# Community education program offers diverse choice of classes

Farmington residents can take classes in such diverse skills as belly dancing and shorthand through the Farmington Community Education program.

Don Howell, director of the program, presented a report on the growth of the program to the school board at its Tuesday meeting.

Howell said community education has progressed from the time it tended to be synonomous with limited or extra programs tacked on to larger programs.

The community education program tries to meet and identify the needs of the people in the area. Howell explained community needs are matched to a program as it is determined by the members of the local community.

The program offers a series of enrichment classes, adult high school classes, community services and programs for senior citizens.

Enrichment programs offer the community the opportunity to learn new skills, such as sewing, ceramics and auto repair.

In 1968-1969, there were 1,513 participants in the enrichment program. The 23 classes offered that year brought in $18,430 in revenue. In the fall of 1975, there were 1,185 people taking part in the courses. There was $17,920 in revenue received.

Although the evening was originally planned as a strictly adult program, it now contains a number of programs for young adults, Howell explained.

The high school completion program evolved from a small program based on the University of Nebraska correspondence course.

# Petition drive aims to limit state taxes

A petition drive that is now under way aims to limit state spending at the present 8.3 percent of state personal income.

The drive was started by a bipartisan group of state lawmakers in an attempt to limit total taxes, in Michigan, and give the real incomes of the wage earners a chance to increase.

Wilbur V. Brotherton (R-Farmington), who supports the petition, states "Members of the drive are trying to put the question of whether to limit state spending placed on the ballot for all taxpayers to decide upon. This route was chosen because a resolution proposing the constitutional amendment has not been reported out of committee."

He asks anyone interested in signing the petition to contact him at his Lansing office.

"This may be the only way we're going to make big spenders in state government realize that we're tired of paying more and more taxes to support a bigger and less efficient bureaucracy," he said.

IN ANOTHER MATTER concerning a bill on the House floor that would limit penalties for defendants convicted of possession of small amounts or use of marijuana, Brotherton said: "In addition to proposing a middle ground in a very controversial matter, the bill is also an attempt to streamline our court system by issuance of a ticket instead of arresting the defendant."

The bill provides that the court would initially fine the defendant. If the defendant is placed on probation and the court finds that the defendant has violated probation, the court would then sentence the defendant to jail for up to 90 days.

# B'nai B'rith names director

Lewis Alpert, 26, of Farmington Hills, was recently appointed executive director of the Metropolitan Detroit B'nai B'rith Council. He will supervise the administrative activities of 23 lodges and two couples units.

Alpert has been with B'nai B'rith for more than a year. He was Director of District 5 Fundraising Functions and director of special functions outside of District 5.

LEWIS ALPERT


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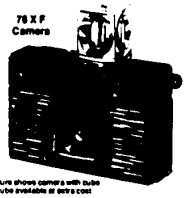

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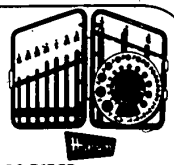

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