

# 'Time to think'

## Runaways find refuge in Sanctuary

By CARL STODARD

Jim's father is an alcoholic. Several months ago he ordered Jim from the house. That first night, Jim slept in the back seat of a car belonging to his friend's father.

At 6 a.m. the next day, Jim discovered he needed a better place to sleep. The people at Common Cause referred him to the Sanctuary, a home for runaways in south Oakland County.

He stayed there two weeks and then moved into an apartment.

Jim is 17. Many of the runaways who find their way to the Sanctuary are younger, ranging in age from 12 to 17.

The Sanctuary is a rambling, two-story house on Ten Mile Road west of Woodward Avenue (near the zoo). One year old, the facility has taken in nearly 200 runaways, provided them with food, a bed and time to think.

WHEN THE SANCTUARY first opened, residents in the neighborhood feared the home for runaways would deteriorate into a dope pad and a place for young transients to crash for the night, said Sanctuary counselor Mary Wells.

Petitions were started to boot the Sanctuary out of the community. But the community's fears were groundless, and the petitions disappeared.

Sanctuary director Ed Korkia established a list of do's and don'ts for the young visitors: no smoking in the bedrooms, no drugs, no sex, no visitors on the second floor, attend school if possible, be out of bed by 9 a.m., notify houseparents by 3 p.m. if not going to be present for dinner, make your bed and—most importantly—

allow the Sanctuary to contact and talk with parents.

The primary rule of the Sanctuary is that parents must be contacted when a young person requests permission to stay at the Sanctuary. The runaways must agree to take part in a one-hour daily counseling session.

The parents are asked to come to the Sanctuary for three discussion sessions.

Runaways may stay at the Sanctuary for up to two weeks, if they follow the rules, Korkia said. After that, they are asked to leave.

ABOUT 70 PER CENT of the runaways agree to return home, Korkia said. Another 20 per cent go to "mutually agreeable" living circumstances.

In Michigan, more than 16,500 were reported to have run away from home in 1974. The actual number of runaways is probably much higher.

"There is no question about the need for a program like this, based on the number that run away," Korkia said. "If they had gone elsewhere, what would other agencies have done?"

About 90 per cent of the funding for the Sanctuary comes from federal taxes. The rest comes from the state and county. The Birmingham Junior High School has donated \$20,000.

It costs \$78,000 a year to operate the Sanctuary, or about \$20 a day for each young visitor. Additional funds, volunteer workers and recreational equipment are needed.

Surviving are widow Edith, son John G. Jr. of Detroit, daughters Mrs. Graden (Nancy) Deel of Redford and Mrs. Thomas (Judy) Brown of Garden City.

Also, brothers Roy of Lake City, Ernie of Redford and Alfred of Farmington Hills, sisters Mrs. John Schweizer of Farmington Hills, Mrs. Mable Cogdill of Detroit and Mrs. Mable Cogdill of Texas, and seven grandchildren.

Services were May 8 at the Thayer Funeral Home in Farmington with burial at Grand Lawn Cemetery.

## OBITUARIES

**JOHN GRESEHOVER**

Mr. Greshover, 71, of Farmington Hills died May 4, 1974, at University Hospital in Ann Arbor. He was born in Livonia.

He was a retired superintendent of maintenance for the Farmington Schools. He was a member of the Redford Lodge No. 152 F. & A.M. Masonic and the Scottish Rite Body of Detroit.

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**DORA MARY BAWDEN**

Mrs. Bawden, 86, of Farmington died May 2, 1974, at Botsford General Hospital in Farmington Hills. She was born in England.

Surviving are son Roland (Bud) W. Bawden of Farmington, three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Services were May 5 at the Heene Sundquist Funeral Home in Farmington with burial at Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens in Novi.

## Senior music major gives recital May 11

FARMINGTON—Mezzo soprano Lorraine Manz will give a voice recital at 8 p.m. on May 11, in Recital Hall, Light Fine Arts Building, Kalamazoo College.

Lorraine, a senior music major, is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Howard Manz of Longacre, Farmington.

## Yriart earns award in LIT math contest

FARMINGTON HILLS—Robert Yriart of 2211 Danvers Court, recently earned an honorable mention in the sixth annual Lawrence Institute of Technology (LIT) Math Competition.

Yriart is a senior at Harrison High School.

A total of 83 students from 33 high schools participated in this year's competition. Open to all metropolitan Detroit high school students, the contest was sponsored by the Detroit Metropolitan High School Math Club and the LIT department of mathematics.

Bob Kapetansky of Southfield, a junior at Cranbrook School, won second place in the competition.

Southfield students receiving honorable mentions were Bruce Fleischer, a freshman at Roeper City and Country School and Nat Pernick, a senior at Southfield-Lathrup High School.

Prizes were savings bonds of \$100 for first place, \$50 for second and \$25 for third.

## Farmington schools are accredited

FARMINGTON—The district's public schools have been accredited for the next three years by the North Central Association.

Lewis Schulman, assistant superintendent of secondary schools, told the board of education Tuesday that the accrediting agency had renewed the district's accreditation earlier in April.

Before the millage election, there had been some doubt that Farmington schools would receive further accreditation without at least a warning from the agency.

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