

## today's hot line

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### Pride And Visitors

Michigan Week got a big send-off in Farmington Saturday with a number of awards being given by the City of Farmington Beautification Committee and with the annual Mayors Exchange Day Monday. The week ends Saturday with the opening season parade of the South Farmington Little League.

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### Youth Who Win

The Farmington PTA Council has announced the winners of its annual scholarship competition, and another winner is a young Farmington musician who has won first place in state competition.

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### Lots Of Questions

The audience was active with questions about busing, anti-busing and George Wallace at the last meeting of the Farmington Board of Education. An answer was also given to George Duke, who is a constant spectator at board sessions.

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### Traveling School

A young Farmington teacher found her first job kept her moving. That's why she's today's Woman On The Go.

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### Secrecy And Lib

Your state representative last week voted on two important matters - a bill that would have forbidden local government secret meetings, and a Women's Lib constitutional amendment. How did your man vote? We found out.

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# Township Approves Funding For Groups Helping Youth

Farmington Township Board voted Monday night to contribute funds, at the same levels as last year, to the Farmington Area Advisory Council (FAAC) and Farmington Youth Assistance (FYA).

After much discussion, mostly on duplication of services, the board voted to budget \$12,900 for FAAC, which operates Rap Line and other anti-drug abuse programs, and \$5,291 to the FYA, which conducts summer camp programs and works mostly by referrals from juvenile court and police departments.

The board also accepted the resignation of Mrs. Barbara Benya from the township planning commission, considered the appointment of Mrs. Stella Strye to replace Mrs. Benya, and voted to raise the retaining fee to its attorney.

A FULL contingent from both youth agencies appeared before the board to answer the many questions from trustees.

Representatives from FYA were: David Coffin, chairman; Don McMillan, case worker; and Earl Baumunk, who is heading the agency's youth employment program. Speakers from the FAAC were: Ralph Rideout, administrator; Gerald Potter, board chairman; Gary Lichtman, treasurer; and Robert Collyer, board vice-president.

Potter explained that, in addition to Rideout, the FAAC has two full-time employees - Jack Peuler, programs director, and Betty Arnold, secretary.

During 1970-71, the FAAC

conducted 705 sessions of which 278 were with youth and 177 with adults. Of these sessions, there were 208 contacts made with persons who had been uninvolved with the agency before.

RAP GROUP sessions of one to two hours were held for four adult groups and 13 youth groups, involving 25 adults and 110 youth. FAAC speaking engagements totaled 52 presentations reaching 3,039 persons, mostly in Farmington, during the past year. Neighborhood group meetings, fashioned after the homework sales approach, involved 170 persons attending 10 parties.

About 90 to 100 youths have used the drop-in center, Potter continued, with about 25 to 30 of these being new contacts. The center on Grand River has been discontinued because of a lack of funds but, while in operation, was directed by Peuler with help from six to 10 adult volunteers and six young adults from the Rap Line program.

During the past year, Potter added, Rideout made more than 100 contacts with groups and individuals asking for funds to help finance FAAC programs.

The agency has provided 22 in-service training sessions for teachers and administrators involving 190 persons; 25 sessions for Rap Line counselors; 18 for Rap group leaders, and seven for FAAC supporters.

POTTER STRESSED that during the past year more than 12,158 volunteer hours have been given FAAC by 126

individuals during a 10-month period.

Of the total volunteer help, some 3,790 hours were donated by adults and, 2,600 by graduate students. Among those volunteering their time are doctors, social workers and attorneys.

The operating budget for FAAC from July 1971 through June 1972 is: \$43,352 for personnel; \$2,000 for travel; \$5,472 for insurance; and \$4,650 for facilities - a total of \$59,374.

The proposed operating budget for 1972-73 is: \$43,120 for personnel; \$2,000 for travel to conferences; \$5,850 for insurance; \$4,650 for facilities; and \$4,400 for other expenses - a total budget of \$59,020.

The budget is raised as follows: \$12,000 contribution from Farmington Township; \$3,000 from the City of Far-

mington; \$10,000 from churches, clubs and individuals; \$16,330 from Oakland County; \$3,000 from Farmington Schools; and \$15,687 to be raised by FAAC through its own fund-raising events and projects.

RIDEOUT commented that the drug problem is diminishing among 11th and 12th graders in Farmington except for the introduction of heroin in the area.

Drug experimentation is increasing, however, among eighth and ninth graders who are at the age where they are prone to rebel and do what they are warned against, Rideout added.

Trustee Earl Opperthaus asked whether the FAAC intended to get into the problem of alcohol abuse. Rideout said this has been considered by the FAAC board

and added that, since passage of the Age of Majority law, there are enough youth spending time in bars to become a matter of concern.

