



Joe Rogier of Farmington is a newcomer to the ranks of cross-country skiers. He learned in the recreation department classes. (Photo by Dave Justus)

## Country ski time is fun time

The first cross-country ski program sponsored by the Farmington Area Recreation Commission met with immediate approval from some of the area's winter sports. Led by the commission's able cross-country skier, Dave Justus, the classes began with an orientation session followed by two times on the slopes.

"We held our classes at Kensington and Mayberry Park in Northville. Mayberry is an excellent park for cross-country," Justus said.

"There were 50 people in our four sessions," Justus said, adding, "that's pretty good for the first year."

Most of the skiers used rented equipment and Justus says the fact that the Farmington store, The Benchmark, was able to have equipment available, was a big help to the program.

And next year?

"Bigger and better than ever is what Justus hopes for."

In the meantime, Justus is still enjoying the winter snows—on cross-country skis, of course.



Farmington cross-country skiers take a lunch break on the slopes of Mayberry Park in Northville. (Photo by Dave Justus)

## Plan mapped for pedestrian walks

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Previously described linkage would cement the "historical corridor" to the shopping center, generate greatly increased traffic along both Grand River and Farmington Road, and thus stimulate the physical improvement of all structures. The report says:

A number of problems effect the downtown appearance. These include physical deterioration, inconsistencies in remodeling where continuity between adjacent buildings is maintained, poor quality of business and disastrous quality in second-hand signs scattered within the windows. According to the consulting firms' report, to correct these problems, the firm suggests an architectural treatment for all buildings—a treatment that seeks to emphasize their strong design characteristics while organizing the window area.

The major features of the design proposal include the following:

- Clean up by stream cleaning, sand blasting, painting and actual replacement of all building elements that are either in need of or in an unsound condition.
- Establishment of a design continuity between the buildings. This should include compatible materials, colors and material sizes.
- Signs should relate and be compatible in terms of sizes, type face, ranges, colors and locations on the buildings. In addition, secondary signs should be controlled, without an appearance of clutter.
- Awnings should be compatible and be designed to complement the architecture of the building.
- Parking lots should be visually separated from the sidewalks by means of decorative low walls and screens.
- Tree spacing should be decreased by one-half and trees of larger caliber introduced.
- Exposed sides and rear of buildings should be either sand blasted and left natural or should be painted compatible neutral colors. Advertising billboard-like signs should be avoided.
- Install new co-ordinated street furniture: pedestrian lighting, additional light signs, and new plantings between the sidewalks and parking areas.

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## Kids enjoy music

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As he told the Beechview students about the show more than 2,000 years old "AI" mark demonstrated its versatility and how, gradually, over the years as more keys were added, its range increased from one octave to 25.

The trio played selections from Mozart, "The Ring," the Sesame Street theme, "The Sound of Music," and "The Sound of Music."

The youngsters were particularly interested in the part the reeds play in creating the tone.

"Why," asked one, "are you always clicking the reeds?"

"They have to be wet to vibrate," answered Schaller, "when they are dry, they warp."

Another boy wanted to know what reeds were and where they came from. Still another questioned why the bassoon reed was mounted on a crooked metal tube instead of directly into the maple wood of the instrument.

The windward trio is one of many from the Detroit Symphony who are available for such programs. The programs are carefully structured, as this one was to appeal to young audiences.

Beechview principal Norman Lamson pleased with the program and the response, said he hoped to be able to present more of this in years to come.

This year was made possible by the School Parent Teachers Organization (SPTO) through donations in 1975.

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## Farmington women in 'Understudies'

Two local women have become members of "Understudies," the women's committee for the theatre at Wayne State University. Mrs. Irving Dworkin of Farmington, and Mrs. David A. Goldman of Farmington Hills.

The committee has been called to the first meeting of the year, on Wednesday, Feb. 18, in Aldinger Conference Center, where plans will be laid for the group's

Mrs. Maloney Theatre Party. Understudies have sponsored the party at Hubbard Theatre every spring, this year set for Wednesday, May 12, to introduce the graduate performers theatre to a wider audience of Detroit area playgoers.

New chairman of the group is Mrs. Walter M. Brinker, Jr., of Grand Estate Farms, who will lead the committee in the areas of fund raising and public relations.

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## Cville swim program opens March 13

Student swim classes at Claremont High's pool begin Saturday, March 13. Adult swim classes start on Monday, March 15, at 7:30 p.m. Registration for the March 13 Saturday, March 14 from 9-11 a.m. at the pool, 30155 Middle Rd.

The fee for swim lessons is \$7. Interested persons may contact Claremont High for registration and information.

The fee for 10 life saving lessons is \$14.

The Red Cross Swim and Stay Fit Program will also start Monday, March 15, at 7:30 p.m. The program requires that participants swim 18 lengths of the pool each week. The fee for this 10-week course is \$7.

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