

Iroquois Woods Girl Scouts Involved in Many Activities

Iroquois Woods Neighborhood Association met at the home of Mrs. Cecil Bedson recently. This meeting was Troop 1068 opened the meeting with a candle-light ceremony.

Troop 1067 taught a game. Troop 1068 taught some songs. Betty Petersmarch, district chairman, was guest for the evening. Of course she has not danced, "The Noble Duke of York."

"Following a business session, the meeting was closed with a friendship circle and the singing of the 'Golden Sun.' Mrs. William Toll is neighborhood cook. Chairman, Her phone number is GR 4-6088.

Mrs. Richard Schuklin, neighborhood chairman and delegates Mrs. Cecil Bedson and Mrs. J. Leander attended the council meeting in Birmingham on January 19.

Troop 1069 scouts from troop 1068 and 1067, the 72nd High School, at Duncle, Jr. High School, Feb. 1.

Troop 1067 under the leadership of Mrs. Pebley and Mrs. Deane, met at the home of Mrs. Pebley which they were under their wrists. They made

Student Teachers Getting Experience

There's no second-hand experience for the future teachers of Clarenceville as once more they have visited the elementary grades in the school system and had a first-hand experience of teaching.

Grades kindergarten through sixth were visited in Bedford, Westbrook, Edgewood, Central and Grandview. The teachers were very helpful by letting the future teachers give tests, read and help the kids cut out hearts and clean up.

An invaluable afternoon gave the future teachers a true to life experience of what teaching will be like.

Ten Mile Students Take Field Trip

Thirty-one school graduates from Ten Mile School in Farmington visited the Nature Center at Kensington Metropolitan Park Monday, February 15. The trip was led by a naturalist of the park.

Mrs. Hazel Brescher, third grade teacher from Ten Mile School, accompanied the group. The trip was led by a naturalist of the park.

LOCAL NEWS ITEMS MARIE LONG GR. 4-3114

Susan Maria Abbott, three month old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Abbott of Cottage St. was christened Feb. 14, at Riverside Chapel of the Trumbull Unit. United Presbyterian Church. After the christening, the Abbotts and the family dinner with Susan's sponsors, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Maynard of Detroit, and Mr. and Mrs. Steele Cox, Sr. of Shawansee Road celebrated their sixth wedding anniversary on February 15 quietly at the home of their son, Mr. and Mrs. Steele Cox, Jr. of Shawansee Road. Due to the fact that Mrs. Cox, Sr. was ill and hospitalized at St. Mary's Hospital in Tallahassee, no plans for a party were made. She is expected home this week.

Mrs. ANTHONY JAMES, of 11 Mile Road, Farmington gave the wedding event for her son, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley, in honor of her friend, Mrs. Richard Wagner of Garden City, at her home here recently. The wedding was a grand affair and was attended as well as 12 other guests. A dessert luncheon was served.

Mrs. Henrietta Adams of Adams Street, a long-time local resident, recently hospitalized at St. Mary's Hospital in Tallahassee for two weeks with pneumonia. Mrs. Adams was brought home last week and is now under the care of a nurse and will be convalescing for some time yet. Your cards would be appreciated.

Mrs. William (Ed) Ramsey of 11 Mile Road, Farmington was injured last week in an automobile accident while driving her car in Gladwin. She is now in the hospital at St. Mary's Hospital in Tallahassee.

Mrs. Ramsey's future plans have not been decided. It is expected that both Mrs. Ed Ramsey (Molly) and Mrs. Ramsey will be brought home from the hospital. Mrs. Ramsey is being sent to 7000 Alameda, Coral Gables, Miami 43, Florida.

Mrs. HORACE DURHAM of Grand River Avenue is recovering from a recent illness. She is now at the home of her son, Mr. and Mrs. Steele Cox, Jr. of Shawansee Road.



A & P STORE MANAGER Melvin Todd, left, is shown with some of the people in early American attire who are on hand for dedication ceremonies of the company's new store located at 2335 Orchard Lake Rd., Farmington. The giant food chain is using the early American architectural styling in its newest stores.

