

# Torch Drive Aids 4,000 in Farmington

Recreational services made possible by the Torch Drive were enjoyed by 2,388 residents of Farmington and 1,688 from Farmington Township during the past year.

The United Community Service reported that 588 boys and 188 Farmington adults were involved in the Boy Scout program, 74 girls and 17 adults in Camp Fire Girls, and 575 girls

and 163 adults in Girl Scouting. There were 514 Farmington members of the YMCA, 560 members of the YWCA of Metropolitan Detroit, and seven members of the YWCA of Western Wayne. Seven had memberships in Brighton Community Center, 12 in International Institute, 20 in Jewish Community Center, and five in UAW Retired Workers Center. Seventeen Farmington residents at-

tended Camp Oakland, six, Bay Court Camp, and nine the Fresh Air Society Camp.

In Farmington Township, there were 202 Boy Scouts with 74 adult leaders, 818 Girl Scouts and 140 leaders, 400 YMCA and 288 YWCA members.

Altogether, recreation services provided by Torch Drive funds reached 300,461 persons of all ages, races and creeds.

The Scouting and Camp Fire activities, which listed 188,498 growing boys and girls between the ages of seven and 18, provided an endless array of things to be done and things to be learned by doing. Their aim is the building of good citizens.

Boys' clubs, with the same aim, provide a place and an atmosphere where a boy may satisfy his desires for wholesome development, and maintain a program of health and guidance services, physical, edu-

cational, and recreational activities under competent leadership.

Recreational activities for youngsters in the community centers which are usually located in neighborhoods of low economic status, are provided as a means of combating juvenile delinquency. City workers counsel families of boys needing such help and carry on the fight against school dropouts.

Older boys and girls, as well as adults, find in the Catholic Youth Organization, the YWCA and YMCA a means of self-expression and release from tensions, through helpful recreation.

The Senior Center and UAW Retired Workers Center provide a place and a program in which those whose lives' work is behind them find companionship and interests suited to their tastes and abilities.

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## Looking Around Farmington

Merchants of downtown Farmington asked The Observer to express their heartfelt thanks to the Farmington Players for the special performance of "Taming of the Shrew" in honor of the merchants Sunday night.

It's 50 years of marriage for Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ripaldi of 21565 Waldron St. — come Sept. 19. They were married in Bellevue, Ky.

There are some who insist that the parking requirements were not met when a Brookdale Club apartment were approved in the City of Farmington, but that the city fathers winked at the letter of the law. The Observer is checking.

Farmington's Council for Human Relations has a membership drive under way and will be soliciting at shopping centers the next two Saturdays. Regular memberships are one dollar. John Millhone is the president and Mrs. Joan Smith (GR 2-8292) is secretary. Regular meeting will be held at St. Fabian's Church on 12 Mile next Wednesday (Sept. 23).

Republican Women's Organization of Farmington will meet Monday (Sept. 21) at the home of Mrs. Frank DePodesta, 22885 Walsingham.

## License Plates at Half Price

Farmington motorists can now purchase 1964 license plates at half-price on Monday, September 14. The Michigan State Department of State James M. Hare announced recently.

However, the new half-price scheme does not include watercraft plates or half-year commercial and half-year trailer plates, Hare cautioned.

In making the announcement, the Secretary of State disclosed that 1965 plates... will go on sale to the general public November 1. Hare said he expected a "rush" at branch offices all over Michigan when the plates go on sale.



**FARMINGTON MARKED** Shakespeare's 400th birthday last weekend with two productions of the Bard's "Taming of the Shrew" at the Farmington Players' Barn on Orchard Lake Rd. Performed prior to the Farmington Players' regular season, the production was in honor of local merchants to acquaint them with the group's cultural contribu-

tions. Caught in a scene from the play are, left to right: Dorothy Millered as Katherine and Kathryn S. Kormesser as Bianca; back: Stu Orman as Hortensio, Joe Papp as Tranio; and Max Millered as Baptista. Others in the cast were Dennis Broadhead, Dick Pedicini, Don Craig and Charles Hannan.

## Twelve Kids Homeless After Township Fire

A Farmington Township family of 14 was still scattered among neighbors today after being left homeless when fire destroyed their home Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Tracy Black and their 12 children, ranging in age from nine months up to 18 years, lost most of their possessions in the blaze, which began, according to firemen, when a lamp with a faulty cord toppled onto a bed. Their house is at 29688 Eldred near Middlebelt.

Only four children were at home when the fire began, about 9 p.m. The rest were visiting neighbors and Mrs. Black was in Ann Arbor Hospital undergoing tests. She was expected to be released Tuesday. Black, a driver for a truck firm, had gone on an errand, leaving his oldest son, 16, to babysit.

Workmen completely stripped the inside of the house of interior walls Sunday, but saved the roof. Although all furnishings were destroyed, and there was no insurance coverage, there is some hope that the house can be renovated.

"We have attempted to get some aid from the Salvation Army," Mrs. Lowell Palmer, 29680 Eldred, told The Observer, "but donations of cash and furniture are desperately needed." Mrs. Palmer said contributions for the family may be sent to her.

## Elly Greeted in Oakland

Elly Peterson, Michigan Republican candidate to the U.S. Senate, polilticked in Oakland County last Thursday night at the County's Republican party "Neighbor-to-Neighbor Campaign" organizational meeting at East Bloomfield Junior High.

