### <u>Life blood' of activities </u>

## Volunteers brighten nursing home scene

LYNN BULMAN, 25, of Farming-ton said she volunteers her time at Oakhill because she "likes the peo-

Oakhill because the "likes the people,"
But Boinnas will be quitting shortly as the is moving out of state.
"They need friends to talk to, because they don't have families," she said. "Till miss the people that I've made friends with."
Karmaniak and Gallesero break volunteers down into three categories—young, middle aged and senior citizens. Some volunteers work one-oneous with residents by visiting and talking some help in group activities, and others feed residents unable to feed themselves. All the volunteers tap their own individual talents. Some are good conversationalists. Some are good conversationalists. Some are good conversationalists. Some are good in the future, Gallesero said. "This could be ideal for

them as they get to see if it's what they expected."

Some of the volunteers, friends and family of a resident got started by branching out and talking to other

residents.

KARMANIAK estimated that only spercent of the residents have a family which takes them out of the home. The rest of the residents depend on the volunteers and their programs to get them out of their rooms and around other people.

"Most just stay here, and when the volunteers talk about their families and the outside world, they bring that world to the people," Karmaniak said. "It brings back memories for them."

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## Parents' group fights staggering statistics

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United States, according to national statistics.

NATIONWIDE, APPROXIMATELY 3.3-million teems are alcoholics, 80 percent of the people killed in drunk driving accidents are teen-agers and 20,000 teen-agers are killed annually because of drunk driving. More than 4,000 groups similar to FFIA have mushroomed across the nation to deal with these problems.

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The Farmington Area Advisory Conneel Inc., which counsels between 70 and 90 individuals a year (primarily teen-agers between 13-17 years old), in cool, nection pushed to get the group started in the Farmington area.

"We find a lot of similarities in the equally split numbers of male and female abusers — many come from homes where parents are abusing alcohol or other substances, some are trying to escape and sometimes they're dealing with low self-enem" according to Jane Reiser Williams, education director at Farmington Area Advisory Counsel Inc.

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WILLIAMS SAYS there are a lot of myths about
drug abuse and most people don't realize that drug

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abusing toen-agers come from all types of homes and social status. She says most people would be amazed by the following statistics: • Four-million youngsters in the United States between 12 and 17 years old smoke marijuana. • Street pot is 10 times stronger now than it was

a decade ago.

Marijuana smoke contains 70 percent more carcinogens than tobacco smoke.

Approximately 33 percent of high school seniors use alcohol 50 times or more a year.

About 19 percent of the 14 to 11-year-old teen-agers are serious problem drinkers, which defined as drinking at least once a week and consuming five to 12 drinks in a single occasion.

Peer pressure among teen-agers is the strongest influence affecting abuse, according to Williams.

Parents and youngsters often aren't to blame, she said.

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"The peer pressure is sometimes stronger than anything we can give them in value standard; and it depends on the child's independent maken if they can deal with it, "Williams said.

FFIA WANYIS to control the prevalent unchaperood parties where alcohe and other drugi are commosplace, and usually a bused, Nicolay said. If the parents involved in the FFIA is trained as a problem, then they are encourage who has a problem, then they are encourage rate to contact agencies like the advisory counsel fer its intervention, advice and telepromation.

FFIA is trying to raise money to fund a fown Hall meeting 7:30-230 p.m., Thursday, October 20, 1983, at Harrison High Schot.

The panel will consist of community leaders who will be asked to speak for three minutes about their professional involvement in alcohel and drug abuse among teer-agers. Members will be livited to ask questions at the meeting.



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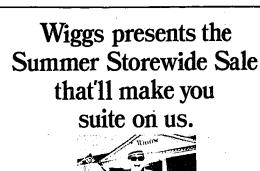
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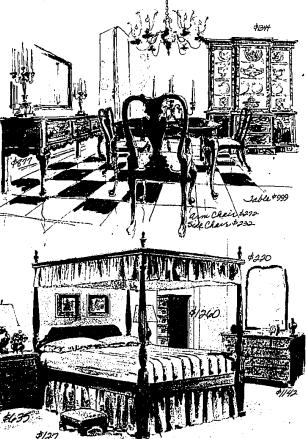
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