

Court Worker Urges Preventive Counsel

"I know of no community where kids don't need the kind of volunteers we're getting for the Oakland County Juvenile Court," Ray Sharpe, coordinator of volunteers, told the Redford Township Chamber of Commerce members weekly luncheon meeting.

Conceding that public welfare institutions like schools and courts perform indispensable services, he insisted the individual person in a one-to-one relationship also has an essential function.

"Youth assistance committees are needed to help six,

seven, 10-year-old kids before they get into trouble. It's too bad if a youngster can't get a responsible adult to give him attention until he's in real trouble," Sharpe said.

"The Wayne-Oakland-Macomb tri-county area is probably as well staffed and equipped as any area of the United States, but at best we are only doing a 25% job with youngsters we come in contact with," he estimated.

"PROBATION OFFICERS come into contact with about 25 young persons in trouble in a month's time. Our relation-

ships can be only superficial. The contact each of them needs is one caring person to help with the throes of growing up."

He gave an example of a 12-year-old from a fatherless home who had his first visit with his volunteer advisor's family. They had planned a full program that included a visit to the zoo and later a hockey game after dinner at a nice restaurant.

But when asked about what he enjoyed most on his visit, the boy said it was watching the man shave and helping him rake leaves.

GROUP HELPERS like the golfers, who have offered to teach half a dozen youngsters, are also most needed, says Sharpe.

"Some volunteers might be more comfortable working with a group regularly instead on a one-to-one basis. We have a place for this kind of help, too. By we, I mean not only my own operation with the Oakland County Juvenile Court."

"Your community right here has unmet needs for many youngsters, I'm sure. Talk with your police in the youth bureau, with the school social workers, offer your special thing to the Y or a church group or scouts."

"Encourage others, especially unattached young business people and older retired ones. They have skills, time, transportation and other gifts to share with the young people."

Beauty To Get Reward

LIVONIA Pennants for keeping school sites clean will be awarded by the Keep Livonia Beautiful Committee.

Judging, on a monthly basis during school semesters, will be handled by the Senior Citizens, according to Chairman Harold Chase. Mrs. Ruth Knight, principal of Roosevelt Elementary School, will represent the school district.

Mrs. Sharon Brown of the Jaycettes and Mrs. Doris Horback, district commissioner of Girl Scouts of America, have pledged their groups to make the pennants, Chase said.

Egg Hunts Planned

LIVONIA All hunters, please take note.

The annual Easter egg hunts, sponsored by the Livonia Recreation Department and the Livonia Jaycettes, will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday at the following parks:

Botsford (near Botsford Elementary School); Castle (near Randolph Elementary School); Clements Circle (near Wilson Elementary School); Rosedale (near Whitman Junior High School); and Algonquin (near Roosevelt Elementary School).

The hunt is open to all girls and boys from three to eight years of age. Searchers are requested to bring their own container for carrying the eggs.



SOUND ADVICE—Rep. Jack McDonald (left), 19th District Republican congressman who lives in Farmington, has a chat with Gov. William G. Milliken over the din at Raleigh House last week honoring the governor on his 48th birthday anniversary. (Observer photo)

Club Promotes Drug Ed Film

FARMINGTON

The North Farmington Kiwanis Club is selling tickets for "Way Out," a film discussing drug abuse. The film will be shown beginning April 15 in the Birmingham Theatre in Birmingham.

Tickets for evening performances are \$2 in advance but \$2.25 at the box office Friday through Sunday.

Morning and afternoon matinee tickets will be \$1.25. There will be a morning showing at 10 a.m. every day of the one-week engagement. Afternoon matinees will begin at 1 p.m. except Saturday and Sunday when they will begin at 2 p.m. Larry Smith, producer of the movie, recently spoke on drug abuse at Farmington Junior High.

Church Robbed

FARMINGTON

Farmington police have recovered money stolen from Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church after the 12:45 p.m. mass Sunday.

Church sources said a collection basket was taken from the foot of the church's altar as parishioners filed from the service. Witness described the automobile used for the escape and two youths were apprehended.

Cash was recovered but the collection basket and checks it contained apparently were burned.

Two teenagers, children of parishioners, were charged with larceny after the incident, church sources said.

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Jaycettes Visit Mt. Carmel

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Dr. Sidney Baskin, medical director of the unit, and Gary O'Donnell, executive director of the Kidney Foundation of Michigan, addressed the group.

These machines are loaned out at no cost to the patient, which represents a considerable cost savings. The Kidney Foundation of Michigan works with the staff and patients of Mt. Carmel Hospital, as they do with eight other home training programs throughout the state to train these persons for using the hemodialysis unit in their own homes.

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WHAT IS DEFENSIVE DRIVING?
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Reese advises every driver to learn all he can about the art of Defensive Driving. He and most other professional drivers credit Defensive Driving for accident-free records of well over a million miles.

And you, as well as almost any driver, could become a "million-mile" without any accidents if you'll learn and practice Defensive Driving every time you take to the road.

Reese was named the Michigan Trucking Association's Truck Driver of the Year in January for his outstanding record of over 10 years of commercial driving without an accident. During that time he covered well over a million and a half miles.

He was one of 12 Drivers of the Month competing for the annual Driver of the Year trophy which is the highest honor bestowed on a Michigan driver by the trucking association.

The Driver of the Year program is currently in its 23rd year and during that span fleet truck drivers have reduced their accident frequency rate per million miles from 17.0 to its current record low of 3.23.

The rate for motorists is 26.8 accidents in a million miles of travel. Lamb and his wife and their two teenage sons live in Wayne and he drives for Complete Auto Transit, Inc. out of its Ypsilanti terminal.

Like all pros, Reese swears by DEFENSIVE DRIVING. He knows what it has done for him and he also knows it can make a better and safer driver out of anyone who employs its basic techniques on the highway.

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