

Cub Scouts Hold Annual Space Derby

Farmington Cub Scout 114, sponsored by the Ward Eagle Elementary School PTA, held their annual "Space Derby" at the school Tuesday night, Nov. 15.

Rubber band driven propellers power the 10 inch long balsa wood rockets which are constructed as father and son projects. Since all rockets are kits, performance advantages constructed from identical can be achieved only by subtle ingenuity and successful determination of the maximum number of windup turns short of breaking the rubber bands.

The race was run in elimination fashion with four rockets competing at a time on four 100-foot guide lines. The preliminary competition was for winners then competing for pack championship.

A trophy was awarded to who were the den champions. Randy Johnson, James Kramer, Steve Sallberg, Steve Ulrich, Mark Sterling, and Mike Ramsey in the pack runoff, Steve Sallberg received the pack champion plaque for edging Mark Sterling in the final race.



One of the top fresh basketball prospects at Alma College this year is Rick Lorenz, who played his high school basketball at North Farmington High School last year.

Peek Receives 3 Citations

Sgt. Ronald M. Peek, son of Mr. and Mrs. Murray W. Peek, of 23915 Pickett, last month became a distinguished graduate of the 7th Army non-commissioned officers' school. He also holds the General McArthur award for leadership and the General George S. Patton award for excellence. He is a graduate of Farmington High School and attended the University of Michigan.

JAers To Attend LIT Conference

A two-day conference of officers from Junior Achievement companies on Saturday, December 3, and Sunday, December 4, will attract approximately 1,700 teenagers to the campus of Lawrence Institute of Technology, West Ten Mile and Northwestern, in Southfield.

The purpose of the Junior Achievers Management Conference (JAMCO) is to provide the youth an opportunity to meet and work with fellow achievers and advisers, and to meet and work with business industry executives. One of the goals: To learn what careers are available in business and industry.

The December 3 meeting will include presidents, corporate secretaries, treasurers, personnel directors and assistants. On December 4, officers and advisers will meet with Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, Livingston and Monroe Counties. All are high school juniors or seniors.

In charge of the information during the two days will be J. L. Martin, of Junior Achievement of Southeastern Michigan. Attending during the two days will be officers or their representatives from 420 JA companies in the five-county area. Each company has approximately 20 members. In charge December 3 will be Dick Francis, 17, of Detroit, a junior at Denby High School. He was named Mr. Achiever in 1966, a title won in midwest area competition. He attended the national JA convention in Bloomington, Ind., last August.



THE "SEA WITCH" — fastest ship afloat in the mid-19th century — was equally famous for its skipper as well as its speed. "Bully" Waterman lashed to a deck chair, so relentlessly drove his ship and his men to new sailing records that he became known as "one of the most human monsters of his age," according to sea annals preserved in the Marine Library of the Atlantic Mutual Insurance Company in New York. The "Sea Witch" belonged to a breed of ship — the clipper — which gave to American maritime history a two-decade era of unmatched excitement and drama.

Clipper Ship Era Full of Drama

For beauty, speed and grace on the waters, nothing equaled the clipper ship. And for excitement and drama, no period in American maritime history matches the "Clipper Ship" era.

Termed the "Thoroughbreds of the Seas" for their long, sleek lines, clipper ships raced across the China seas transporting tea and exotic wares; rounded the gale-swift Cape Horn carrying "forty-sailors" to the California Gold Rush; or sped restless adventurers to Australia. Clippers were even used to hunt whales.

With their ability to hit and run, clippers also drew a less dubious type of fame—as raiders, privateers and blockade runners.

COMETLIKE, the era of the Clipper Ship blazed across the seas for a relatively short time—from the 1840's to the 1860's.

According to records in the Marine Library of the Atlantic Mutual Insurance Company, the predecessors of the clipper of the Black Ball Line which inaugurated scheduled runs across the Atlantic in 1817 and advertised that, fair weather or foul, its ships would "sail on their appointed days, full or not full."

Other packet lines sprung into operation. The drive to cut down sailing time on regular runs intensified—and the result was the development of the clipper ship.

To be called a "clipper" was the highest honor that could be paid a vessel. Her distinguishing marks were long, sharp lines, a hull built for speed rather than cargo, extremely heavy spars, and the utmost speed of canvas.

THE CLIPPER ship era was also an age of masterful shipbuilders and colorful captains.

The outstanding builder undoubtedly was the legendary Donald McKay. His first clipper, the "Stag Hound," was designed and built in 60 days. Her hull stretched 228 feet. She had the longest, sharpest ends seen on a ship. Her spread of sails caused onlookers to gasp.

Despite its size, the "Stag Hound" proved both seaworthy and profitable. When she returned from her New York-San Francisco gold run, she had cleared \$80,000—a massive sum—for her Boston owners.

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Miss Willard Sings With U-D Chorus

Kathy Willard, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy C. Willard of 2129 St. Francis, is a member of this year's University of Detroit Chorus.

One of the highlights of the year for the chorus will be the Madrigal Dinner Concert held at 6:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday evenings, December 3, 4, 10 and 11 in the Ballroom of the Student Union Building.

Chorus members, dressed in the authentic costumes of the 16th century landed gentry and were introduced in madrigals as they served the traditional roast sirloin of beef with Yorkshire pudding, was-sail and flaming plum pudding.

