



SNOW HIDE-AWAY -- The 11-inch snowfall may have made their parents unhappy, but the children couldn't have been more delighted with it. Enterprising youngsters on Folkstone built this snow fort that measures almost seven feet tall. It will make a huge puddle if we ever get a warm day.

Library Friends Will Meet

Farmington Friends of the Library will hold their annual business Jan. 24 in Room 104, Building B, at the Orchard Ridge campus of Oakland Community College.

Five new directors will be elected to the board. Nominations include Mrs. Gerald Ellsworth, Mrs. Russell Nankervis, Mrs. Ralph Riddick, Mrs. John H. Smith and Tom Yesowich.

After the business meeting, Mrs. Louise Giles, head librarian for Orchard Ridge, will discuss the many community services offered by the college as well as the new teaching techniques and material being used at the school.

Mrs. Giles served for many years as first assistant with the Detroit Public Library. Before coming to Orchard Ridge she was chairman of the Learning Resources Center at the Highland Lakes campus. She is a member of the American and Michigan Library Association and is presently serving as secretary for the Michigan Community and Junior College Association.

Coffee and cake will be served following Mrs. Giles talk.

The public is invited to the meeting. The school is located between Farmington and Orchard Lake Roads just south of the I-696 expressway. Building B is the second of a four building cluster just east of the Farmington Rd. entrance.

Schools Request Two New Rooms

An expansion of the special education program offered in the Farmington school system for children with adjustment problems severe enough to prevent academic success will be undertaken next fall if state and county funds for the purpose are approved.

The Farmington program was one of 82 from Oakland County school districts submitted this week to the Oakland Schools Intermediate District Board of Education for budgetary consideration.

Dr. Douglas Smith, Farmington supervisor of special education, said the local district asked funds to provide:

Two adjusted study classrooms and teachers, one per special development classroom and teacher, two diagnosticians, one social worker, one teacher for deaf and hard of hearing children, one itinerant teacher and two instructors for mentally handicapped children.

Classroom and operating expenses beyond the state subsidy would be paid from the revenue raised by the existing county-wide special education tax.

Of the two adjusted study classrooms requested, one would be for elementary age pupils and the other for children of junior high school age.

According to Charles Kotting, Oakland schools consultant for adjusted study, this program is for children whose behavior is disruptive, abusive, destructive, or withdrawn and frightened.

Classes for these youngsters are limited to 10 pupils per room. Individual courses of remedial study are carried out by teachers having special certification for working with emotionally handicapped children.

"The major objective," said Kotting, "is to return the pupil to regular class with improved study skills, academic achievement and social adjustment as soon as possible. Most returns are in a period of two years."

Twenty-four such classrooms now are operating in 12 of the 28 school districts in the county. Forty-seven more, including the two in Farmington, currently are being considered by the county board.



JN TEXAS -- Robert V. Davis (left) of 28492 Green Willow Dr., Farmington, was in Fort Worth to attend the 1968 annual convention of Texas Refinery Corp. More than 800 conventioners, representing 31 nations attended the international business sessions.

Leader's Talents Needed

Do you have organizational and leadership ability? A national agency needs volunteer administrators to direct a transportation committee, to direct a speakers bureau and place other volunteers in local hospitals and health centers.

Training will be given in specific duties and procedures, but volunteers should be dependable and capable of inspiring others in this stimulating work.

For further information, call the Oakland County Volunteer Bureau, a division of United Community Services, at 642-7272. The Bureau, located at 251 S. Woodward in Birmingham, channels volunteers in to work suited to their interests.

Scout Membership Hits All-Time High

More boys and adult leaders than ever before are involved in Scouting activities in the Clinton Valley Council of the Boy Scouts of America.

Year-end figures show 11,565 boys enrolled in Scouting here on Dec. 31, a new membership high for the Council which observes its 50th anniversary this year. Of this number, 6,971 are Cub Scouts, 4,388 Boy Scouts and 206 Explorers.

The membership total represents a 9.2 per cent gain, or 969 boys, over the Dec. 31, 1966, figure of 10,596 members. There currently are 268 units in the Council, including 125 Cub packs, 127 Boy Scout troops and 16 Explorer posts.

Approximately 3,300 adult volunteer leaders staff the units and assist in Council activities.

"We are pleased, naturally, by the close to 10 per cent gain in boy membership," said George R. DeCourcy, 32770 Briarcrest, Farmington, who is council president.

"The year 1967 was an exciting one for the Council. We are making great progress, and it's wonderful to know that more boys than ever are enrolled in Scouting here. But we also realize that much work has to be done. Our drive to bring Scouting to all interested boys will continue."

DeCourcy complimented the Council's professional Scouting executives and staff for their efforts in the membership achievements in 1967.

Boys wishing information on any of the Scouting programs should contact leaders of their local unit or the Council Scout Service Center, 132 Franklin Blvd., Pontiac.

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Avon Votes To Adopt City Status

Residents of Avon Township, which surrounds the City of Rochester on the east side of Oakland County, voted Monday by a margin of 48 votes in favor of municipal incorporation.

Of approximately 7,000 registered voters, 2,656 turned out in stormy weather to give incorporation the go-ahead, 1,358 votes to 1,310. Voters at the same time chose a nine-man charter commission.

Although there was a "yes" majority, the status of the township won't change immediately. To gain actual cityhood, voters must first adopt a charter and the commission is required to submit such a proposed document within two years.

However, the outcome does prevent the City of Rochester from annexing any of Avon Township. Annexation petitions already had been gathered and filed with Oakland County, but were forestalled by the approval of incorporation.

Kiwanians At Meet

The Farmington Kiwanis Club will be represented at the state meeting of Kiwanians at Battle Creek Jan. 12 and 13. The meeting is the kick-off for the incoming District Administration.

Some 600 Michigan Kiwanians and their wives are expected to attend.

Representing the Farmington Kiwanis will be President Robert Van Every and Vice President Charles Haas. The meeting is hosted by the four clubs of the area, Downtown Battle Creek, Lakeview, Urdendale and Gull Lake.

Shriners Install New Officers

New officers of the Farmington Shrine Club were installed Thursday, Jan. 11, in ceremonies in the Holiday Inn in Southfield.

Illustrious Potentate Michael Gentile installed the new leadership for one year terms at the monthly meeting of the Shriners.

New officers are: Thomas Carr, president; Joseph Chapman and William Snell, vice presidents; Fred Menke, secretary; Orville Dawson, treasurer; Robert Watwood, wheel chairman; Edward Hammond, sergeant-at-arms; and Charles Altman, Charles Fritz, H.A. Schenk and Lawrence Strobel, directors.

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