

School Life Is Mrs. Neal's Life

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Schools are a way of life for Mrs. Herbert R. Neal. Not just because she's married to the president of the Farmington Board of Education, either.



RARE PLANT - Mrs. Herbert R. Neal inspects a bird of paradise plant, one of the dozens which fill the picture window in the family room of her home.

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She is a teacher of third grade at Kenilworth School. Her parents were teachers; her grandparents were teachers. Her daughter, Melissa, a French teacher at North Farmington High, is entering her fourth year of teaching.

Another daughter, Marcella, is in graduate school at Northwestern University, preparing to teach English on the college level.

MRS. NEAL says, "I've loved to teach since I was five, I never played with dolls—played at teaching toy puppets."

Her comment about her school-oriented family is, "We live school seven days a week."

Her husband has given his touch to the Neal academic environment, also.

Neal's father was for years head of the chemistry department at Drury College, Springfield, Mo., and still maintains the geology museum at the college. His mother also taught. Drury College is dear to the Neal's hearts.

They met there when they were both freshmen and the school has a scholarship fund named in honor of their late son, Herbert, Jr. Mrs. Neal is a charter member of Drury's Mortar Board Society.

IT WOULDN'T be hard to say what comes next to schools in Mrs. Neal's affections.

It could be the four-plus acres of land on which the family has lived since 1951.

Beautifully wooded and maintained, the acreage has been planned as a wild life sanctuary. The day she was interviewed, Mrs. Neal spotted a rare Snow Bunting perched in a tree outside the family room window.

The family room holds many indications of Mrs. Neal's wide interests.

The large window overlooking the acreage at the back is filled with plants which she has raised from seedlings and here and there are rugs she has hooked.

In the living room at the front of the house is an old upright piano, cherished because of the board president's wife's love of music. This she shares with her daughters, both of whom sing professionally.

BUSINESS is also a way of life for this devoted lady teacher.

She finished high school in three years and was practically through college in the same amount of time, this while carrying a full schedule and working at a full time job.

She was away from teaching for 22 years while raising her daughters and two sons, Air Force Capt. James Neal, an authority on dry lake beds, who has written a number of geology text books, and David, a student at Ferris State.

Mrs. Neal says that when she went back to the school room it was as if she had never been away.

She has found fulfillment in her life as a teacher and works hard at it, but calls it "A good kind of madness."

She still maintains, however, despite the many facets of her own life that "My children are fulfilling my dreams. I feel my life has been blessed."

City Makes Plans For Basketball League

A basketball league has been planned for the winter and spring segment of the Farmington City Recreation Department.

A minimum of four teams will be necessary to set up a league. The program will be open to males of high school age and above.

Interested team captains should contact city hall. Games will be played at 8 p.m. in Farmington Junior High School.

Men's and women's gymnasium classes will continue to meet in Farmington Junior High from 8-10 p.m. Monday and Tuesday evenings respectively.

Basketball and volleyball are played by the men. The women's class stresses an array of athletic exercises and volleyball. Average class size runs from 20 to 30 participants.

Gymnasium classes for children will continue to be held from 9 a.m. to noon in Cloverdale Elementary School.

Open swimming is available from 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday in the Clareville High pool. Sunday swimming takes place from 2-4 p.m.

Policeman Helps To Save Food

Sometimes the definition of a policeman being a "public servant" is given a completely literal interpretation.

For instance, when Morris Brown, of 33450 Grand River, Farmington, remembered shortly before midnight Saturday that he had left home with the kitchen oven turned on to 200 degrees to warm a "TV dinner," who else was there to call?

In the interest of the public welfare, Sgt. R.H. Miller of the Farmington police hastened to the Brown residence to meet the emergency.

Gaining entry by removing a pane of glass from the rear door, the officer turned off the oven to forestall a possible fire.

Police records do not show how the dinner tasted when Brown got home.

Recruit Trains

Marine Pvt. Peter L. Taylor, son of Mr. and Mrs. John E. Taylor, 26300 Dundalk La., Farmington, was graduated from eight weeks of recruit training at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot at San Diego, Calif.

On Committee

Mrs. Mildred Bennett, a Farmington educator, is chairman of the hospitality committee of the In and About Detroit Music Educators Club which will hold its annual Christmas meeting at noon Dec. 9 in the Veterans Memorial Building.

