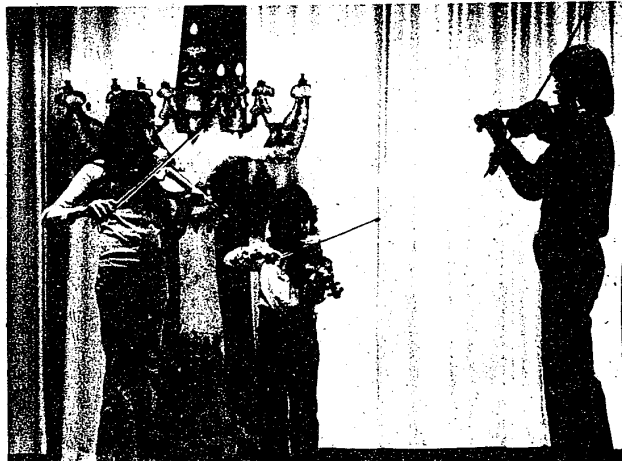
The dancing, singing and the lighting ceremony were part of a celebration to commemorate the victory of Judah Maccabee and his followers over the Syrian conquerors of Jerusalem in 165 B.C.

Maccabee, whose name means "hammer" in Hebrew, was known for his physical strength and military skills. He opposed the attempts of the Syrians and their king, Antiochus IV, to force the Jewish population to assimilate into the conquering culture, which borrowed heavily from the Greeks.

Even the temple at Jerusalem was (Continued on Page 4A)



Reenacting the story of Hanukkah is Jody Oberfelder. (Staff photo)



Celebrating Hanukkah with music are (left) Staci Valentine, Gabi Fleisher and Patricia Reiter. (Staff photos by Randy Borst)

INSIDE ANGLES

BY LOUISE OKRUTSKY

THEIR NEEDLES may shed and you can't pack them up in a cardboard box for next year, but aficionados of real Christmas trees say there isn't any substitute for a Ms. Nature original. The Farmington Area Jaycees again are selling Christmas trees in town. Their lot will be open every day until all of the trees are sold: from 6:30-10:30 p.m., Monday through Friday and from noon to 10 p.m. Saturday and Sunday in the park west of the Masonic Temple on Grand River and Farmington Road. The trees are mostly scotch pine with some blue and white spruces available. Prices range from \$9-\$12. Parking is available on Oakland near the Masonic Temple. Helping hands and twine will be available for persons who need help in hauling this year's needle-dropping delight to the car. Proceeds from the sale will go toward the YMCA building fund, FAAC and the Farmington Community Center. For those who have a difficult time in choosing that certain tree, there are 500 from which to choose on the Jaycee lot.

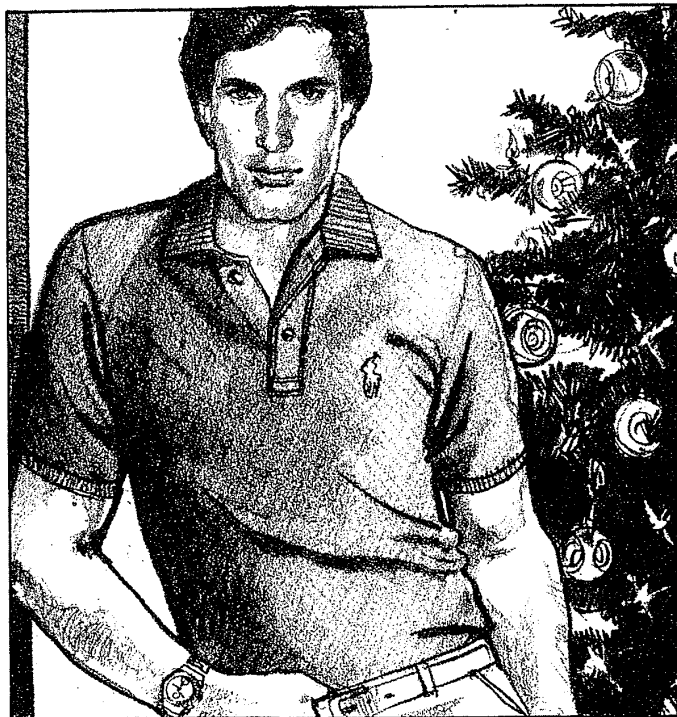
in the Holy Family Church, 24505 Meadowbrook Road, Novi. For further information call 349-3178. This is the first meeting of the group which plans to get together every Thursday.

WANT TO SEE a movie for the holidays? The Detroit Science Center offers its showing of a movie about the eruption of Mt. St. Helens and a feature on the formation of worldwide weather patterns and fronts. It's not "The Miracle on 43rd Street" but it's shown at 9:25, 10:25 and 11:25 a.m., and 12:25, 1:25, 2:25 and 3:25 p.m., Mondays-Fridays. Showings at 7:25 and 8:25 p.m. are scheduled for Fridays-Sundays. Weekend hours for the movie are: 10:25 and 11:25 a.m., 12:25, 1:25, 2:25 and 3:25 p.m. with the morning shows not scheduled for Sunday. The Science Center is at 5020 John R. at Warren Avenue, near the Detroit Institute of Arts.

THOSE WHO WANT TO help the victims of the earthquake which destroyed villages in Italy can send a contribution to the American Red Cross' Italian Earthquake Relief fund. Mail it to the Southeastern Michigan Chapter of the American Red Cross, P.O. Box 351, Detroit 48232. Mark it to the attention of the Executive Office. Officials of the League of Red Cross Societies in Geneva say the real need is for financial contributions for local purchase of specific supplies that are readily available in Europe, according to the American Red Cross. Red Cross workers are located in some 113 headquarters throughout southern Italy assisting residents.

A BIG IA SALUTE to Ron Senkowski, son of Ron and Maryann Senkowski of Farmington Hills. The 17-year-old North Farmington High School senior won the century III leadership scholarship competition. Senkowski is eligible to compete with other high school seniors through the state for two scholarships of \$1,500; two \$500 scholarships and a \$10,000 national scholarship. Senkowski won in the local phase of the competition which emphasizes future concerns of America. Students were judged on the basis of their leadership abilities, community involvement, a current events exam and a presentation in which they projected a future problem and its cure. The senior spoke about the deterioration of concern for others in a society facing an era of massive technological change.

Runners-up in the competition at North Farmington are Susan Strauss and David Davis. Angles dedicates this cheer to all of them: Hip, hip, hooray! Hip, hip, hooray! Hip, hip, hooray!



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THE ART CLUB at Farmington High School played Santa early this season when it visited Ronald McDonald House for families of little patients in Detroit's Children Hospital. The House, set door to the hospital, was given 30 puppets and stuffed animals to help bring holiday cheer to the scene. The art club is under the direction of M. Heffernan. IA salutes the art club and its sponsoring teacher.

KILL THE URGE to do the holiday chomp. Overeaters Anonymous meets at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 11