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Pick Sesquicentennial Theme

'Pride In Our Past--Faith In Our Future'

"Pride In Our Past-Faith In Our Future" will be the theme of the Farmington sesquicentennial.

The theme, picked from 57 entries by the sesquicentennial committee judges, was coined by Scott B. Terrill,

28346 Newcastle, a recent graduate of North Farmington High now in his freshman year at the University of Michigan-Dearborn.

"I really don't know what to say," Terrill said when formed his entry was chosen.

"I just wrote it down and sent it in two days before the deadline. The first couple of phrases I wrote were too long, so I ended up with that one."

The theme will be featured on promotional material, the

logotype and a coin honoring the 150th birthday of Farmington.

Judges John Anhut, Marjorie Van Ameyde, Ralph Yoder, Robert McConnell and Paul Schreiber selected the theme as the best entry.

The sesquicentennial committee has been meeting monthly to coordinate plans for the festival.

Both the Farmington City Council and the Farmington Hills Council have been approached to supply "seed

money" for the festival.

The observance of the 150th will be largely an effort to coordinate many annual activities, like the Memorial Day Parade and the Founders Festival, with a common theme.



"I had to shorten the first few I tried."

--Scott Terrill



JUNIOR MISS Cynthia Leistikow (center) will go on to the district contest Dec. 7 in

Westland. Runners-up were Joy Fliehm (left) and Sharon Funk. (Evert photo)

Cynthia Leistikow Is 'Junior Miss'

Cynthia Leistikow was crowned "Farmington's Junior Miss" during the annual Jaycee-sponsored pageant at Farmington High Saturday.

The North Farmington High senior won over 10 other contestants in the annual contest.

First runnerup was Joy Fliehm, from North Farmington, and second runnerup was Sharon Funk from Our Lady of Mercy High.

Miss Leistikow, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Leistikow, 22166 Bayberry, became eligible for a \$300 scholarship donated by Roger Peck Chevrolet.

She will also represent Farmington in the district finals held Dec. 7 in Westland. Saturday's event marked the 12th annual Junior Miss pageant sponsored by the Farmington Area Jaycees.

She played the clarinet in the talent portion of the show, accompanied by her father on the piano.

The girls were judged on the basis of poise and appearance, youth fitness, scholastic achievement, and creative and performing arts.

Judges for the contest were Mrs. Janet Aubrey, Judge Michael Hand, Mrs. Shirley

Richardson, Mrs. Lori Wagenshutz and Paul Sullivan.

Farmington Area Jaycees hosting the event included the committee of Rick Bowen, Tom Lamb, Ed Carr, Pat Godfrey, Dan Gordon and Doug Hutten.

Jaycee Auxiliary members working on the project included: Phyllis Wilcox, Judy Huber, Betty Hennisse, and Carol Kiurth.

Dr. Richardson Pro-Tem

Yoder Is Named Mayor

Ralph Yoder was re-elected mayor of Farmington Monday, and Dr. John Richardson was re-elected mayor pro-tem.

Both posts are filled by council members at the first meeting following an election.

The election followed a short ceremony swearing in William Hartsock, Richard Tupper and Richardson as council members.

It is the second term for

both Yoder and Richardson in the offices.

Hartsock began his political career by suggesting a study for a "dial-a-ride" system for Farmington.

"I made it a campaign promise, and I would like to see it investigated," Hartsock said.

The city manager was directed to see what funds, or possibly a marketing study, would be available.



RALPH YODER



JOHN RICHARDSON

Turkeys Help Celebrate On Thanksgiving Day

By W. W. EDGAR

The high price of feed in our spiraling inflation has caused the turkey fanciers of the land to take a page from the automobile industry and build "models" to suit various family purposes.

Sounds outlandish, doesn't it?

Well, it isn't. You can take the word of Loyd Sharland, one of the most popular fanciers in western Wayne County for it.

"With the price of feed today (better than \$150 per ton), a fellow can afford to use only so much feed per bird. So, you choke off the growth at various poundage to meet various size purposes -- and hope for the best."

As for himself, Sharland has decided on the "custom" made class. He is following his usual practice of fattening the birds to at least 20 pounds for the hens and as high as 30 pounds for the toms.

