

Bucket Brigadiers gather for lunch

Florence (Dinghy) Sharp thanked her Bucket Brigadiers with a luncheon at Holiday Inn on Wednesday. There were 153 Farmington women who worked as volunteer helpers in the public school program this year.

Begun by Mrs. Sharp, a Farmington speech teacher, three years ago, the Bucket was able to see 1,200 first and second graders during this school year and to help 262 of them on a long term basis with reading and arithmetic difficulties. It is carried on at 11 elementary schools.

Representatives from 16 other districts have visited Farmington during the year to be trained in Bucketing," reported Mrs. Sharp. She gratefully acknowledged the help of Ruth Anne

Gallenger of Longacre in demonstrating the program to many of these visitors.

The program has now been introduced in all 50 states and translated into 17 languages. It derives its name from the colorful plastic buckets full of materials used to reinforce the young students' academic skills.

Mrs. Sharp introduced a number of luncheon guests who gave high praise to the Bucket program and urged the volunteers to continue their work.

Emma Makinen and Lillian Allen represented the school board. Millie Bennett, Carolyn Plesek, and David Coffin spoke for school principals. PTA Council president, Vivian Juro, as a co-sponsor of the Bucket Bri-

gade encouraged its continuance. Another sponsor, the Michigan Association for Children with Learning Disabilities, was represented by its president, Jessie Corliss.


Mrs. Sharp extended her special thanks to a number of workers who have given an exceptional amount of time through the year: Irene Bednarczyk of Ten Mile School whom she referred to as "state and international secretary" because of the quantity of paper work she has done; Lottie Muller; Highmeadow, who has traveled all over Michigan coordinating, training, and explaining; Enis Helland, Middlebelt, who attended two ACDL conventions; and Ruby Martin for de-

veloping many of the creative activities which literally fill the buckets.

Coordinators who received recognition for outstanding work included Pat LeSuer, Bond School; Judy Turnquist, Beechview; Marilyn Plam and Carol Jones, Fairview; Adela Fomen, Forest; Margie Hendry, Wooddale; Donna Baker and Angie Magewick of Ten Mile.

An extra thank you was directed toward all those who have remained with the organization since its beginning.

Any mothers who would like to contribute a few hours per week to the Bucket in the fall are invited to enlist via their school office.



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Scouts stress spiritual meaning of law, promise

Fifteen young Girl Scouts from Troop 702 have earned The Immaculate Mary Medal and were presented their medals in an early evening mass officiated by Monsignor Charles J. Malloy this month.

The Immaculate Mary Medal is given by the Detroit Archdiocese in recognition of advancement in religious knowledge and spiritual formation.

Its purpose is to further the devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary by emphasizing the spiritual meaning of the Girl Scout Promise and Law and living these as a Catholic Girl Scout.

The fifth and sixth graders spent an entire six month period, working with their leaders in St. Fabian Church, to earn the award.

The recipients of the award at the special mass held in their honor were: Carole Basford, Lisa Berich, Kelly Collins, Tammy Porfinski, Mary Jo Halling, Karen Kluk, Michelle Kluk, Maryanne Monson, Kathy Newell, Carol Oswald, Joanne Swan, Monica Thompson and Molly Wildren.

Two scouts who earned the medal from the troop, but were unable to attend the ceremonies were Ann Marie Horvath and Eileen Sinnave.



IMMACULATE MARY MEDAL WINNERS

Churches advised on meeting needs of older members

Many churches are seeking new ways to meet the needs of their older members and utilize the wealth of time and talent they can contribute to the total church program, according to Esther Stamata, consultant in church relations for the American Association of Retired Persons.

Through its liaison with leaders of the nation's religious bodies, including Catholic, Protestant and Jewish, AARP is helping churches develop new service outlets through which older members can find satisfaction and meaning in their later years.

"CHURCHES ARE" unique in the opportunity they afford older persons to serve their fellow man while at the same time providing spiritual sustenance through worship and the communal aspects of church life," Miss Stamata notes.

Among the programs suggested by AARP to serve elderly churchgoers are:

- Transportation services for older members unable to walk or drive to church;
- Visitation groups of the elderly to the elderly;
- Discussion groups where older members can share ideas about adjustments they face in retirement; and
- Information centers offering referral services for persons needing assistance with medical, housing or financial problems.

Other activities through which older members can offer voluntary service to the church and community might be participation in church-sponsored day care centers or the Red Cross, supervision of recreational facilities for neighborhood children.

Bible School will start

The First Baptist Church of Farmington will hold its annual Vacation Bible School this year on June 24-28 with games, Bible stories, refreshments and play time each day from 9 a.m.-12 noon.

The vacation school is non-denominational and open to all children in the area. The church is located on I Shiloh Avenue near Farmington Rd.

Registrations will be taken at the church office and can be made by calling 474-0350. The office will also take any inquiries about the bus route which is scheduled for transportation for vacation school participants.

JCC's radio club now 16 years old

of ham radio, is a rapidly growing and extremely sophisticated hobby that involves the learning of complex electronic skills.

The radio shack at the Jewish Community Center is the base of operations for the JCC's Detroit Amateur Radio Club.

There are about 35 active hams on the center club's roster ranging from 13 to 65 years of age.

Most are amateur with some aspect of radio electronics when they join the group, but that is not a membership requirement.

The center's station is classified as a "general" station and most members are working toward their general license from the Federal Communications Corporation (FCC).

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