The fully bedecked ballroom will glow in candlelight and the voices of the Chorus raised in close harmony under the direction of Don Large, in the "Carol of the Drum," and "The Boat's Head Carol."

Dinner reservations at \$4.50 may be made by calling U. of D., 342-1000, ext. 333.

The U. of D. Chorus was featured in the recent U. of D. Alumni Concert accompanied by the Detroit Symphony Orchestra. The group sings for various civic, club and educational organizations.

He lashed himself to a deck chair and took a one or two-hour catnap. The rest of the time, he watched, listened, weighed the odds, figuring how much faster he could drive his men and ship.

Called the "Sea Witch" from Hong Kong to New York in 74 days, 14 hours, setting the world's first permanent sailing record.

Waterman was so daring and hard driving that he became a tyrant and earned the unenviable distinction of being called "one of the most inhuman monsters of his age."

His ship maintained such speed in all weather that men were shaken from the mizen-topgall yard into the sea. Some died of wounds and ill treatment.

BY 1859, clippers were thick in every port. Atlantic's records show that in a 48 hour period in November, 1859, no less than sixty clipper entered the Golden Gate of San Francisco. The California clipper—born of the feverish Gold Rush—was in its glory and every voyage was a race against time and competition.

Ten years later, the clipper ship era had come to an end, killed by a single word: economics.

Few vessels built of wood could survive the twisting, crackling leverage of the immense spars for more than a few years. Repairs became extremely costly. Since clippers were built for speed, their cargo capacity was limited and cargo rate high.

Janet Greene Europe Bound

Touring Europe with a group of her own should be a wonderful experience. Such an opportunity has been earned by a very happy and deserving girl.

She is Janet Greene, a talented young girl from North Farmington High and one of 69 lucky students who will travel abroad with the Michigan Youth Chorus for two months this summer. Janet is the only Farmington member of the vocal group, which is a branch of the Youth for Understanding foreign exchange program.

High school students from all over Michigan auditioned and were interviewed in competition for a place in the singing bunch. Ann Arbor is the setting for their weekly meetings, conducted by Robert Pratt.

Visiting Russia and several European countries is on their agenda for next summer. They will costume their numbers and attempt to give these people a true example of the many styles and types of American vocal entertainment.

In turn they'll be rewarded with the pleasure of seeing and hearing a real version of international forms of music. Little culture and work in some sight-seeing at the same time!

Teen of the Week

Early this fall Rhoda Weiss, Clarenceville High School senior, was selected by the Detroit News as the "Teen of the Week." In an article appearing in the News, Rhoda was quoted as wanting to combine her enjoyment of journalism and sports in an attempt to become a sports reporter. The article went on to point out her active roles in Future Homemakers of America, band, and as school reporter for a suburban newspaper. Rhoda plans to attend Michigan State University upon graduation this June. We congratulate Rhoda on her selection as Detroit News Teen of the Week.

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Michigan Bowmen Slate Annual Hunt at Perry

Upwards of a 1,000 Michigan Bowmen are expected to attend the Annual Bow and Arrow Rabbit Hunt on Sunday, December 4, at the Stytle Ferris Coverside Farms near a Perry, according to the Owosso YMCA, sponsor of the event.

"This is the combined fun and hunting event that Michigan Bowmen look forward to each fall," Hunt Chairman Robert Hesselbart of Owosso said.

"Last year," he continued, "over half a hundred rabbits were bagged, and even more are expected to be taken in the day-long event this year."

The 2,000 acre Coverside Farms, owned by Stytle Ferris and opened by him for the annual event each year to benefit the Owosso "Y," is rated by hunters as having one of the best natural rabbit habitat in the Midwest.

In addition to a good crop of game, bow and arrow hunters will also have an opportunity to win prizes amounting to nearly \$1,000. Prizes will go to the hunter, huntress and student bringing in the first Rabbit and the highest rabbit hunting class. Registered spectators will also be eligible for door prizes.

The day's activities will begin on Sunday, December 4, with registration from 8 to 11 a.m. A special church service will be held at 9:30 a.m. The hunt will start at 10 a.m. with a lunch available during the noon hour and conclude at 2:30 p.m. Following this will be the awarding of the hunting and door prizes.

Hunters will be using blunt, not field point, arrows during the hunt. Detailed information will be passed to each hunter at the time of registration.

The Ferris Coverside Farms is located one mile north and west of the intersection of M-47 and M-78 at Perry, Michigan, midway between Flint and Lansing. Spectators are welcome to visit the farm and enjoy the hunt.

Area Residents to Take Peace Corps Examination. Farmington area residents interested in putting their skills to use in developing nations around the world are invited to take the Peace Corps placement test at 3 p.m. on Monday, December 5, at 711 Lafayette Bldg., 149 Michigan Ave., Detroit.

The Peace Corps uses the placement test to determine how an applicant can best be utilized overseas. The test measures general aptitude and the ability to learn a language, not education or achievement.

The application form, not the placement test, is the most important factor in the selection of Volunteers. Persons interested in serving in the Peace Corps must fill out an application, if they have not already done so, and present it to the tester before taking the test. Applications may be obtained from local post offices or from the Peace Corps, Washington, D.C. 20525.

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