

## club circuit

**FARMINGTON COUPON EXCHANGE** meets from 10 a.m. to noon Tuesday, Sept. 7, in Farmington Hills Branch Library on 12 Mile Road, east of Farmington Road.

The meeting is open to all persons interested in exchanging food coupons and refunding forms.

Lola Anchor will take inquiries at 474-7018.

**CONGREGATION B'NAI ISRAEL SISTERHOOD** meets at 8 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 8, in the synagogue at 4200 Walnut Lake Road, West Bloomfield.

Dr. Jacqueline Zeiff will lead the first

program of the season called "Judaism or Feminism: Must We Choose?"

When Zeiff was assistant professor of English at Wayne State University she was a founding member of the Women's Studies Program. Among the new courses she developed was Literature

of the Holocaust and The Lives of Women.

Since 1980 she has been associate professor at Midrash College of Jewish Studies and on the staff of the new Allan-Toussaint College in Southfield.

Members and guests are invited to the program without charge.

**DASHH**, (Detroit Area Support for the Hard of Hearing) schedules its September get-acquainted meeting for 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 8, in Room 27, of Whitman Center, 22235 W. Chicago, Livonia.

Program speaker for the evening is Carol Babb who will talk about noise and the environment.

**DASHH** schedules two meetings a month, one in the afternoon and one in the evening. The meetings are open to all hard-of-hearing persons, their families and friends.

Betty Strand will take inquiries at 626-3032.

**AMATEUR ASTRONOMERS** meet at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 8, in Holmes Junior High School, 16200 Newburg Road, Livonia.

Meetings planned by the group are open to all amateur astronomers.

Program for the evening will consist of two movies: "The Palomar Mountain Story" and "Space Shuttle-Post Flight Conference."

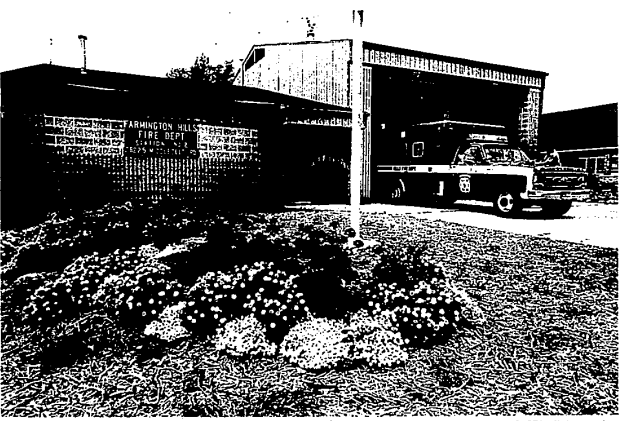
Numerous telescopes of different types and manufacture will be on display. Refreshments are complimentary.

**ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE AND RELATED DISORDERS**, Farmington Family Support Group, meets at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 8, in the A-frame building of Farmington YMCA, 28000 Farmington Road.

The meeting is open without charge to all persons who are caring for someone suffering from any senile dementia.

Inquiries are taken after 6 p.m. by Lenore Fronczak, 474-5339.

All club news and announcements for this column are to be addressed to: Club Circuit, Farmington Observer, 23352 Farmington Road, Farmington 48024. The information must arrive before noon on the Monday before Thursday publication.



RANDY BORST/staff photographer

Work by members of North Farmington Garden Club has produced the colorful array of plants and shrubs that graces the grounds for Farmington

Hills Fire Station 2. The gardeners will continue to maintain the grounds but the original plans were brought to a halt for lack of funding.

## Landscape plan stuck in limbo

**THE GROUNDS** of the Farmington Hills fire station on Middlebelt between 12 and 13 Mile have never looked better.

But a longterm landscape plan for the station is hanging in limbo now, due to lack of funds.

Landscape and maintenance of the grounds has been done by members of North Farmington Garden Club since they were asked to take on the job by Farmington Hills Beautification Commission early in 1980.

Members responded by contacting Greta Tipping, a Hill and Dale Garden Club member, to draw up a landscape design which was to be accomplished in seasonal stages, dependent upon funds available from the commission. But meanwhile, because of economic problems of its own, the commission dissolved, leaving the gardeners with only half of their original plans completed.

A committee of 12 garden clubbers headed by Sue Babcock, worked from the onset negotiating for free top soil and wood chips. The group worked with

city maintenance personnel and fire-fighters moving dirt, watering and weeding to get the plan under way.

Each season another facet of the plan came into being until this spring. Funds for the annuals came from the City of Farmington Hills, but carrying on with the purchase of trees and shrubs still called for in the original design came to a halt.

Club members say they will continue to maintain the grounds while still holding hope for the day they see fruition of the entire plan.

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Margaret Miller

## Love is in life and death

Some might call it the end of a love story.

Their families were acquainted as they grew up. They seemed always to know that they would marry one day.

They did, 57 years ago. He chose the ministry as his profession. They served a succession of small churches, mostly in Michigan. There was never much money. They had two sons and there was strong solidarity in love of their family and their God. Later three grandchildren continued that solidarity and were a source of great pride.

Several years as a hospital chaplain ended his long ministry, but he still served his church in retirement. Recently age and infirmity — she had diabetes and he a bad heart — dictated a move to a small apartment.

Then she fell and broke her hip. He came to her room, and seeing her so ill affected him deeply.

His own frail heart simply quit, and before the day was over he was gone.

While hospital and church people sought to inform their sons — one camping in the wilds of Canada, the other across the country — a friend of

the family sat at her bedside.

She spelled messages into the friend's hand. There were requests to call relatives. There was the word "Please," accompanied by pointing to the tubes of her life-support system. And there was a message that indicated she knew her mate was dead, although the doctors had decided she should not be told.

Two grandchildren flew from California and planned a funeral. They delayed it because one son still had not been located.

But at last there was a coming together. The sons and their wives arrived at the hospital, from opposite directions but within minutes of each other.

They stood at their mother's bedside. She recognized them and let them know it. Then a short time later she died.

Someone remembered it was their 57th wedding anniversary.

IT WAS A double funeral this week for my Uncle Stan, the tall, scholarly man whose eyes always smiled, the favorite uncle who was so delighted when our youngest corrupted his name into Uncle Sam; and for my Aunt Gertrude, the witty woman who always met adversity with a quip instead of a complaint.

We'll miss them. The family is diminished. But end of a love story? None of us believe it for a minute.

## 60th anniversary marked

A large family gathering in a Farmington home marked the 60th wedding anniversary of Harley Lee and Laura Lillian Blair Davis. The couple were married Sept. 2, 1922, in Englewood, Tenn., and lived in the Detroit area for 48 years before making their retirement home in Winter Park, Fla.

The anniversary party was hosted by the couple's three daughters, Lois Witt of Farmington, Joyce Korby of Northville and Jean Spisak of Ruskin, Fla.

The Davises have eight grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.



Mr. and Mrs. Harley Davis

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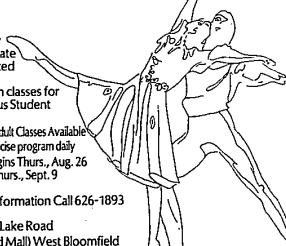
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