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# Eagle Scout Tells Of Idaho Jamboree

By Steve Pierdon

Farmington Boy Scout Troop 389 and its marching band, sponsored by Nardin Park United Methodist Church, is making its musical way across country to the 7th National Boy Scout Jamboree at Farragut State Park in Idaho. Of 110 Scouts from Scouting's

Clinton Valley Council elected to attend the Jamboree, the troop's band includes 40 of the boys.

The troop is traveling by car caravan to the event and is staying at Methodist churches along the way. En route the boys are playing concerts at several functions.

The first night, the band played two concerts for Bethany Methodist Church in Madison, Wis. The first concert was for an outdoor supper held at the church and the second was for an Eagle Court of Honor held later in the evening.

Response to the band's concerts has been enthusiastic which adds to the fun the boys are having.

So now it's onward to the jamboree.



STEVE PIERDON

## Pierdon To Report Big Event

FARMINGTON Steve Pierdon, a 16-year-old Eagle Scout from Farmington, will be the Enterprise & Observer's special correspondent during Scouting's National Jamboree in progress through July 22 at Farragut State Park, Idaho.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald W. Pierdon of 29184 Foxgrove, Pierdon is a member of Troop 389, sponsored by Nardin Park United Methodist Church.

Troop 389's marching band, only one of four participating in the jamboree to be attended by more than 35,000 caravans, left July 10 by car caravan for the trip west.

Pierdon, a senior at North Farmington High School, will send back reports concerning the activities of the band and its members at the jamboree. Pierdon has been a scout for five years.

### Fly Planes

FARMINGTON Farmington residents Kenneth A. Phair of 30015 Brantwood and Arthur E. Slagle of 26314 Kiltaron took part in the recent National Model Airplane Championships at Naval Air Station, Willow Grove, Pa.



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## Vocational Education

# Speedy Course For Clerks

(Last week The Farmington Enterprise Observer related a vocational program for boys in machine shop and told what is being done by Farmington Public Schools to train nurses. This week's article looks at another vocational program for girls, intensified office training, and reports on the findings of an experiment.)

By EMORY DANIELS

(Third in a Series)

Last week's article contained a case study of a machine course offered for boys enrolled in Farmington School District.

This week, the Enterprise & Observer examines an experimental study conducted by Farmington Schools to determine the feasibility of preparing high ability students for office employment.

THE STUDY was held during June-August 1968 with the cooperation of the Research Coordinating Unit, Division of Vocational Education of the Michigan Department of Education. Project authors were Charlotte Neuhauer, instructor, and Earl Baumunk, director of Vocational Education, Farmington Schools.

The experiment was labeled "Senior Intensified Program" (SIP) and its purpose was to demonstrate that those minimal skills demanded by employers for entry into distributive and office occupations could be taught in an intensified program.

The need for the experiment was seen in a report issued by the U.S. Office of Education that of the 1962 high school graduates: 19 per cent left school before the 11th grade; 30 per cent did not finish high school; 35 per cent entered college but only 20 per cent graduated.

Thus, eight out of 10 of these students are candidates for jobs requiring less than a college degree and only one out of eight received any kind of occupational training in the public schools.

AN SIP experiment tried in Detroit indicated office skills could be taught in one year. Baumunk concluded that these same skills could be taught in eight weeks to high ability students.

"Thus they would be able to get summer or after-school jobs in the office occupations as well as having sufficient skills to fall back in case they left college prior to graduation," explains Baumunk.

And so the decision was made to begin the SIP experiment for an eight-week period. Nineteen girls were enrolled in the class. Five had grade averages of A-; nine had B- B plus or B- averages; and four had C plus averages. The girls ranged in IQ from 107 to 129.

Even though the students received one credit for the course none of the students took the course because they need the credit. They all said they enrolled because they wanted these skills to get summer or after-school jobs or something to fall back on in case they do not complete college.

ALL STUDENTS planned to attend college and their desired vocations ranged from such things as teachers and librarians to scientists and physicians.

They had past classroom experiences ranging from one to summer school personal typing to one year of typing and one semester of shorthand. They ranged from having received D's to A's in business courses.

Fifteen were absent two days or less during the eight weeks. Two dropped out at the end of the seventh week. Typewriting and shorthand tests were given the girls on the last day of class. Scores on the typewriting section were compared to scores they made when

they first took the test before the class started.

On the typewriting section, the girls earned a high of 216 points to a low of 50 points. No one scored high enough on the "before" test to be recorded on the list of norms. However, on the "after" test they ranged from a low of the 12th percentile to a high of the 88th percentile.

FOUR CONCLUSIONS reached by administrators at the end of the eight weeks were: 1. A four-hour, eight-week integrated course is not too long if the course is taught in such a way students can change from one skill to another to prevent boredom.

2. It is possible to teach shorthand in eight weeks if the students are allowed to go as rapidly or as slowly as they need to.

3. In general, the higher the ability of the student, the more the student is able to accomplish in shorthand.

4. It is possible to teach the entry office skills to above average students in 160 hours of instruction.



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Federal Funds Sold	1,013,200,495
Loans:	60,900,000
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