

Waning days brightened by youths who understand

At a time when volunteer organizations are going begging for personnel, eight young women received certificates of appreciation for donating part of their summer vacation to helping Farmington Nursing Home residents. Although Red Cross has fewer volun-

teers this year for its summer service program, administrators attribute the smaller numbers to the availability of paying jobs for 14-16-year-olds. Programs such as CETA offer jobs for that age group now. But volunteer associations are offering more than a

pay check to youngsters, according to Trisha Keenan, field representative for the Oakland County American Red Cross Youth Service. The youth program offers 14-15-year-olds an opportunity to gain experience which will help them to find jobs, according to Ms. Keenan.

Volunteer work also helps students gain an edge in the competition to enter nursing schools, she added. Another trend in volunteer programs this summer is a tendency among youngsters to shop around for a system they like, according to Ms. Keenan.

ONCE THEY settle upon the Red Cross program, the volunteers go through an orientation session before beginning work.

The facility trains them in the tasks they perform. For some of the young volunteers at the Farmington Nursing Home, the job offered them a peek in to the city's past. Residents regaled the volunteers with tales of the good old days, according to the nursing home's director, Rose Morgan.

"They learn things about their neighborhood they wouldn't learn in a history book," she said.

In return for hearing about an ear-liest time, the girls read letters to the residents, helped them with recreational activities and offered a listening ear.

"You can just sit there for hours and listen to them," said Beth Nyeste, 14, of Farmington.

"I wanted to see what it was like to work and I met a lot of nice people," said Sheri Lugari, 15.

Some of the girls were returning for another season of volunteer work.

At Easter time, last summer's volunteers gathered up Easter baskets and gave that season's bunny rabbit some competition.

THE PROGRAM at Farmington Nursing Home began in 1969 as a pilot project. Originally, the Red Cross was reluctant to start a program which would involve youngsters working with the aged.

But as the screening progressed for that first session, the administrators discovered the youngsters wanted to work with the elderly, according to Mrs. Morgan.

"The program worked out so well, it's been going on ever since," she said.

Recently, the Red Cross expanded the program to include the school season.



A friendly smile is exchanged between Red Cross Youth Beth Nyeste and Louis Von Staden, resident of the Farmington Nursing Home. Mr. Von Staden will celebrate his 101st birthday on Sept. 9.



Inviting gifts

Botsford General Hospital has taken on a new look with the opening of its gift shop which is staffed by volunteers. Looking over some of the new merchandise are volunteers (from left) Trudy Enderle and Cleo Schultz.

Pop culture Communication course offered

Oakland University and Observer & Eccentric Newspapers this fall will present another Courses by News- paper program, this time entitled, "Popular Culture."

Students will be able to earn college credit by registering for Sociology 371, Forms and Effects of Mass Communication.

Classes will meet Tuesdays from 6:30 to 10 p.m. in the Barnum Center, Birmingham. Instructor will be Prof. Jesse R. Pitts, who led last semester's Crime and Justice in America course. Articles will be published in the six Oakland County Observer & Eccentric Newspapers beginning Sept. 7.

STUDENTS ALSO WILL have reading assignments in the text "Popular Culture," which will be available at the Barnum Center on class night. "But the most important assign-

ments," said Prof. Pitts, "will consist in the critical reading of newspapers, the critical listening to radio shows and news, the critical watching of films and TV productions."

Forms to guide this activity will be distributed at the first class meeting. Some metropolitan media figures will participate in class discussions. In lieu of mid-term and final examinations, students will make reports on their critical viewing of mass media productions.

SOME QUESTIONS which the course will address will be:

- To what extent does popular culture, as diffused by the mass media, reflect our mores and belief systems, and to what extent does it mold them?
- What are the overt and covert messages of movies and TV shows? Do they have more impact than does

advertising?

- To what extent is there a market of ideas in popular culture, and to what extent does a given point of view crowd out most effective dissent?
- To what extent do newspapers and TV news shows give an objective exposure to the significant news of the nation and the world?
- Have the mass media become a political force capable of making and breaking political figures without any responsibility to anyone but themselves?

One moment, please

Emmia M. Nutt was America's first female telephone operator. She began work for the Telephone Dispatch Co. of Boston, Mass., Sept. 1, 1878.