"I have a special clientele," he pointed out. "Because of the high cost of feed, I decided to reduce my stock from 2,000 to 700 birds and cater just to the folks

who could afford that weight at \$1 per pound, and I am sold out."

Then, you're raising what would be equivalent to the Cadillacs and the Continentals of the automobile industry?

"That's about it," he answered. "I have always dealt with top quality and I'm going to stick with that idea -- at least while the feed is so high."

Asked how supermarkets could offer birds for as low as 58 and 60 cents a pound, Sharland pointed out that there are cheaper models in the auto industry, too.

"That these fellows do," he explained, "is start to fatten the birds later in the season or choke them off at various weights and freeze them until the season is at its height."

"In this way they haven't too much invested in food, and they can sell the bird that much cheaper."

It was on this theory, it was agreed, that the fanciers were controlling "models" to meet the various family purposes.

It is the theory that you can have a small car if you wish -- or jump up to the top

custom built cars if you can afford it.

This brings up an interesting point.

A year ago Sharland explained that the turkey growers had bred the white turkey's breast to the point where the hen no longer could sit comfortably on the nest for breeding purposes and that artificial insemination was the order of the day.

Would the present theory of controlling the weight of the bird bring about sufficient change whereby the hen could rest comfortably on her nest and enjoy the natural love life of her forebears?

"No," Sharland answered. "The artificial method has proven the best and leads to improved fertility."

So the old fashioned love life of the turkey is a thing of the past.

"There is one more odd angle to today's market," he said. "And that is the fact the black folks from the inner city always have shown a preference for the old-time bronze bird. We discarded that breed because they were too difficult to dress and re-

move all the black pin feathers.

"But now, with the high price of feed, these bronze birds are becoming a drug on the market. The inner city folks can't afford them any more."

Meanwhile, the turkey fanciers have found relief from the high feed prices by taking a page from the auto industry and now are raising models to suit every size purse.

Fuel Plans Are Made By Schools

To be on the safe side in case the fuel oil shortage reaches crisis proportions, Farmington School District has worked out a plan for shifting the students to various schools as close to their homes as possible.

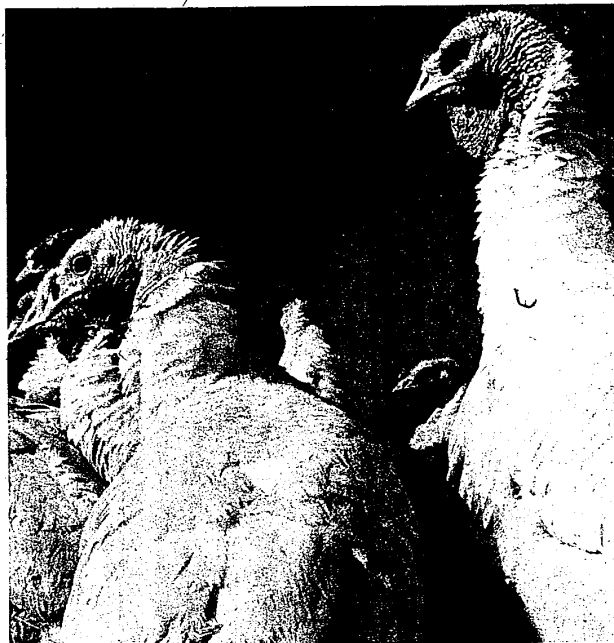
"We have the plan all worked out," Supt. Martinus Van Ameyde informed the Board of Education Monday.

He didn't announce the various shifts and just which schools would be affected. But he did state all plans were in order and there would be no fear that the students would miss any classes.

"It may be that we will have to close one junior high school and several elementary schools," he said. "But we are ready for whatever may happen."

Supt. Van Ameyde didn't announce any of the planned shifts on the theory that some students and parents might panic and cause confusion before the crisis comes -- if it does.

"It's best to keep these plans a bit secret at this time," he said.



WORRIED LOOKS are common today among these residents of the Gottschalk Turkey Farm. Like most of the turkey farms nowadays, manager Loyd Sharland, says the rising

feed prices are the leading causes for the farm to raise specific "models" of turkeys designed for different purposes. (Observer photo)

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