



Debra, Julie and Lynn, who represent three groups at the school, take part in a book presentation to the school library. Accepting the gifts are Ruth Sinclair, librarian, and Ronald Jackson, principal of the elementary school (Evert photos)



Laura, Cheryl and Suzanne display their group flag with their guardian, Arlene Schofield, during the ceremony. Their banner carries their group name, Shanah Manuka, which means "merry hearted friends" and the Indian symbol of friendship

Camp Fire Girls and Blue Birds have a birthday

Camp Fire Girls and Blue Birds from Shiawassee Elementary School, the school in town that boasts a bigger membership of the young campers than any other school in town, were in the forefront when the groups celebrated their 51st birthday.

All groups at the school got together for a joint flag raising ceremony, then a gift presentation to the school's library. The library now is in possession of a complete set of Blue Bird and Camp Fire Girl books, for loaning to any girl who might be interested

from first through sixth grade. Then the groups were off to Tel-12 Mall and Finger Fling, an all day birthday celebration on the weekend. Older girls took to the outdoors for any number of camping demonstrations, and the younger girls took turns on stage and in booths which displayed an array of handcraft.

One group of six year olds showed an exhibit of macrame, "just to show that first graders could do it," their leader said.

THE BLUE BIRDS and Camp Fire Girls will begin a spring membership drive now, in search of both girls and mothers. Groups begin with a minimum of six girls, and the leader-mother can set her own maximum limit up to 20. Most set their maximum at about 10.

Arlene Schofield is chairman of group organization for the Farmington area. She'll be taking calls of inquiries now at 476-3639. She also does all of the preliminary training and orientation for new leaders.



Students from all grades at Shiawassee joined the Blue Birds and Camp Fire Girls for the 8:30 a.m. flag raising which began the observance of the groups' 51st birthday celebration

A social club that gives a service

The senior citizens who meet at the First United Methodist Church of Farmington call themselves The Senior Citizens Social Club of Farmington.

The name still stands, but only on Fridays, when members get together for lunch and cards and games.

On Tuesdays it's another matter. This is the day the needles and the thread come out. Though socializing is still in effect, the real business at hand is one of service.

The Tuesday group keeps them-

selves busy with the art of quilting, both plain and fancy, making cancer pads and lap robes.

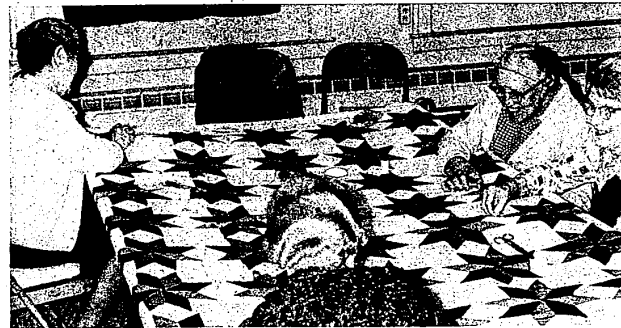
They have given something like 1,800 cancer pads to the Michigan Cancer Foundation last year. They sell some lap robes but most of them are given to convalescent homes in the area.

The only way they've ever made money for their group is through quilting, and this they have never advertised.

Doris Johnson, publicity chairman

for the club, said, "We never publicized this. We never had to. It just got around by word of mouth. I guess. Some people put their quilts together themselves, then bring them to us to put on the frame for the final quilting. We seem to have at least one here all the time."

Speaking about the Tuesday weekly sessions, Ruth Saunders said, "Besides helping someone else, it is a Godsend. It gets us out of the house with no one there but four walls."



Working on a star-designed quilt of orange and brown on white, are from left, Emily Schrack, Ann Sutton, (with back to camera) Julia Schnieder and Irene Kennedy



Three of the many women who are giving time to the cancer pad project of the group are from left, Grace Kneives, May Tancik and Rose Costello



Ruth Saunders and Lillian Buckingham tie lap robes with colorful yarns on the colorful patchwork. A few are sold, but most are given as gifts to convalescent homes in the area