

Pare Holiday Calories At Community Center

FARMINGTON
As an antidote to all those holiday calories, gymnastics directed by Ricky DeWitt will be offered at the Farmington Community Center beginning Jan. 16.

Registration for this and numerous other courses will be held at the Center Jan. 8 and 9 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

THE DOVE COURSE features exercise to music with no extremes of violent exertion. Exercises depend on the participants' capability. The instructor conducts classes at Women's City Club, boat clubs, Country Club of Detroit, Village and Country Clubs of Bloomfield Hills.

For younger body builders, Mrs. Anger Prentice will continue her classes in ballet. The

new season begins Jan. 15 with sessions for five-year-olds, four-through-six, and six or over.

Mrs. Prentice has taught in Detroit and Toronto for many years and is a member of the Cecchetti Council of America, Highland Dance Teachers' Ass'n., and the British Association of Dance Teachers. She came to the Center last fall by popular request.

MODERN JAZZ for teens has been added to the dance curriculum. To be taught by Mrs. Carole Long, the class will start Jan. 20.

Mrs. Long has a background in ballet, jazz, and modern interpretive dancing. A professional model, who has danced professionally and done choreography for shows.

Creative dramatics for children is also new to the winter schedule. Taught by Mrs. Geel O'Brien, classes in story-telling, choral reading, poetry interpretation, pantomime and improvisation will begin Jan. 20.

Mrs. Orman, a graduate of University of Michigan, has taught early elementary grades in Farmington for several years, and has directed and acted in Farmington Players' productions.

Art for children will be continued under the tutelage of William Harmon. It offers many creative experiences in the use of various media.

His instructor holds a bachelor of fine arts degree and master's degree in education. He has taught in Detroit

schools for five years, in Farmington for four and is currently chairman of the Elementary Art Consultants.

NEW FOR YOUNG TEENS is Miss Grace Campbell's art series to start Jan. 22. They too will explore a number of different media with the accent on individual activities.

Miss Campbell has a master's degree in fine arts, has taught for 10 years in Dearborn Heights and Farmington, Wayne County YMCA and was affiliated with the McFadden-Ross Museum in Dearborn for several years.

Bridge for beginners will again be taught by Mrs. Betty Schwehr beginning Jan. 15. It encompasses basic fundamentals and is a good review for

people who have played a little. She uses Goren's point count system.

Mrs. Schwehr formerly taught Belleville High School adult education groups, and has conducted a successful series at the Center this past fall.

Intermediate bridge will now be offered by Mrs. Kay Clinton beginning Jan. 20. It reviews point count bidding for experienced players, introduces a number of conventions, and stresses actual play.

Mrs. Clinton has taught bridge successfully for 12 years in club and YMCA facilities in this area. She authors a newspaper column which is familiar to many.

CREWEL EMBROIDERY.

another newcomer, will be instructed by Mrs. Dorothy Calmes beginning Jan. 14. Under her direction, pieces of museum-calibre needlework will be created from exquisite imported materials.

Mrs. Calmes learned this rare art at the Wallington, Pa. studio of Mrs. Emma Pugh who was one of the first to reintroduce this nearly-lost art to this country.

Mrs. Florence Isadore will conduct a series of three dried flower workshops, the first to be held on Mar. 25. At that session, she will explain which flowers and weeds to dry and how to use them effectively. She will describe techniques of drying and pressing and set up the final two workshops for next fall.

At those, her students will decorate pictures, jars, or trays with items collected through the summer.

Decoupage, another decorative art, will begin Jan. 14 under the instruction of Mrs. Sue von Rosen. She has worked extensively with Marie Mitchell of Grosse Pointe and will teach basic techniques. Students will make a basket purse, box, or wall plaque.

GUITAR LESSONS will be continued by Miss Judy Orsian starting Feb. 7. Beginners will learn to tune the guitar, play 22 chords, many strums, folk songs and contemporary pieces.

Miss Orsian, a student at Our Lady of Mercy High School, has taught privately for two years and conducted classes at the Center during the fall term.

Team modeling with Mrs. Barbara McIntosh as instructor will begin Jan. 19. It teaches good carriage and posture, walking, sitting, standing, stage procedure, good grooming, hair care and styling for individual facial shapes, wardrobe and styling to camouflage figure faults, how to be a smart shopper, guidelines on developing an enthusiastic personality, how to apply for a job, do's and don'ts of correct manners and social grace.

A college graduate, Mrs. McIntosh is one of Detroit's top photographic models, does TV commercials, and has taught teen modeling for 10 years at Hudson's, Siegel's, and Birmingham Community House.

Mrs. Irene McKinnon will continue with classes in ad-

vanced sewing for adults and sewing for younger teens beginning Jan. 12.

SEWING FOR older teens, and creative crafts for adults will be taught by Mrs. McKinnon starting Jan. 15.

A dress designer who has developed an interesting program which she presents to women's convention groups throughout the country, Mrs. McKinnon is well-known to residents of this area.

In addition to these classes, the Center will offer four outstanding lecturers in series.

"The Bible as Literature" will be discussed by Dr. Thelma Grey James in six sessions beginning April 7.

Dr. James, a professor of English at Wayne State University has been a lecture favorite many years. Her warm and human approach to understanding the Bible appeals to people of all faiths and they share a vital experience.

"Ecology in Crisis" will be the topic of eight sessions beginning Jan. 27. Its leader, Earl Neeb, will explore the human angle of ecology in relation to the current crisis. Application of ecological principles to conservation, human societal aspects with respect to population and urban sprawl, public health and welfare, pollution and radiation.

Neeb is a naturalist with the Seven Ponds Nature Center near Lapeer and has conducted courses for Scout leaders and graduate students.

