



Scary Party

HALLOWEEN MUMMIES thrill Amy Hixson and Jimmy Herbert during a spooky preview at the Farmington Public Library recently. The program included pumpkin carols, a film

and a surprise ghost story. Real live "mummy" for the day was Anthony Myers with a sarco-phagus, stone coffin, he created. (Evert photo)

Teenagers Learning To Fly Are Guided By Local CAP

By CORINNE ABATT

Every Wednesday evening at Our-Lady-of-Sorrows school, a group of young people hit the books for the second time in a day. They're the 13 to 17 year olds who are members of the Farmington Civil Air Patrol, studying the ground school part of pilot training.

The 30-member Farmington squadron was started two years ago by William Mendoza, present command-

er. Mendoza, program director and disc jockey for radio station WEXL, is a former squadron commander of the Royal Oak group.

He and his family moved to Farmington four years ago. Since there was no local Civil Air Patrol in the city, he organized the first with 20 members, adults and cadets.

The Civil Air Patrol is the civilian auxiliary of the United States Air Force. It has two main functions, the carrying on of search and

rescue operations and aerospace education. The training in the Farmington group combines both.

"We're talking," says Mendoza, "about getting our own aircraft and teaching flying in our squadron. Then, we'll be able to offer lessons for less than half the going rate—\$10 maybe \$15 an hour."

He says that it takes about 40 hours in the air to get a pilot's license.

In the meantime, the cadets, who wear Air Force uniforms with the civilian insignia, are being trained in search and rescue as well as ground school fundamentals.

There are weekend missions, many to various state parks. The students may participate in a simulated accident situation requiring first aid skills and communications techniques.

Or another weekend may find them in unknown territory having to live off the land and find their way with only a compass.

On these, Mendoza says, "The girls are just as good as the boys."

At another time, cadets may be called upon to navigate a course. Recently the

course was from Berz Macomb airport in Utica to Owosso and return through the Salem omni, a radio navigation point. Cadets planned the course including the headings, the wind and all factors to be considered.

Sometimes squadron groups will hold a weekend of competition. Farmington is in a group with the Tri-city Civil Air Patrol which includes the communities of Birmingham, Clawson and Royal Oak. Competition usually ties in drill (squadrons always have drill teams) and athletics. Physical fitness is an integral part of the program.

Mendoza says, "It seems to me that the kids who join the Civil Air Patrol are a bit different from the average. There are no drug problems. They have to wear uniforms and a short hair cut is regulation. On weekend missions they have to stand inspection and they just love it."

Mendoza speaks about the many cadets he has known who have gone on to the Air Force Academy or directly into the Air Force. There is a special quality in his voice as he tells about a young lady

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New Zoning Law To Have A Hearing

A hearing on a major change in the zoning ordinance for the City of Farmington Hills will be held at 8 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 25, in the city hall.

The revision has been in the works since 1970.

The final draft incorporates the ordinances of the former villages of Wood Creek and Quakertown. Both villages will maintain their current zoning under the ordinance.

Two new residential districts and one new office district were added to the ordi-

nance to maintain districts comparable to the villages'.

The duties of the planning commission and the zoning board of appeals are changed slightly under the proposal.

Special approval uses would be approved by the planning commission rather than the zoning board.

The site plan review by the planning commission would also be expanded to include some uses in single-family districts which are now reviewed by the zoning board.

Text and map are on file in the city hall, at the city clerk's office.



MR. CLOWN is one of 11 marionettes who will perform with puppeteer Harold Ramm at the Farmington Community Center Oct. 27. Proceeds will be used for the benefit of the center.

X-Way Extension Hurts Local Plans

Planning for the future growth of Farmington Hills will suffer if plans for depressing Northwestern and converting the road to a limited access expressway are abandoned, according to Mayor Robert McConnell.

McConnell testified at a recent hearing on the plans for extending the road held by a state legislative committee.

McConnell's support for the proposed extension centered on arguments the city's master plan called for a

depressed highway through Farmington Hills, which the planners felt would isolate the surrounding property better from noise and traffic.

He compared the possible development of Northwestern to present-day Eight Mile Road, if the expressway weren't built.

Opponents of the extension, mainly centered in West Bloomfield Township to the north, have argued it would encourage high-density type development north and west.

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