THE INSIDE * ANGLE

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FARMINGTON Area Jaycees who received statewide recognition for the group's involvement in the community and individual development. The chapter has received an award for outstanding External Chapter for such projects as junior camp, bike rodeo, community cleanup, donations to burn awareness, YMCA and the Farmington Area Advisory Council. The Farmington Jaycees are known as one of the best external chapters in the state, having won this same award seven out of the last eight quarters. **JIM MITCHELL**, the external vice president, received an award for his personal contribution to the Farmington Area Jaycees. This award represents the services by Jim and shows his participation exceeds that of any other veep in our region, which includes 35 other chapters. Another award was received by **BOB ROCK**. He was recognized as outstanding vice president in our population division which includes 25 chapters in the state. Bob, the chapter management vice president, is responsible for informing the chapter in state affairs and ensures the Jaycees can run enough projects to raise money for balancing the budget. Other awards went to **TOM DUKE**, who was recognized as the most active new member in the region and **TERRY SEVER**, who was recognized as the outstanding president for the region.

THE TALENTS OF 12 Farmington children produced \$35.19 for the Muscular Dystrophy Association last week. The neighborhood of St. Mary's Court, Farmington Road and Ten Mile, was treated to a talent show directed by **BETH CHURCH**, with co-directors **LISA CAFOLLA, TRACY ANSPETH, and SHELLY HAWKINS**. Other children involved in the show were **ANNE AND MARY CHURCH; BRENDA CAFOLLA, RHONDA HAWKINS; ANDY AND ROBBIE DETRICK; and RENEE MEREK**. The youngsters plan to donate the money to the association when the annual fundraising drive begins this weekend.

REHEARSALS for the Redford Civic Symphony will begin on August 31. These rehearsals are conducted regularly in the instrumental room of Redford Union High School, 17111 Kinloch. Rehearsal time is 8 p.m. All adult musicians especially violin, viola, cello and string bass players from the area are invited and encouraged to join the orchestra. Those interested should call **ROBERT ZIMMERMAN** at 838-4119. Performance dates will be Oct. 22, Dec. 10, February 18 and April 29.

TAXPAYERS IN the Farmington School District can rest assured that the board of education is watching its pennies. A recent letter sent to this newspaper indicates that the district's letterhead still contains the names of board members who retired earlier this year.

IMMUNIZATION TIME is here once again. Mark down Sept. 14 on your calendar. A clinic will be at the First Methodist Church, Warner and Grand River, from 9 a.m. to noon. Free immunizations include measles, German measles, mumps, polio, diphtheria, tetanus and whooping cough. No appointments are necessary. Please bring any previous immunization records with you. Children must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian.

AN INTERESTING discussion is upcoming on Sept. 12, at 7:45 p.m. at the Universalist Unitarian Church, 25301 Halstead, Farmington Hills. "Detroit and Suburbs: Conflict and Cooperation" will be the topic. If you are interested in learning how to solve community problems, be sure to attend. Among those participating will be **RICHARD SIMMONS**, deputy mayor of Detroit, **BARBARA WORTHEN**, League of Women Voters, **Donn SHELTON**, v-ee president of Metropolitan Fund. Admission is free.

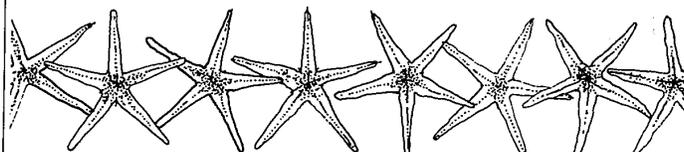
VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED to answer telephones and record pledges during the 1978 Jerry Lewis Labor Day Telethon for Muscular Dystrophy. The telethon will begin on Sept 3 and continue through 6:30 p.m. on Sept. 4. More than 3,000 volunteers are needed and must be at least 18 years old. They will be asked to report to the Jerry Lewis Telephone Center nearest their homes for a five hour shift of their choice. Those wishing to help, either on the phone or as clerical helpers, may register by calling Telethon Headquarters at 389-8800. Centers are located at Northland, Eastland, Westland, Mt. Clemens, Pontiac, Windsor and downtown Detroit. There will be a total of 700 phones in operation during the telecast.

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