

# Mrs. Griffiths enjoyed her political career

By BARBARA UNDERWOOD

BLOOMFIELD HILLS—A career in law and politics was the farthest thing from Martha Griffiths' mind when she went to college.

In fact, she knew a girl in law school and "thought that was the silliest thing I ever heard of," Mrs. Griffiths told students at Andover and

LaSalle high schools Monday.

She was the third speaker in the schools' Lyceum series, part of the district's career education program. Although she had retired as a U.S. representative after 30 years, Mrs. Griffiths said she would accept a Supreme Court appointment and "yes, I am sure Congress would confirm it."

Of her long career in public service,

she said, "I always enjoyed it. I was tremendously interested in what was being done and in what wasn't being done."

A CAREER IN politics takes effort, she told the students, but she encouraged them to pursue it if interested.

"There are opportunities beyond measure," she said. "I hope some of you have some feeling for being in public office."

"It will not make you rich but it will be as rewarding as anything you can do," Mrs. Griffiths continued.

She told the students that they would have to rely on themselves if they were interested in a political career, "because political parties are not really helping people to run for office."

"You have to seek these positions yourself, don't wait for someone else," she added.

feared, superstition and an ancient tradition," she continued.

"Equal rights or rights for women will not go away in your lifetime," she told the students. "The world will become vastly different from the one you were brought into."

Mrs. Griffiths said she had "never really" been discriminated against because she was a woman, adding, "If I had been a man I possibly could have become the house majority leader but I didn't put my name in because I thought they probably wouldn't elect a woman."

"And it is not inconceivable that we could have a woman for governor of Michigan by 1978," she added.

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**EQUAL RIGHTS** and the Equal Rights Amendment frequently came into both Mrs. Griffiths' talk to the students and in their questions to her afterwards.

"In my opinion, it will be ratified," she predicted. "Both major political parties have approved this for 30 years. If there is anything we need before we celebrate our 30th birthday it is that amendment."

The arguments that have been made against it play on ignorance,

**SHE WAS ASKED** how she could explain the current simultaneous conditions of inflation and unemployment.

"No one has ever seen this before," she replied. "Economics books are not written to deal with this problem. No economists are prepared for the world we are in today. All our lives we have dealt with surplus; we have to do something different."

Mrs. Griffiths predicted that Congress will produce an energy act within six weeks and that there will be a tax on gasoline with some rebate provisions.

Asked if she thought a woman would run for president on a major ticket, she replied, "I used to believe not in my lifetime but now I think it is very possible before the century is out."

## Hills Scout visits Lansing

FARMINGTON HILLS—Archie G. Black II, of Scout Troop 68, Farmington Hills, had lunch with Governor William Milliken this week.

Black was Clinton Valley Council youth representative to the "Report to the Governor" program at the Capitol Tuesday, April 1.

Arrangements were made with Paul Willems, acting secretary of the state administration board, for the representatives to meet with the board in the governor's office.

The young people had lunch with the governor, members of the state ad-

ministration board, state legislators from each council legislative district, supreme court judges and partner organization spokesmen.

Governor Milliken was given the Silver Beaver award from officials of his Traverse City home council, Scenic Trails.

Black is an Eagle Scout and brotherhood member of the Order of the Arrow. He is also a member of his high school band, the National Honor Society and North Farmington Baptist Church. He is the council nominee for the 1975 National Youth Representative.

## Nature walks in Southfield

Looking for an escape from the city and suburban sprawl?

The Southfield Parks and Recreation Department may have the answer. The department maintains almost two miles of nature trails in the wooded area behind the Civic Center Area. Spring wild flowers are abundant in this area. At least 30 types of flowers grow there, including red trillium, white trillium, ginseng, may apple and jack in the pulpit.

Wood-chipped paths lead through a total of 30 acres of woods. There is

also much wildlife: pheasants, raccoons, muskrats, squirrels and rabbits. A pond adjoins the wooded area. The trails are open to the public throughout the year during daylight hours.

Naturalists conduct hikes which are planned to observe various birds and native plants. Hikes are planned for each Sunday afternoon from April 15 to June 15, beginning at 4 p.m. There is no fee and the public is invited to attend. Groups will meet at the nature area which is located east of the Arena parking lot.

## Farmington library adds photo system

FARMINGTON—Circulation at the Farmington Community Library is increasing at the rate of 4,000 per month. This increase in volume made it necessary for the system to purchase new book charging equipment.

Library director G. Gordon Lewis said the installation of the new Regiscope cameras, for \$800, will enable the present staff to handle the circulation volume.

"The new system," Lewis said, "has been introduced to save money for the library and provide convenience for library patrons."

The cameras will eliminate the in-

convenience of patrons having to write charge slips to check out books.

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