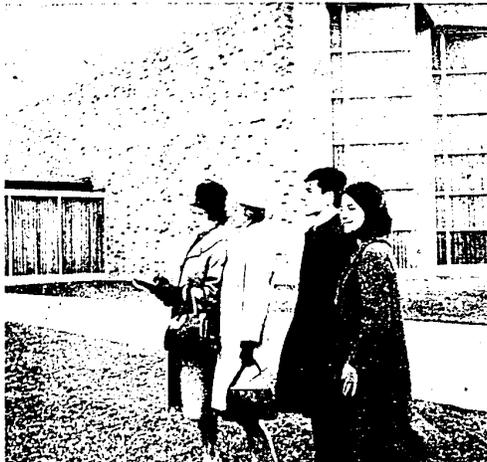


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MAKING A FINAL CHECK on the location for the upcoming "Evening Gala" sponsored by American Field Service are, from left, Mrs. James Reed and Mrs. Lyle Young of the Farmington AFS and AFS visitors to Farmington Erwin Furlan of Guatemala and Monica Raf-

Farmington AFS Completes Plans for Annual Gala Dance

The coming of Spring is a sure sign of new life. The coming of a foreign student into a Michigan high school is also a sign of new life, new ideas, new vistas of understanding and friendship for our sons and daughters. These two units of visibility merge every year. As the local chapters of the American Field Service plan ahead for the coming of their 1966-67 students from all over the world.

Among the most active of the Michigan chapters of the American Field Service are the two in Farmington, at Farmington High School and North Farmington High School.

These chapters, composed of parents and educators from the community, are dedicated to furthering the ideals of the worldwide organization they represent, striving to further understanding and friendship on an international level by providing foreign students from 50 countries with high school scholarships in every one of the continental United States. In addition, the American high schoolers are given the chance to learn the every day homelife of their teen-age counterparts in 44 countries, as they spend the summer months of the school year abroad.

This comes about through hard work by people who realize that the funds for these scholarships must come from the members of the community which will benefit by the presence and the experiences of these eager students. The Farmington AFS chapters raise the necessary funds with an annual dance, and all residents and friends of Farmington are invited to participate.

"An Evening Gala" is the name given to the annual spring event, and this year, a gay new touch has been added by making the "Gala" a dinner dance. It will once again be held in the Armenian Cultural Center, 22001 Northwestern Highway (Northland exit), April 16, beginning at 7 p.m.

The music for dancing will be provided by Erwin Kanter

Leadership Class Begins April 6

A PTA Leadership Training Course will begin April 6 at the Farmington Junior High School Library. The six week session, sponsored by the Farmington Area Council of PTA, will meet from 8 to 10 p.m.

The course, which is being offered in cooperation with Wayne State University and the Michigan Congress of PTA, will discuss: duties of officers; program planning; and philosophy of national and state congresses, councils, locals, etc.

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faelli of Argentina. The dinner dance will be held at the Armenian Cultural Center at 22001 Northwestern Highway, Southfield. For ticket information call Mrs. Donald McElroy at GR 44137.



Mr. and Mrs. James Hafke of Detroit searched for a long time for just the spot to build their new home.

They finally settled on the Normandy Hills Subdivision in northern Farmington Township and purchased a lot at 34630 Brittany. They believed that Farmington Township would be a nice place to live and to raise their four children.

Now they are not so sure. From the time the Hafkes started construction on their custom built home more than a year ago they have run into problems. Not only the expected and common problems about the labor shortage and construction delays, but a more serious one.

It has a nasty name and it's hard to comprehend. It's called vandalism. Last summer someone from the area — and the Hafkes think it was children — went into the house and defaced the walls.

At that time they appealed to The Observer and the problem stopped for a time. Now, however, someone is back to it again.

This time it's more serious. It's classed as breaking and entering. The juvenile officer of the Farmington Township Police Department, Norman Stainbrook, told us that even if a piece of plywood is placed over the door and that's moved aside the act falls into the B&E category.

Stainbrook added that any damages incurred in such an act are collectible from the parents and said that with the rising cost of insurance many builders were taking such cases to court and collecting.

Evidently this isn't a problem just in Normandy Hills.

Mrs. Hafke said that they had gone out of their way to be nice to the children in the neighborhood even giving them lumber to construct a clubhouse.

The last episode was too much, however, as someone broke two windows in the house — an estimated \$50 worth of damage — and stole finished lumber which was stored inside.

When the Hafkes express doubt about the community to which they are moving impressions can't really blame them. How would you feel? What's your impression?

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Schools OK Rhonwood Improvement

The Farmington Board of Education has agreed to pay their share in the proposed paving of a section of Rhonwood between Gill Rd. and Drake Rd.

This street gives the School District access to the new fourth junior high school which will be constructed shortly.

Cost estimates for the paving job have been given in two parts because the school district is interested in paving only a 1,400 foot section from Gill Rd. west to the entrance to the proposed Junior High.

Calculations from the Oakland County Road Commission show that rough estimates for grading, drainage, aggregate base and bituminous surface is \$20,400.

The Township has approached property owners on their willingness to be assessed for the improvement.

Discussions between the School District and the Road Commission indicate that the Road Commission will bear the cost of the first section, the adjoining property holders one-fourth of the cost and the school district one-fourth the cost.

The second (westerly) portion of Rhonwood undoubtedly will cost property owners more proportionally because the school district will not be sharing in the cost.

Umps Needed for Little League Games

For the first time in its history, North Farmington-West Bloomfield Little League is embarking upon a program of recruiting and training 17 or 18 over old boys to work as umpires in minor league games during the coming season.

The Little League Board of Directors is undertaking this program with the aim of cutting umpiring costs, upgrading the efficiency and caliber of its umpiring staff, providing sufficient and adequately trained umpires for its rapidly expanding program of Baseball for Boys, and offering the opportunity to area teenagers to earn money during the summer season in the area where they live.

Any 17 or 18 year old teenager who meets the requirements of age and residence, and who is interested in umpiring minor league games this summer, may register at the O. E. Duncel Junior High School.

There is no registration fee for prospective umpires.

Plans for the Umpiring School have not been finalized but as of this date, League Commissioner Bob Gratton states that the training classes most probably will be held at North Farmington High School, and will consist of four or five class sessions.

It is the hope of Gratton and his board members that this Teen Age Umpiring System will, within a year or two, be extended to major league officiating and would include a per-game increase in pay.

Magician to Perform

La Thom, a professional magician, will perform at the Highmeadow School in Farmington Township April 1 at 7:30 p.m. Sponsored by the High-

meadow PTA. The show will feature psychic and mental feats complete with audience participation. Tickets will be available at the door or by calling 626-4786.

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