



Ann Beuerle, now winding up her first year of a four-year term on the West Bloomfield School Board of Education, talks about her interest in land use, a spin-off of her work in Farmington-West Bloomfield Branch of League of Women Voters. (Staff photo by Charlie Kidd)



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## League of Women Voters

### One thing leads to another

(Editors note: This is the seventh in the series of women who make up the membership of the Farmington-West Bloomfield League of Women Voters.)

By LORRAINE MCCLISH

A current project for Ann Beuerle is gathering up people and interest in the Greater West Bloomfield Land Preservation Committee. She is one of a 17-member steering committee in the process of setting up the rules and writing down the by-laws. She calls her involvement in land conservancy a spin off of her League of Women Voters work that made her aware "of how very few parcels of land were left in the township."

of highways and transportation. "One league thing always seems to lead to another," she said. "We are pulled into these things because league people are visible and active. We always have an opinion and we're always ready to express it."

In speaking of the fledgling ad hoc committee on land use, she sees the action as "taking the national league positions and using them locally." In this instance, taking action to preserve open space in her own community.

RUNNING CONCURRENTLY with the formation of the citizens committee is her league study of local schools, which will involve seven districts all told.

This started well before her campaign to run for a seat on the school board, which may be considered another spin off of league activities.

"We've been working on this for so long, I have reams of information we're really not quite sure what to do with, but we do want depth with accent on facts," she said.

"We are not doing this to criticize. If we run into a weak area, we may go further and recommend something. But if I ever found myself in an area of conflict, then I would have to divorce myself from my league role."

"But for right now we are just gathering factual information."

A published booklet will be the result of this study, available to the residents within each school district, telling of the school's finances, organization, and services.

ANN BEUERLE knew early on that she would one day be a member of the League of Women Voters.

"I read my mother's league materials while I was growing up in Traverse

City," she said.

Then she used league materials for a mini-course she gave to American Government students while she was teaching in Berkley High School.

"I think every political problem America was having at the time was all spelled out in league papers, and I didn't need anything else to put that class together," she said.

Mrs. Beuerle has been a member of the league for 10 years and served as president of the Farmington-West Bloomfield branch from 1973-75.

She says she has never felt "so at home, so at ease" in any other organization.

She remembered when she felt "complete compatibility with perfect strangers discussing a bottle bill in Lansing, because all of us truly wanted to do something (about an issue) instead of sitting back and criticizing."

## Boy Scouts backpack their way through the Smoky Mountains

When Mary Jane Harvey returned from a backpacking expedition with her husband and Boy Scout Troop 389, she said, "An experience like this is what scouting is all about."

Paul Harvey leads the scouts, who meet in Nardin Park United Methodist Church, with an agenda that puts a high priority on camping, backpacking and hiking.

An every-summer must is a trip to Lost Lake Scout Reservation near Clara. Weekend winter camping is scheduled whenever possible. The scouts have learned numerous skills in Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico. During the spring Scout break, the troop takes off to the Great Smoky Mountains of Tennessee and North Carolina.

This spring's jaunt put the scouts out on the trail for five days, hiking more than 40 miles each carrying a backpack weighing about 35 pounds.

"Each morning the boys would get up at 5 a.m., cook breakfast and pack their gear for another day of hiking which provided different scenery in the unspoiled wilderness," Mrs. Harvey said.

"Most of the trail was rough and challenging. Sometimes, the hikers had to jump from rock to rock to get across a stream."

climbing from an elevation of 1,800 to 5,000 feet for a spectacular view from Mt. Cammerer.

Mrs. Harvey reported good day-time weather, but cold nights with heavy clothing around a campfire.

In addition to the backpacking, the scouts went on sightseeing tours, visited Cadiz Coves, pioneer homesteads and little frame churches where mountain people once lived apart from the rest of the world.

"Before returning home, the scouts went on a raft trip on the Nantahala River," Mrs. Harvey said, "where their rafts ran into rocks, white water and third degree rapids. A visit to Fontana Dam was also on their itinerary."

Mrs. Harvey doesn't believe the boys will ever forget their five days on the trail together.

"They were challenged, and they met the challenge," she said. "Their friendships were deepened. They learned much about themselves and about the beautiful country in which we live."

"This is what scouting is all about."

THE 30-MEMBER troop welcomes other boys aged 11-18 to join them for their Tuesday meetings at 7:30 p.m.

Or, Harold Munn, the troop committee chairman, will take inquiries at 477-9698.



High on a rocky ledge the Appalachian Trail hikers are (in front from left) Mark Kubat and Eric Wemyss. In back from left, are

Richard Kouzoulian, Alan Babcock, Terry Finatrock, Bob Harvey and Matt Cashin.

## Gospel message is shared through concert ministry

Paul Schumacher, sacred concert and recording artist, will be hosted by Northwest Christian & Missionary Alliance Church, 28111 Ten Mile Rd., Farmington, for a concert open to the community at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 27.

Schumacher's career in musical ministry has taken him all over the world in the past 16 years.

"I can hardly remember a time when I didn't want to serve the Lord," he said. "The greatest thrill and fulfillment in life for me is to get up on a stage and share the simple Gospel message with people through music."

His concerts consist of traditional gospel songs and hymns along with contemporary sacred selections. He also shares testimony and Biblical comment during his presentation. Pre-recorded

orchestral backgrounds, played through an elaborate portable sound system, add to his performances.

Schumacher has six record albums to his credit. The latest is "My Time to Sing," on the Dynamic label.

He strives for the highest professional standards, but says his goal is "much more than mere entertainment."



PAUL SCHUMACHER

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