



LAURA MARSHALL models one of the new Farmington High School Band uniforms which the Parents Band Council is seeking to furnish each young musician. Farmington Chapter No. 49, Blue Star Mothers, through (from left) Mrs. Blanche Gilson and Mrs. Catherine Byrne, presented a check for \$130, the cost of a single uniform, to launch a community-wide solicitation of funds for the project. Mrs. Gilson was one of the original band boosters back in 1948 when the Blue Star Mothers donated the school's first band uniforms. (Evert photo)

# Robert Bean Keynotes Beautification Lunch

By STEVE BARNABY

A turn towards conservation is necessary to preserve the balance between man and his environment, says Robert Bean, ecologist and world traveler.

"Ecology is a mirror of us. No living thing is alone. We depend on other things to sustain our lives, but man acts like he wants no part of the ecological system."

Bean spoke before the Beautification Council of Southeastern Michigan meeting in Farmington last week.

The city of Farmington and the Farmington and South-

field Beautification Committees received awards for their ecological efforts.

Bean, formerly associated with Mort Neff's "Michigan Outdoors" television program, lauded the actions of the BCSM in their attempts to maintain an ecological balance.

"Ecology is a beautiful thing as long as we have it. It is through actions of groups like this that this is possible."

He stressed ecology needs the backing of the majority before it can succeed.

"We must have the backing of the people. Economy must come, second and ecology first."

As an aid in getting the ecological ball rolling, Beans suggested using people on welfare and juvenile delinquents for cleaning up areas.

Representing the Farmington Beautification Committee at the meeting will Joan Babrick, chairman; Charlotte Bruce, Dorothy Cassell, Barnett Dickman, Walter Jablonski, David Jones, Janet Kozub, Carol Kurth, James Pogue, Shirley Richardson, Walter Sundquist, and Richard Tupper.

Ralph Yoder, City of Farmington mayor, was also present.



HARLEY THORNTON, naturalist, is one of the Farmington Community Center's new instructors. (Evert photo)

## Jaycee Play: 'Rocky Road'

FARMINGTON, "Rocky's Rocky Road," the Farmington Jaycees' ode to the 1950s, will be presented Friday and Saturday, March 23 and 24, at 8 p.m. in the Farmington High auditorium.

The play is a tradition dating back to the founding of the Jaycees in Farmington, featuring local talent and a script based on many popular songs of the 1950s.

Tickets are \$2.50 for the regular performances. An additional "student night" with admission for \$1 is scheduled Thursday, March 22.

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Hartley Thornton, well known area naturalist, will conduct a series on ecology of the Farmington area. Mary Gerathy will explain "Herbs for Use and for Delight."

Photography will be taught by Jerome Brack, and Torild Nielsen will expand his recent wine-tasting party at the center to a five-session course in the appreciation of wines.

A group of Bargello needlepoint workshops will be expanded with three additional traditional needlepoint classes.

A two-part workshop on the art of decorating eggshells by the Faberge method will be new to the center schedule this spring. The method makes use of velvet, braids and jewels to fashion the delicate accessories.

A lapidary class will be held at the residence of Instructor

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Richard Cruz and a jewelry making class will be under the direction of Matt Bernstein.

Japanese cookery is another newcomer to the center schedule. It will be conducted by Patty Norton Maegawa.

Sports enthusiasts may select from golf, tennis or karate. Dancers may choose from ballet, ballroom, jazz or tap.

Sewing will be offered at all levels of ability, along with quilting, rug hooking and crocheting. There is also a new design class in crewel embroidery.

Completing the list is a miscellany including book reviewing, bridge, cane weaving, cake decorating, symphonies, social graces for young ladies, story time for tots, woodcarving and yoga.

## Spreen Speaks To Chamber

FARMINGTON Oakland County Sheriff Johannes Spreen will talk about his first 80 days in office at March 22 breakfast meeting of the Farmington Chamber of Commerce.

The meeting will convene at 8 a.m. at Botsford Inn.