Alcohol is a form of drug abuse, Rideout added, and is a problem for youth and adults. There are an estimated nine million alcoholics in the U.S. today. Ventures to combat this problem, however, will be highly limited by lack of funds, he stated.

COFFIN mentioned that FYA's budget did not include wages because its only full-time person, Don McMillan, works for juvenile court and his wages are paid by Oakland County.

When asked about duplication of services, McMillan explained that a case work committee has been established by both agencies to avoid this problem.

Peuler of the FAAC is on the casework committee of the FYA, and the Rev. Hugh Stewart of FYA is a board member of the FAAC, McMillan stated.

Coffin added that FAAC's programs are therapeutic and aimed at individuals while the FYA approach is to work with youth. He added that the only thing both groups had in common is that they worked with youth.

TRUSTEE DAVID Stader asked whether it was possible for FAAC, FYA and the Farmington Area Recreation Commission (FARC) to be housed in a single facility to avoid duplication of secretaries, office expenses, telephones, utility bills and other expenses.

Coffin said this idea was examined thoroughly at three

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KEYS TO CITY -- Ralph Yoder (right), mayor pro tempore of the City of Farmington, presents keys to the city to visiting dignitaries from the City of Grandville: Harold Becker (left), mayor pro tempore, and Councilman Marvin Elders. (Evert photo)

## Observer To Be Closed Monday

Employees of Observer Newspapers will join their families for the long Memorial Day weekend holiday.

The official celebration will be on Monday, May 29, in line with the federal government policy placing most legal holidays on Mondays.

The main Observer office at 36251 Schoolcraft in Livonia will be closed from noon Saturday, May 27, until the morning of Tuesday, May 30. It will be open the morning of the 27th for circulation department business and switchboard inquiries.

The Southfield office at 20099 W. 12 Mile will be closed from 5 p.m. Friday, until the morning of Tuesday, the 30th.

Business as usual will resume at 9 a.m. May 30.

# Memorial Day Parade To Have Special Start

Each year, the Memorial Day Parade in Farmington has started with a flight of military jets, but this year the parade's start will be signaled by three such flights.

There will be one by the Navy, Air National Guard and the Marines at 10 a.m. Monday.

Each year, for a number of years, the community of Farmington, through the joint efforts of the local American Legion and VFW posts, has sponsored a Memorial Day Parade.

The 1972 parade promises to be another banner event in a long series of such events, says Oscar Autin, parade chairman.

GROUPS wanting to ride in the parade should contact Autin at 3091 Paritan Livonia, or Deputy Chairman Eldredge Simonson at 2827

O'Justin St., Farmington, as soon as possible.

A number of units have already signed up for the parade, says Parade Marshal Joseph Gibbons, but there is still room for those who make arrangements soon to be entered.

In keeping with past tradition, the parade committee is honoring a branch of the active military. This year has been designated as Navy year and among the many dignitaries participating will be Rear Admiral Draper L. Kauffman, Commandant, Ninth Naval District, headquartered at Great Lakes, Ill.

The admiral will be the principal speaker at ceremonies following the parade. In conjunction with this being Navy year, the U.S. Navy Band from Great Lakes will be one of the marching

units in the parade on Monday, May 29.

The parade is scheduled to begin promptly at 10 a.m. The route will be from the drive-in theater on Grand River, down Grand River past the Veterans Memorial Monument at Oakland and Grand River.

Spectators and parade participants in the parade, Spectators and parade participants will then gather at the monument for formal ceremonies and a short address from Admiral Kauffman.

THERE WILL be numerous participants in the parade, says Autin, such as a number of bands, floats, Boy Scout and Girl Scout groups, mounted units plus military marching units and vehicles.

Included in the parade will be Miss Liberty Belle and Miss Americanism Queen

selected by Farmington VFW Post 4033.

Recently crowned Miss Americanism was Miss Virginia Forgette of South Lyon and Miss Janis Qumeland of Livonia was crowned Miss Liberty Belle. Miss Forgette, who was crowned by last year's queen, Miss Pamela Clifford, will reign during the next year as Miss Americanism.

The new queen was recently presented a dozen red roses and a savings bond by Mrs. Thelma Wallace, VFW Auxiliary president. The post was represented by Harry Wallace, junior vice commander, who gave Miss Clifford a large trophy for representing the post so well last year.

Miss Qumeland, new leader of the marching unit "Liberty Bells" was presented with a transistor radio from the auxiliary.



PATRIOTIC QUEENS -- Miss Virginia Forgette (right) was recently crowned Miss Americanism by Farmington VFW Post 4033. The new Miss Liberty Belle is Miss Janis Qumeland, who will lead the "Liberty Belles" marching unit at parades in Farmington in 1972, starting with Monday's Memorial Day Parade.

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