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BAND OF HONOR -- The honored band at Friday's Memorial Day Parade was the U.S. Marine Corps marching band from Cherry Pointe.

North Carolina. Farmington paid special tribute on Memorial Day to the Marine Corps. (Evert Photo)



RESIDENTS REMEMBER -- Farmington residents paid their tribute to the fallen on Memorial Day by displaying the colors on their homes. A special effort was made in Canterbury Commons where a special flag sale was conducted by scouts. The homes displaying flags are on Mulane Dr. (Evert photo)



MISS AMERICANISM -- Sue McArthur, Farmington VFW Queen, rode in Friday's parade with an escort from each military service branch. (Evert photo)



TOP NCO -- Robert DeFrancisco receives a trophy honoring him as Marine of the Year from MG Louis Metzger Friday in the American Legion Hall during Farmington's Memorial Day observance. Shown in lower right-hand corner is Robert Weatherford, general parade chairman. (Evert photo)



MEMORIAL ADDRESS -- The main address given on Memorial Day was delivered by MG Louis Metzger at the Memorial Monument following the parade. Holding the mike is Major Robert Smith, commander of the Farmington VFW. (Evert photo)

JCs Honor Local Victor

The Farmington Jaycees held a huge victory party Saturday night celebrating the election of Pat Nowak as president of the Michigan Jaycees.

The picnic scheduled to be held at Farmington City Park was rained out but the celebration was promptly shifted to Nowak's home on Mayfield.

THE PARTY was a special tribute for Nowak whose Jaycee honors and accomplishments are lengthy and impressive. Nowak's community leadership was first recognized when he received the C.W. "Bill" Otto Award during his presidency of the Farmington Jaycees as the outstanding chapter in Michigan for 1968-69.

Under Nowak's leadership, the Jaycees promoted a major community development project resulting in passage of a \$3 million bond issue for indoor swimming pools and auditoriums for the three Farmington high schools.

Under his direction, the Jaycees increased their membership 90 per cent, added 14 new projects and participated in 65 projects during his tenure.

AS STATE vice president, Nowak inaugurated "Operation

Fast Start," planning for local programs prior to the new Jaycee year. He also completed 100 per cent of assigned visitations and executive committee meetings, started 19th district athletic programs, district news letters and a directory to improve communications.

As National Director of the U.S. JCs "Americanism and Governmental Affairs" portfolio, Nowak initiated Michigan Jaycee Legislative Assembly inaugurated "Operation Stars and Stripes," promoted matters between the governor and 83 state Jaycee officers; and, advanced a campaign for reauthorized license plates.

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of the younger set, supplied by the Campfire Girls, Brownies, Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and 4-H. The 4-H entry included horses and show dogs.

THE WEATHER was almost ideal for the parade, just a little hot but certainly tolerable. The color of the parade entries was matched with the many colors of clothing worn by spectators and the hundreds of flags waving in the air. (Flags were sold by the Farmington American Legion Auxiliary during the parade. The crowd, for the most part, crowded close to the street -- sitting on lawn chairs, on the curb, with the rear standing. A few sought comfort of shade under the awnings of businesses on Grand River.

FOLLOWING the parade, Memorial Day's services were held at the Memorial Monument, Grand River and Oakland. The

service began with introductory remarks from Mayor Brotherton and Mrs. Schaffer. Next came an address from MG Metzger, the highest ranking military officer ever to appear in Farmington.

The Vietnam War is testing our national will, said Metzger. Shall we withdraw from that conflict and forsake traditional policies and surrender Southeast Asia, he asked?

"It is not strange that a nation dedicated to liberty and peace should feel a reluctance to send its young people to war," said Metzger. Metzger observed our nation has experienced a division of opinion during war years dating back to the Civil War. "We are not the first generation to face danger, nor shall we be the last."

Where we stand fast freedom will remain, the general said, adding that "our defense can only be achieved through full support from our citizenry."



BEFORE DELUGE -- Pat Nowak takes a hand at stirring the brew before the deluge of rain fell dampening Saturday's picnic. (Evert photo)



MAYOR'S APPEAL -- Farmington Mayor Wilbur Brotherton tries his smiling personality on the rain god in an attempt to curb the downpour at the Jaycee's picnic for Pat Nowak Saturday in City Park. Showing little faith in the mayor's appeal is Mrs. Brotherton. (Evert photo)



UNDER COVER -- Showing displeasure with the weather for the Farmington Jaycee's celebration for Pat Nowak Saturday are (from left) Jerry Stanton, Frankenmuth (Mich.) Jaycee president, Dado Nowak, and John Bailey, outgoing president of the Farmington Jaycees. (Evert photo)

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