West Point Park News

MISS L. A. AULT Phone GR. 4-4234

Sunshine Sisters held their Valentine meeting in Neighborhood Church Wednesday afternoon. The usual program of Scripture readings, prayer and discussion on pertinent topics was carried out, but at the close there was a grab-bag exchange of valentine gifts. A beautiful cake decorated to serve as a birthday cake and for St. Valentine's was sliced and served. Birthday greetings were extended. Mrs. Chas. A. Armstrong and she received a number of congratulatory cards.

Honoring the recent birthday of Mrs. Robert Kellogg, Sunshine Sisters, Mrs. V. C. Reddy gave a pretty arranged luncheon at her home on Shadydale Ave. Numbered guests were a number of Mrs. Kellogg's women friends of the community.

Mrs. Chas. A. Armstrong entertained her Friendly Workers Group at her home on Mayfield Ave. Tuesday. Eight were present. Preceding the afternoon activities, the ladies enjoyed luncheon together. Table decorations, etc., were in keeping with the Valentine theme.

At the close of the Sunday School session in Neighborhood Church Sunday, February 7th, birthday cake was cut and served. The children were greatly excited and thrilled. The teacher received a number of lovely gifts and cards.

DISTRIBUTION of valentines was well taken care of at both the Pearson and Tyler Schools' Friday afternoon. Children came home well laden with the gay remembrances.

A Sunday guest of the Farmington Club was Mrs. M. J. "Grandma" Meade, from northern Michigan.

Mrs. and Mrs. Urs Damielsson, from Farmington Twp. were Sunday guests of the John Aults, on Shadydale Ave.

Mrs. Harold McVicar, Jr., from Ohio, is the house-guest of her parents-in-law, the McVicar, of Shadydale Ave.

Mrs. Robert Padot, from Monroe, Mrs. Marie Roberts, of Mayfield Ave.

Freda Ault, Norfolk Ave. was a dinner guest Thursday evening of Nelson Cameron, in Bedford.

Mrs. E. W. Stange, of Mayfield Ave. was visiting with her brother, John Wallace, in River Rouge, Saturday.

V. C. Reddy, Shadydale Ave. was the guest of Mrs. D. C. Reddy, on Shadydale Ave.

Mrs. Elwyn Lindke and her son, Denny, recently of Norfolk Ave., but now residing in South Lyons, was visiting in the neighborhood Wednesday and attended the Sunshine meeting.

Mrs. and Mrs. Tom Roberts and their four children from Monroe, spent last Saturday at the home of Mrs. Damielsson. Mrs. Grace Simpson, of Mayfield Ave.

Mrs. and Mrs. Raymond Ackerson, from Detroit, were Sunday night visitors at the home of the latter's mother, Mrs. Grace Simpson, of Mayfield Ave.

Mrs. Herman Schult, who has been a patient in the Pontiac Osteopathic Hospital, returned to her home on Shadydale Ave. Monday.

MRS. VIRGINIA O. M. A. Breckenridge, who has been convalescing from major surgery, was able to return to her employment Monday.

Mrs. M. Emerson Ault, of Mayfield Ave., accompanied Mrs. Arthur Ault, of Bedford, on a visit to the latter's father, Marvin Ault, in Pontiac General Hospital Thursday.

KNOW YOUR TAXES

Your Taxes Are Based on State Equalized Valuations

As the township supervisor or city assessor established the assessed valuation for his township or city, he achieves uniformity in his unit, and that as the county board of supervisors establishes the county equalized value, it is that which achieves uniformity among the various townships and cities of the county.

Now we come to the third stage of equalization. This is achieved by the board of equalization, which consists of the three members of the state board of equalization, two appointed by the Governor.

THE STATE equalized values are the values on which taxes are actually levied. The state board of equalization does two things. First, it establishes the total valuation on the taxable property of the entire state and second, it apportions the total valuation among the 83 counties of the state.

While the supervisor or city assessor equalizes as among the individual parcels of property, and the county board of supervisors equalizes as among the townships and cities, the state board of equalization equalizes as among counties, and its job is to see to it that each county has its fair share of the total tax valuation of the state. Here again, uniformity is the big word.