NOTICE OF HEARING

ON SPECIAL ASSESSMENT
SANITARY SEWER IMPROVEMENT
SUPERVISOR'S
MIDDLEBELT TEN MILE PLAT NO. 2
TOWNSHIP OF FARMINGTON
OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN:

1. That the Township Board of the Township of Farmington, Oakland County, Michigan, has tentatively declared its intention to make the following improvement:

Construction of sewer improvements to be located in the Township as follows:

STREET	FROM	TO
Hemlock	Middlebelt	W line of Supervisor's Middlebelt Ten Mile Plat No. 2
Medbury	Middlebelt	W Line of Supervisor's Middlebelt Ten Mile Plat No. 2
Middlebelt	Medbury	Hemlock

2. That plans showing the aforesaid improvement and the location thereof and an estimate of the cost thereon, are on file with the Township Clerk for public examination.

3. That the Township Board has tentatively designated the following special assessment district against which the cost of said improvement is to be assessed, to-wit:

Lots 67 thru 119, inclusive, in Supervisor's Middlebelt Ten Mile Plat No. 2, Farmington Township, Oakland County, Michigan, SE 1/4 of Section 22.

4. That the Township Board will meet in the Township Hall, 34555 Elm Road, Farmington, Michigan, on the 11th day of December, 1967 at 7:30 o'clock p.m., Eastern Standard Time, to hear and consider any objections to the said improvement and the conditions therefor, and to the special assessment district.

THIS NOTICE IS GIVEN BY ORDER OF THE TOWNSHIP BOARD.

FLOYD A. CAIRNS, Clerk
GLADYS THOMAS, Deputy Clerk

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Cadette Girls Hold Bonfire

By JUDY ZAHLER
474-7408

The cadettes of troop 1005, Mrs. Hanes and Mrs. Elaine Jensen co-leaders, had a bonfire last week which was a typical Girl Scout event. The hot chocolate got spilled and in the excitement of getting to the bonfire a knife was forgotten. Undaunted, the always-prepared Girl Scouts came up with the idea of using the top of the cocoa can to cut the cake and the day was saved. As expected, everyone ate and sang and generally had a good time.

The troop recently saw movies on the leader dog training program to help them become better acquainted with the problems facing the blind. Their project for the year is to help in some way with the School for the blind in Royal Oak.

In the near future they will be having as their guest at one of their meetings a blind person with a leader dog. The Scouts have already made a beginning on their project by making learning-aids for the blind.

They need shirt cardboards for this and would appreciate it if anyone could help get some for them. If any troop would like to collect these card-

boards to help the cadettes, please call 476-4432.

BROWNIE troop 122 which meets at Beechview School, Mrs. Evelyn Bernadette and Mrs. Barbara Wood co-leaders, had an investiture recently and eight new girls were received into the troop. The parents were invited to attend the event and the older girls from the troop served cookies and punch to the guests.

Three of the older brownies participated in the flag ceremony which is an integral part of any scout event. During the ceremonies two of the older girls received their one year pins.

The whole troop visited a cider mill just before Halloween and learned how apples are pressed to make cider. The girls also enjoyed a snack of cider and doughnuts. A hike was planned at Kensington Park at the beginning of November but because of inclement weather it had to be postponed until after the first of the year.

As a Christmas project the girls will be making tree ornaments. They will use a styrofoam ball and glue Cheerio cereal all over it and then spray it with gold or silver paint.

After they are dry the girls will put rhinestones in the center of each Cheerio and add a hanger made of gold string.

THE LATEST report from the District Calendar Chairman Mrs. Jean Iles is that the Calendar Sale was a huge success this year. The district received 6,150 calendars to sell and they have done a terrific job with them.

Cadette troop 1005, Mrs. Jo Hanes and Mrs. Elaine Jensen co-leaders, will be having a public sale of calendars sometime in December at the Downtown Farmington Shopping Center and Cadette troop 123,

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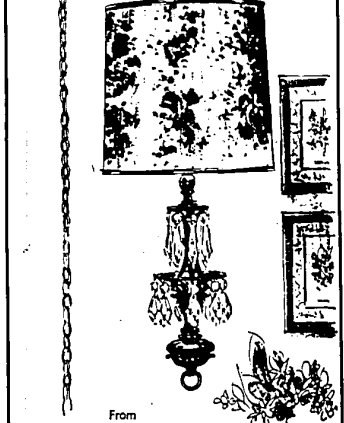
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