Elly, in leading the communities of the County, credited them with doing "more than anyone else for my (primary victory)."

She stated that both of her opponents in the primary, George F. Meany and James O'Neil, had thrown their complete support to her candidacy.

In attacking her Democrat opponent Philip Hart, she said it was time for Hart "to quit counting the cherries and put the pie in the oven," and expressed confidence of victory.

## Farmington Is Offering Art Classes On Saturdays

Saturday art classes for Farmington Area students will begin Oct. 3 at Farmington Senior High School, Farmington Public Schools, in cooperation with the Detroit Institute of Art, again sponsoring a series of five Saturday art classes.

Grades 1 and 2 will meet at 10 a.m. and grades 3 and 4 will meet at 1 p.m. through Saturday Oct. 31. Classes for grades 5 and 6 and 7 through 12 will begin Nov. 7 and extend through Dec. 12, with a week out for Thanksgiving.

An enrollment fee of \$7.50 covers all expenses of the series of five workshops. This provides an instructor and all materials according to Robert Benjamin, Elementary Art Consultant who announced the new series. The classes are planned to interest

new students in art, to provide a challenge to talented students, and to complement the art program in the public schools. The facilities of the Detroit Art Institute are called upon to provide inspirational materials for the various crafts and techniques introduced during the five sessions.

Enrollment blanks for the classes will be provided in the public schools of Farmington this week and are available to other students in this area by calling the Farmington Public Schools at GR 4-5132. Further questions about the classes may be directed to Benjamin at GR 4-5617.

Stretching the imagination will sometimes work wonders, but it's a poor way of trying to make both ends meet.

## Farmington, Socially Speaking



Irene Nash  
GR 4-7668

A "Family Reunion" was held Sept. 6 for Mr. and Mrs. Harry Clabaugh of Farmington, at the home of Layford Wilson on the Fremont Ave., Livonia.

A number of relatives attending totaled 37, hailing from Rockville, Md., New Hampton, Va. and Detroit. The Clabaughs have six children and 17 grand-children.

The festivities of the day included an old-fashioned corn eating contest. The winner, Harry Clabaugh, ate a fantastic 20 ears of corn. The three runners-up were Florence Clabaugh, Janet Sollenberger and Harold Little. The balloon breaking contest was won by Penny Little. It was fun!

Marguerite Harris has been flitting hither and yon visiting friends and relatives before she leaves Farmington next week to live in Pleasanton, Calif. to be near her son, David, who lives in the foothills below Oakland.

Mrs. Harris and her husband, Louis, who explored the old mining towns of bygone era in Colorado on their vacation in August.

Christine Harris gave a luncheon in honor of Nancy McFall on Friday, Sept. 2, at her home in Pleasanton, Calif.

The Senior Citizens Club of Farmington held their Social Meeting in the First Methodist Church on Sept. 11, at 8 p.m.

Entertaining on their program was Walter Bronston, conductor, and the Salvation Army's Eveready Kitchen Band of Detroit. Refreshments were served.

"The Sweetheart" of their club, Mrs. Sarah Barnhart, 66 years young, took second place in the grandstand of the Year contest held at the State Fair.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Gaines of Hidden Valley Dr. returned recently from a trip to New England where they visited Don's brother who is a Unitarian minister in Milford, New Hampshire. Their three children, Dennis, Susie and David accompanied them on the trip.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Briggs of Westmoreland Ave. and Mr. and Mrs. George Nantoli of Locust Dr. explored the old mining towns of bygone era in Colorado on their vacation in August.

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SEPT. 16 — WEDNESDAY  
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SEPT. 17 — THURSDAY  
Beef Hot Dish, Tossed Salad, Peanut Butter Roll and Butter, Fresh Peas, Milk.

SEPT. 18 — FRIDAY  
Fish Sticks, Parsley Potatoes, Stewed Tomatoes, Blueberry Muffins and Butter, Dessert, Milk.

SEPT. 21 — MONDAY  
Baker Pork Slices, Mashed Potatoes and gravy, Green Peas, Apple Sauce, Bread and Butter, Applesauce, Milk.

SEPT. 22 — TUESDAY  
Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Cole Slaw, Buttered Corn, Canned Loupe Wedge, Milk.

SEPT. 23 — WEDNESDAY  
Sloppy Joe on Bun, Buttered Biscuits, Pepper Slice, Apple Crisp, Milk.

SEPT. 24 — THURSDAY  
Cream Chicken on Biscuit, Sliced Tomatoes, Buttered Peas, Fresh Fruit, Milk.

SEPT. 25 — FRIDAY  
Pine Macaroni Salad, Cucumber Strip, Green Beans, Hot Roll and Butter, Cherry Cobbler, Milk.

## Church Plans Rummage Sale

There will be bargains galore at Our Lady of Sorrows Rummage Sale, Saturday, Sept. 19th, in Farmington.

Nancy Waligora and Mary McGrath assure all that the Parish Social Hall will be packed with bargains.

An element of surprise surrounds the White Elephant booth. Even the children will find this an interesting place. Genevieve Cossin announces that baked goods will be available. So pick up your Saturday's dessert while bargain hunting.

Joann Kinjorski will be tending the light refreshments stand. An excellent opportunity to rest those weary feet.

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