DR. PATRICK STRAUSS will conduct four sessions on the Foreign Policy Revolution beginning Jan. 28.

They will include a survey of forces that have shaped foreign policy in Europe, the Middle East, Latin America, and Asia since World War II. A look at our relations with the two Chinas and our entanglements in

Schools Anticipate Change In Methods During Next Decade

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The channels for change will be used more frequently in the Farmington School District during the next decade.

Changes will come in more pupils, more teachers, more buildings - and higher costs.

And also to come in the next decade, a change in the methods of financing education.

QUALITY EDUCATION isn't assured by proper financing, but experts seem to agree that it is a requisite.

Thus, one of the big questions which will face the Farmington district during the '70s is open to speculation.

One aspect of the district which seems certain for the

'70s is continued growth, both in numbers of students and in classrooms.

About 10,000 more children and young adults will be attending the district's schools by 1980 than now. The number of senior high students will almost double from the present 3,000. The number of junior high students is predicted to be 7,000 compared to 4,000 now, and elementary enrollment is expected to be 12,500 compared to today's 9,000.

The secondary enrollment figures point to the planned growth of the district's building program. Harrison High on 12 Mile Rd., now under construction, will open during 1970. About 1975, a fourth senior high is scheduled for construction in the northwest part of the district.

Two more junior high schools are to be added to the system during the '70s. One will be in the northeast part of the district and is to be constructed about 1972. Towards the end of the decade, a sixth junior high will be built in Section 17, west of Quakerturn near I-696.

Elementary school buildings are to be constructed in seven areas during the decade, but no priorities have been announced. Three are to be constructed in the first five years of the '70s and four in the last five years.

Enrollment at each of the operating high schools will continue to remain nearly constant during the decade. Harrison High, which will open with a high school enrollment of about 600, will have about 1,600 students in 10 years. The fourth senior high will also have an enrollment of about 1,600 by the end of the decade.

None of it steel buildings are now available which might be suitable with future development. Some new technique in plastic construction may be developed during the coming decade.

IN EDUCATION, the Farmington district will continue to make the changes necessary to keep up with new developments.

Smith says this will mean a "fourth echelon of administrators" in the district. The administrators will be "sophisticated curriculum advisors," Smith says, working with teachers in one subject area.

He says the specialist plan is operating in other districts now.

The superintendent doesn't expect more trouble in negotiating teacher contracts, but says wages will continue to spiral. Smith comments some districts will be in "horrible trouble" if the rate of salary increases doesn't decrease.

In a personal reflection, Smith says he would like to see parents "take an honest look at the values of life" during the '70s.

"I've got to wonder about the citizen who goes to the polls and votes on a \$50-\$100 tax increase then goes out and buys a snowmobile," he comments.

Then, if no provisions for increased state or federal financial aid have been made, it will have to ask for money at the local level.

The governor's educational reform package is a bundle of

question marks. None of it has passed the legislature. Although it seems fairly certain the state government will shoulder more financial responsibility in education, no one has predicted the final outcome of the legislature's deliberations.

The solution to the financial squeeze on education is sure to create other problems - the loss of traditional local control and others. But closed schools in other states seem to show that the voters' level of tolerance to taxes is being approached.

THIS YEAR, the last of the streak, 606, brought a proposal by Michigan's governor that the state should be the major financier of education. Most school districts are in financial trouble now, or will be within one or two years.

Farmington is one of the public school districts which might be in financial trouble in a couple of years if no outside source of revenue is available.

Smith says the district can operate for the next two years at its present mill levy before it needs more funds.

Experts Assist Poor Readers

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Four newly-trained reading specialists have increased to six the number of Farmington teachers who apply themselves to special reading at the junior level.

Three of them, sponsored by the Farmington Board of Education, received their training at Oakland Schools last year during a special reading intern program.

Since nationwide testing reveals that 14 percent of junior high students are reading at least two years below grade level, Farmington educators consider it extremely important that students with reading difficulties be given the necessary help to overcome their problems.

This is particularly important because the reading gap widens each year as the unassisted students struggle with progressively more difficult materials.

MRS. SHIRLEY LAVIGNE, who initiated East Junior High's reading program last year, explained that students involved in the procedure at East give up one study hall period per week to attend a reading class.

A unique feature of the plan is that pupils involved may choose to visit the reading room voluntarily as many extra days in the week as they wish.

According to Mrs. Lavigne, those who come consistently on a voluntary basis show gains far beyond those who attend sporadically. The key is motivation, and self-motivation is the best possible variety.

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show much progress.

Taped recordings of reading matter are valuable because they utilize an extra sense - the visual aspect of reading. To hear as well as see the reading matter makes it much more comprehensible.

STUDENTS may also be encouraged to read about their own pet hobbies and interests. Another successful approach is to read in the use of newspapers, magazines, road maps and many other everyday objects that demonstrate the usefulness and importance of reading.

"Multi-level texts have been found to be a partial answer in some school systems," Mrs. Lavigne declared. "These are texts which cover the same basic subject matter but at different levels of comprehension. Our ultimate goal is to help students with progressive reading, and many means of doing so are justifiable."

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WHAT KIND OF buildings will the new schools be? Supt. Frederick Smith says the district will continue to be "modestly conservative" in its building plans with new schools being similar to Harrison Senior High and Wood Creek Elementary.

This means the buildings will be built so that two or three rooms can be easily joined into one large room.

Neighboring districts, Smith says, have gone to more radical school designs. A school in the Bloomfield district is in operation with only one large space inside divided into class areas by bookcases and other furniture.

However, Smith adds, the district will continue to explore developing construction tech-

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