

Balloon release wafts greetings From Farmington Hills children

By DAN McCOSH
 FARMINGTON—A young couple, on the way to get the keys to their first apartment which they intended to occupy after wedding, found a bright red balloon wafting across their path.
 Attached was a note: "please return..."

The bright surprise was interpreted as an omen of good luck, the couple wrote back.
 It was one of the landing places of the balloons released just before Easter by the students at Gill Elementary in Farmington.
 A strong breeze took most of the balloons south.

One deflated at Mercy High, but another went as far as Moatsville, West Va.

THE EXCITEMENT of the release was matched by the delight of the people who found the message drifting down from the sky.
 A man fishing the spring flood on an Ohio Creek looked over to see "his" balloon snagged to a piece of driftwood, the message caught in such a way it stayed dry.
 A couple working a cattle and sheep farm in Valencia Pa., found

their in the meadow when they went out to do the chores.

The balloons were released in honor of the Farmington Sesqui-centennial, and the farm couple mentioned they lived in a 100-year-old farm house.

From the addresses of the returned balloons, one from Lakeside, Ohio, and another from Leamington, Ont., it was apparent many crossed Lake Erie.
 "The friendliness and warmth of the letters has been a truly rewarding experience," one of the launch sponsors said.

Ordination Ceremonies set for James Snyder

James Snyder, candidate to the ministry from the First Presbyterian Church of Farmington will be ordained into the gospel ministry of the Presbytery of Detroit during services at the Farmington church on Sunday, May 19.

That date has also been designated as the 20th anniversary of the church which was organized in May of 1954 in impressive ceremonies during the meeting of the 166th General Assembly at the Masonic Temple in Detroit.

Snyder has just completed three years at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, where he will graduate May 13 with a degree of Master of Divinity. Prior to seminary, he attended Michigan State University and was graduated from Alma College.

He has accepted a call to serve as assistant pastor at the First Presbyterian Church of Warren, Pa., beginning June 1.

Serving on the Ordination Commission will be Dr. Leroy Peterson, Moderator of the Presbytery of Detroit and pastor of Northbrook Presbyterian Church of Bir-



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mingham; Robert Sawyer, former assistant minister of the Farmington church; George Ramsey and Homer Nye, ministers at First Presbyterian; and Dale Johnson, clerk of the Session.

Mercy High holds concert

The 300 singers at Our Lady of Mercy High School in Farmington will perform a spring concert May 17 at 8:15 p.m. and May 19 at 3 p.m. at the High School Auditorium, 29300 11 Mile Road.

Performing will be the Sophomore and Senior Glee Clubs, the Mercyaires, local professional

singer and musician Ron Childress and guitarist Ron Czarlik.

The groups will perform contemporary selections.



American Legion

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