Young MDs

"Intellex" program at The University of Michigan, in which a student can earn an MD degree by age 22, enrolled its first students last fall.

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The Board of Education, Farmington Public Schools, Farmington, Michigan will receive sealed bids for the construction and completion of the new transformation and associated electrical work for Harrison High School, 25955 West Twelve Mile Road, Farmington, Michigan, until March 27, 1973 at 2:00 p.m., at the office of the Board of Education, 32500 Shawanese, Farmington, Michigan, at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

An Electrical Construction proposal, including the work of all trades, shall be submitted in duplicate on forms furnished by the Architect and be accompanied by a Bid Bond or Certified Check in the amount of five per cent (5%) of the proposal submitted.

Plans and specifications may be obtained on or after March 12, 1973 at the Office of the Architect, Lynn Smith, Davenport Adams, Inc., 894 South Adams Road, Birmingham, Michigan.

A certified check for \$25.00 must be submitted as a deposit for each two sets of plans and specifications, same to be refunded upon return of plans and specifications in good condition within ten (10) days of the opening of bids.

Additional sets of bidding documents, if ordered, will be furnished the prime bidders only upon payment of the cost of reproduction. These must be returned to the Architect within ten (10) days of the opening of bids, but no refund will be made of the return of such sets.

Accepted bidders will be required to furnish satisfactory Performance Bond, and Labor & Material Payment Bond, each in the amount of 100% of the Contract, the total cost of which shall be paid by the accepted bidder.

All proposals submitted shall remain firm for a period of thirty (30) days after official opening of bids.

The Board of Education reserves the right to reject any or all bids in whole or in part, and to waive any irregularities thereon.

RONALD W. EMMITT, Secretary  
The Board of Education  
Farmington Public Schools  
Farmington, Michigan

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# Blue Star Moms Start New Band Suit Drive

By MARTHA MAHAN

Back in 1948, the Farmington Chapter of Blue Star Mothers donated the first uniforms supplied for the Farmington High School band.

Now the women have returned to action.

Chapter No. 49 contributed a check for \$130, sufficient to purchase one band uniform, to launch a district wide solicitation of funds to equip the band with new outfits.

The Parents Band Council has conducted a series of fund raising activities which so far has netted \$3,500, according to M. T. Zalenski.

34168 Conroy Court, committee chairman. But a total of \$13,000 is needed.

"The old uniforms are worn beyond practical usage," Zalenski said. "The past year a make-shift outfit was purchased by each band member consisting of a nylon windbreaker, white trousers and a beret."

"Of course, we all thought our 'kids' looked great," he went on, "but hardly adequate to represent such a great community as Farmington."

"Due to the fine efforts of our music department, our band has progressed to a point where we must provide the band and the community with something which can make us all feel proud. Band uniforms are essential to create this 'esprit de corps.'"

The parents' goal is to have at least 100 band members outfitted in the new uniforms by Sept. 2.

In many communities, Zalenski said, service and fraternal organizations have provided aid to projects such as this. The parents are hopeful Farmington organizations will help, too.

Individuals or groups who wish to contribute less than the \$130 cost of a single uniform may do so. Payments also may be spread out to be completed by Sept. 30. Names of donors will be placed on uniform labels.

Deadline for contributions or pledges is April 10.

"We need the community's help so that our many young people can realize the cultural benefits that music provides," Zalenski said. "They learn to work together as a unit; they learn to give a little extra effort for the project. Bands provide the school and community with pride and a sense of belonging and, of course, band uniforms are a very important part of all of this."



MRS. AUGUST BABRICK (left), City of Farmington Beautification Committee chairman, accepts the Keep American Beautiful award from Bernard Dickman (center), Beautification Committee of Southeastern Michigan chairman, and Gladys Smith, vice president and executive director of Keep Michigan Beautiful.



RALPH YODER, City of Farmington mayor, receives an award for the city's efforts in the River Rouge cleanup from Mrs. August Babrick, the City of Farmington Beautification Committee chairman.



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