In fixing the total valuation for the state, the state board of equalization equalizes as to taxation—new houses, new factories, new stocks of goods—have added 5 per cent to the valuation of the taxable property of the state during the year and that therefore the total valuation shall be 5 per cent higher than it was in the preceding year.

THEY MAY say, too, that general property values have gone up during the year and they may add another 5 per cent to last year's valuation, making this year's state equalized value 110 per cent of last year's state equalized value. But the state board of equalization does not do this. It does not mean that the state board simply makes a wild guess. Members of the state tax board are taken constantly checking over the state so that the board, in the action it takes, will have at least some factual information upon which to base its judgment. Here again, a county may appeal and be heard, but when the state equalized value has been allotted to each county all taxes are based thereon.

Now, how is this applied in Farmington? Suppose the supervisor there, with his board of review, assessed at 30 per cent of cash value. Along came the county board of supervisors and raised it to 40 per cent of cash value. Does he go back to his assessment roll and raise all the assessments by one-third in order to bring them up to 40 per cent? Not at all. IN MAKING his computation of the total dollars each taxpayer will owe, he simply uses

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Plymouth Orch. To Play Feb. 28

The Plymouth Symphony Orchestra under the direction of Wayne Dunlap, will present the 15th concert of the 1959-60 season Sunday, February 28, in the Plymouth High School Gymnasium at 4 p.m.

Marilyn Mason, teacher of the organ at the University of Michigan will join the orchestra as harpsichord soloist for the presentation of Handel's Concerto for Harpsichord and Orchestra, Opus 4 and Miss Russell Van Wormer as Green, Duane Belding as Satchel, Donald Callet as Thomas Jones of the Old Girl and Gary Justice as Jack.

Cliff Simmons will take the part of Chester, Leon Baldwin, Lloyd, John Ellis, Ethel, Joanne LeVine, Minerva, Carol Gold, Man, Blind Date; Nettie Wilson, Miss D.W.G.; Sandy Buckner, Helen; Sandra P. Nowicki, Gale and Vera Tucker and Miss Smith.

Shop in Friendly Farmington!

Area Students Receive Degrees

The University of Michigan awards degrees to 1334 mid-year graduates, according to a report from Ervin M. Brier, Secretary of the University.

Students who received degrees were from 28 countries, 41 states and the District of Columbia. One year up the university conferred 130 degrees.

Farmington residents who received degrees included: Stanley Blas, 3317 Loomis Rd. Bachelor of Arts; DeWayne D. Mutter, 2109 S. Francis, Master of Arts; Jerree Heester, 2370 Farmington Rd., Doctor of Philosophy.

Bill Conroy Does Tool Phone GR. 4-3511

Westbrooke Manor

INGRID LAVENS, GR. 4-8539 LEE HEITZER, GR. 4-5302

Surprise! We're back in Feb. 1. Sixteen guests were present. After Lucy opened her gifts everyone settled down to a game of bridge. Bridge and later enjoyed a delicious luncheon.

MRS. C. D. LAIDLAW of Rocky River, Ohio, is visiting in the neighborhood. She is the daughter of Mrs. DeWitt, 3168 Bella Vista Drive, granddaughters, Andy and Alvin, while their daddy attends a convention in Chicago.

A typical Michigan winter greeted the Great Robins family upon their return from two pleasant weeks in the sun at St. Petersburg, Florida.

Our neighbors change so quickly. New neighbors, Mary Lou Currie, Mary Anderson, Jean Swinderman, Delores Keppner and Lee Bethner gathered with Dot Vicklund, Lucie Cooper and Ingrid and Lucy for a get acquainted coffee at Ingrid's home.

LUCY WESLEY was recent hostess to that dedicated group which plays "Monday Morning" at the Ball Club 4-8539. Some of the guests were from out of town for a get acquainted coffee at Ingrid's home.

The subject of starting an other swimming club has come up and the response has been amazing. Anyone interested in this call GR. 4-8539. Some of the guests were from out of town for a get acquainted coffee at Ingrid's home.

Westbrooke Manor Bowling League standings as of Feb. 12 appear on the sports page of this issue of the paper.

Lucy Wesley, by Pat Voron

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