

Harrison Choir Rates At Choral Festival

FARMINGTON Farmington Schools under the vocal music department of Mrs. Joan MacKenzie. The assembly was held to recruit vocal students for the

choir program next year at Harrison and also served as a dress rehearsal for the concert choir's competition in the Michigan School Vocal Association (MSVA) choral festival.

The next event scheduled by the vocal music department is an assembly on March 16 in Harrison with the Eastern Michigan University touring choir performing for the student body.

The choirs are also in the process of writing an original musical to be staged Thursday, March 23, in Harrison's auditorium.

AT THE MSVA competition, held in Walled Lake Western High School, the Harrison Concert Choir received one superior and three excellent ratings. It was the first year in the competition for the choir.

Mrs. MacKenzie chose to have the choir perform AA music, although Harrison is a class A school. The singers were commended for their fine appearance, stage presence and choice of music.

The concert choir performed its two MSVA selections at East Junior High, "Blessed Are the People" and "Lacrymosa." Then, in a lighter vein, they sang "Both Sides Now."

The women's ensemble and Madrigal Singers, two small select groups, each performed one number, "Sigh No More, Ladies" and "Fa Una Anzonia" by the Madrigal Singers. The concert choir returned and demonstrated reading techniques by singing "Christ Be Thine the Glory."

THE EMU University Choir will have performed about 45 concerts this year at conclusion of the spring tour in April.

Besides the March 16 appearance at Harrison, the choir will perform on campus Palm Sunday at 8 p.m. in Pease auditorium.

In 1970, the EMU choir was invited as resident choir with three other college choirs to perform at the Choral Symposium in Vienna, Austria.



VOLUNTEER CORPS -- Shopping bags are used for coats which the children can color and brighten. The art project is part of the volunteer pre-kindergarten experience program at Longacre Elementary. From left, seated around table are: Maren Rossmordue; Bobby Brooks; Mrs. Jessie Corliss, volunteer; Walter Jablonski, principal; Judy Baranyi; Ann Weller; Thomas Pelon; and Tim MacDonald. Standing is Mrs. Shirley Richardson, volunteer.



TENTH ANNIVERSARY -- The Senior Citizens Social Club of Farmington, which meets weekly in the First United Methodist Church of Farmington, observed its 10th anniversary with a luncheon in the Farmington Holiday Inn March 8. Cutting the cake is Mrs. Grace Carlin, founder and past president of the club. (Evert photo)

How Do Moms Help Schools?

When it comes to parent involvement in Farmington schools, Longacre Elementary comes close to leading the field.

Walter J. Jablonski, Longacre principal, has started a number of programs this year, some of which rely entirely on parent volunteers. The dedication exhibited is best seen in the person of Mrs. Judy Campbell, one of 13 Bucket Brigade workers, who walks a distance of nearly a mile each way to school, even on the most cold and bitter days.

What really makes this unusual, says Jablonski, is that Mrs. Campbell's children do not attend Longacre. She is the only volunteer that walks to Longacre and who does not have children attending the school.

THE MEDIA Center volunteer program is another outstanding service, he adds. Mrs. Lee Dumas, media specialist, has been assigned to two schools which leaves the Longacre media center without coverage for half a week.

Jablonski's call for volunteers was answered by 40 parents who work in teams of two to maintain open curriculum circulation in the center during the alternate half week.

Mrs. Charlene Mitchell serves as volunteer and coordinator for the program. Training sessions for the parents were conducted by Mrs. Dumas.

ANOTHER group of 20 mothers make up a lunchroom auxiliary headed by Mrs. Donna Tupper, Longacre PTA president.

The principal states Mrs. Tupper is typical of the excellent leadership and support received by Longacre from PTA personnel over the years. Lacking funds to begin an experimental pre-kindergarten program, Jablonski again relied on volunteer assistance. A number of training sessions for parents of incoming kin-

dergartners were held by Mrs. Janet Beers, Longacre kindergarten teacher.

Two separate sessions and teams of parent - teachers meet for two hours each week. Each team consists of two parents who meet with the children regularly. They are assisted by two parents on a rotation schedule.

Purpose of the program is to provide four - year - old children a chance to socialize and become familiar with their new school surroundings while developing such important concepts as color, shape and space relationships.

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