



A NICE NEST EGG — Ella Cotone, president of the Farmington Soroptimists, presents a \$3,500 check to the Farmington Area YMCA's Building Fund at the close of the Farmington Town Hall Series last week. Accepting the check is Robert Chesley, vice chairman of the Y's Board of Management, while Farmington Area YMCA Executive Director David Comfort watches.

Soroptimists Score Big With \$3,500 For YMCA

Never underestimate the power of a woman.

For the past few years the Farmington Area YMCA has been laying the groundwork for a fund-raising drive for a YMCA headquarters. A gal named Grace Richardson serves as a member of the YMCA Lay Board of Control. She is also the past president of the Farmington Soroptimist group.

THE SOROPTIMISTS are 20 professional ladies who work in either Farmington or Novi. When the idea grew for the Soroptimists to sponsor a Farmington Town Hall Series, it seemed only logical that the proceeds from the series would be donated to the YMCA for its building fund.

Last week the Farmington Town Hall Series closed its first year of operation. An average of 200 tickets were sold for each of the four programs in the Northland Theatre.

At the closing session the Soroptimists turned over a check for \$3,500 to the YMCA representatives. In accepting the check, Robert Chesley, vice chairman of the YMCA board, noted that a total of 32,965 Farmington area residents had participated in the Y's activities during the past year.

An estimated 3,000 people are members of the organization.

The reaction of the ladies was no surprise.

The size of the \$3,500 check was. Next year's series will also help the YMCA's building program.

Brownies Buzz Blithely As Busy Beavers

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The Brownies of troop 483 which meets at Flanders School, Mrs. Lou Carr and Mrs. Evelyn Maguire co-leaders have been busy as the proverbial beavers since the beginning of the year. The girls got together in various homes and had a cookie bake and the products of their baking were enjoyed at an inter-troop meeting. Cadettes Debbie Hanes and Nancy Bush, of troop 1005, came to this meeting to teach new games to the Brownies, and in this way they earned some of the requirements on their games badge.

At another meeting, the Brownies made instruments and formed a rhythm band. Mrs. Gerald Bennett, a music consultant in the Farmington public schools (and, incidentally the mother of one of the scouts) helped the girls on this project and later conducted the band in "Amaryllis," from an RCA Victor rhythm band album.

THE GIRLS went on a field trip to the Plum Tree Pottery and John Glick demonstrated the art of making pottery. The girls were fascinated and are anxious to try their hand at making something in the near future. To celebrate Girl Scout Week, the scouts invited Brownies

troop 287, also from Flanders School, to a party. Also in conjunction with Girl Scout week, each of the girls in the troop invited a friend to a troop meeting to "Show and Tell" and to introduce them to scouting. As a demonstration of their interest and know-how, the girls took individual baby food jars, added cream and made butter. They then added salt, and everyone enjoyed crackers and fresh butter. This troop of girls are keeping busy learning new things all the time and are really an active and interesting group.

JUNIOR troop 224, which meets in Middlebelt School, Mrs. Helen Truitt leader, toured Congregation Shaare Zedek during Girl Scout Week, accompanied by their leader, and also Mrs. Stewart and Mrs. Yarbrough. This was an interesting and enlightening experience for these girls.

The following week the troop held its first Court of Awards, and Merit badges were awarded to Karen Wolfe, Janet Truitt, Pat Zerlo, Susan Stone, Nola Stewart, Nancy Cummings, Debbie Cherry and Meg Calloway. A new member of the troop,

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Peggy Tobin, received her Scout pin during the ceremonies. All the girls dedicated themselves to the Girl Scout promise and laws. On hand to assist Mrs. Truitt at this meeting was Mrs. Betty Wolfe.

On April 10, the Juniors toured Channel 50 and were

very interested in all the aspects of radio and television. On April 15 the girls were invited by troop 40 from the University District in Detroit, to attend a roller skating party. They found this a most delightful way to celebrate the spring vacation and a goodbye to make new friends.

The girls are planning a mother-daughter cook-out for some time in May. At that time another Court of Awards will be held and the girls will be saying a fond farewell to the scouts who will be going into Cadettes next year.

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