

C-C Names Lane Executive Leader

FARMINGTON — Gerald Harrison has retired as executive director of the Farmington Area Chamber of Commerce and Ed Lane has been named as a replacement. That announcement was made this week by John Anhut, president of the Chamber of Commerce following the vote of its board of directors approving the choice of Lane as new, full time director.

HARRISON has been serving as chamber director on a part-time basis since retiring as superintendent of Farmington Schools.

Harrison now feels he doesn't want to be tied down and would like the opportunity to spend time traveling and other pursuits, Anhut explained.

One of those pursuits will be to continue promoting the proposed Youth Employment Bureau for the Farmington Area. Harrison will continue to work on that project during its initial stages while the governmental units debate whether they will give financial support to the project.

"Farmington residents will long remember the contributions Harrison made to the community as superintendent of schools," commented Anhut. "But, he will also be remembered by many for the fine contributions he has made these past few years directing the chamber."

Lane, 55, will officially begin his duties on April 1 which is Harrison's retirement effective date.

Lane attended Lawrence Institute of Technology 4½ years, has taken courses at the University of Detroit and Wayne State University, and has 18 credit hours from Wayne County Community College.

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Force from 1941-45, flew 28 missions with the eighth Air Force during World War II, and received the distinguished flying cross. He is now a major in the U.S. Air Force Reserves.

Lane's extensive business career began when he became employed as a young man with Briggs Manufacturing Co. Before entering the military, he also worked for Detroit Edison, Michigan Casket Co. and E. G. Cline. He was branch manager for Redico from 1955-64 and became vice president of Borg Warner Acceptance Corp. when the two firms merged in 1964.

Lane NEXT served as general manager of W.L. Gates Furniture in Wayne, Mich.

While so employed, he served on that city's industrial committee and was revenue chairman of the Wayne Centennial committee. Lane was chairman of three sidewalk sales in Wayne, on the Wayne chamber's board for three years and served one term as chamber president. He was a candidate for the Wayne County Board of Commissioners in 1968.

Since 1969, Lane has been employed as manager of the credit department of Panasonic, Inc., located in the Farmington Freeway Industrial Park at 10 Mile and

Grand River. He has been on the Farmington chamber's board for the past three years. Lane has been active in the St. Mary's Club, the Boy Scouts, Redford Radio Patrol, and has taught navigation to Civil Air Patrol cadets. He is married and has four sons and three daughters: two married, two in college and three in elementary and high school.

ANHUT says Lane's business background will blend well with future plans of the chamber.

The chamber, which has been rapidly expanding its membership, is considering an industrial expansion promotion program to improve the tax base of the community.



ED LANE



INTERNATIONAL UNDERSTANDING-International Week festivities were held recently at Wood Creek Elementary of Farmington Schools. Shown with displays are (from left) Howard Weiner with a Japanese robe; Sander Wechsler, with an Israeli Menorah; Carol Blumberg with an African neck ornament; and Art Zelds with a Ukrainian newspaper. (Evert photo)

Wood Creek Students Stage International Week

Gardeners Observing 40th Year

FARMINGTON — Farmington Garden Club will celebrate its 40th birthday at its April 10 meeting to be held at noon in the Farmington Community Center. Mrs. Harold Brown, who is president of the Detroit Flower Arrangers Guild, a National Council accredited master judge, and a member of the Garden Club for 17 years, will present a program of memories and nostalgia. She will show slides and talk on special events from the past. Dessert and tea will be served by Mrs. Robert Kelly, who is hostess chairman for this special affair. When the garden club was organized in 1932, there were 35 members. Today there are 82. Mrs. Imogene Bickling, who died last year, was the club's first president and was an active member for 39 years. Of the original charter members, Mrs. W. Allen Nelson, who was president in 1955 and 1956, and Mrs. Edessa Slocum, are still faithful members of the club. April will be a busy month for the Garden Club whose members have been taking orders for flowering crab trees in observance of Arbor Day. Many members will be on hand on Saturday, April 22, at the Community Center to distribute the trees. Proceeds from the tree sale will be donated to the Farmington Community Center.

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