

Parenting classes offered at low price

By Suzie Rollins Slingerstaff writer

First-time parents today are bombarded with information about prenatal care, birthing, bonding and postnatal expectations. The information barrage makes parents more educated but also can be frightening. To ease the scare of parenting, Family and Children Services of Oakland is offering a Parent Enrichment group beginning May 16. The six-session series runs 7:30-9:30 p.m. in Jewish Community Center in West Bloomfield. The series will ex-

plore the behavior of children from newborns to 5-year-olds. It will examine their stages of development, physical and social capabilities and how parents can stimulate their children's growth and enhance their own lives. Child care is provided free, and the cost of the series is based on a sliding scale, with \$35 at the top. For registration information, call 544-4044. "We don't want anyone to miss out on the program on the basis of money," social worker Ronni Tischler said. "There are usually six couples in each group, and we discuss parents' concerns about spoiling a child, toilet

training, discipline and child-proofing a house," she added.

FAMILY and Children Services of Oakland is a private, nonprofit counseling agency serving all persons who live or work in Oakland County. The agency offers continual classes on all types of family counseling, including alcohol and spouse abuse, aging, single parenting, unemployment counseling and perinatal coaching for early parenting skills.

It is funded by the United Way of Pontiac-North Oakland and the United

Foundation of Metropolitan Detroit, Tischler said. The agency has branches in Pontiac, Berkley, Walled Lake and Southfield. Persons may go to the most convenient location for individual counseling services. Bill Frye, the agency's executive director, said they serve 8,000 people annually and operated with a \$1.8 million budget in 1982. All of the counseling sessions are led by social workers with master's degrees, Tischler said, and they have all had experience working with family problems.


Troop 116 announces its 106th Eagle Scout

Wayne Fallis, a senior at North Farmington High School, became the 106th Boy Scout in Troop 116 to attain the rank of Eagle. Fallis is the bugler for the troop, and serves in the same capacity when the troop acts as honor guard for the governor at Mackinaw Island, a tradition for Troop 116 which has done this for the past 21 consecutive summers. Fallis is also trumpeter for his school's symphony band, stage band, marching band, pep band and orchestra. He earned his Eagle award, in part,

through community service which is requisite for scouting's highest award. He did this by developing an outdoor center for his church, First Presbyterian Church of Farmington. Under his leadership, a fire pit was dug, the area cleaned and two trails laid on the church grounds on Farmington-Road and 11 Mile. Fallis will enter Wayne State University to study pharmacy this fall. Meanwhile, Troop 116 which meets at 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays in Eagle Elementary School, will be honor guard again at Mackinaw Island during July.

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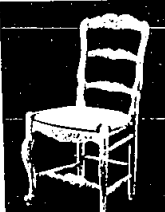
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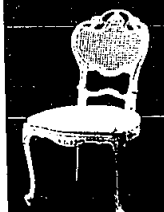
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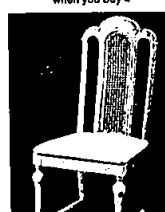
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