



DIANE ANKELE, Farmington Junior Miss

State Finals Beckon Three Junior Misses

Three of the prettiest girls in Observersland are preparing with lots of anticipation and a bit of nervousness for a very special trip to Pontiac this weekend. One of them just might come back Michigan's Junior Miss.

I'M EMOTIONAL and a little scared," cautiously admitted 16-year-old Lisa Blask, Redford Union High School senior who was crowned Junior Miss of Redford back in October. Lisa, along with Farmington Junior Miss Diane Ankele and Livonia Junior Miss Susan Bogatti, won her place among 24 state finalists in the Jaycee-sponsored competition by surviving the regional judging a week's ago.

IN THE TALENT competition Friday, Susan will sing "Don't Rain on My Parade" from the musical "Funny Girl." The Livonia girl is a member of the Ladywood concert choir and also plays the drums in the school orchestra. Lisa will give a speech on patriotism that she wrote. She has studied forensics at Redford Union but now is concentrating on math and physics courses to prepare for a pre-medical course in college.

"That's the thing that worries me," she said. Special cheering sections probably will be at Pontiac Northern High School, where the contest will be held for all three local girls.

"SOME OF my friends from Ladywood definitely want to go up, either Friday or Saturday night," said Susan, who is a senior. Delegates from Redford Union and North Farmington also were expected to be on hand.

All three girls agreed that the one of the most pleasant prospects of the weekend that begins Thursday will be renewing acquaintances with other Junior Misses they met in the regional competition and meeting others from different parts of the state.

"I made a lot of new friends in the regionals," Diane said, "and the thing I'm looking forward to most is having the chance to see them again."

Susan agreed she felt most at ease with the other girls in the regionals, and Lisa agreed the new friends were the best part so far.

The contestants will have a chance to get together Thursday night before serious competition gets underway. All will be weekend guests in the homes of Pontiac Jaycee members.

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Patrick M. Nowack of Farmington, president of the Michigan Jaycees, will be one of the judges, and the panel also will include Caroline Roulier, former Livonia and assistant to the president of the University of Detroit. Other judges are Bonnie M. Coughlin, president of the Lawyers Wives of Michigan and George Thorndyke Dwell, president of the Pandora Products Co. and 30-year-member of the Village Players of Birmingham.

They will judge scholastic ability, mental alertness and personality with personal interviews during present week and physical fitness, talent, poise and appearance in evening dress in the finals Saturday night.

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LISA BLASK, Redford Junior Miss



SUSAN BOGATTI, Livonia Junior Miss

hopefully the University of Michigan - next year.

Susan is hoping to attend Eastern Michigan University to train for special education, and Diane has worked with underprivileged children and is thinking of joining the Peace Corps.

More than \$3,000 in scholarships will be presented during the 12th annual Junior Miss Pageant, sponsored by the Pontiac Jaycees.

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Exchange Students Aid Birthday Gala

Six student-participating foreign exchange programs will help the Beta Eta chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma celebrate its fourth birthday at 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 22, in the home of Mrs. H.L. Sharp, 31819 Marklawn, Farmington.

Delta Kappa Gamma is an international honor society for women educators, and the local chapter has members in the Livonia and Farmington areas.

The students - visitors from Sweden and local teens who have been exchange students in Scandinavian countries will contribute both to the group's continuing discussion of values and to the evening's "Lunar Smoon-gasbord." (Food Out of This World.)

THE VISITORS, Per-Ake Lagerback, Eva Holstrom and Agnetta Heinrich, will prepare some samples of Swedish food for the pot-luck.

Workshop In Progress

The Wayne County Department of Health is conducting a workshop on "restorative nursing for nursing home personnel" through Feb. 17.

Nursing homes in Observersland represented at the workshop are:

- Cambridge Nursing Center and Presbyterian Village of Detroit of Redford Township; Ardmore Acres, Dorwin Convalescent & Nursing Center; Livonia Nursing Center and Middle Belt Nursing Center, all of Livonia; Hendry Convalescent Center of Plymouth; and Killingbeck Nursing Home, Nightingale West and Westland Nursing Center, all of Westland.

They also will join local students Susan Strand, Ken Grabowski and Lee Sharp in a discussion of "Teen-Age Values as seen in the U.S. and Sweden." Janet Strand, president of the North Farmington High School Student Exchange Club, will introduce the panelists.

PRECEDING the formal program, the students and Beta Eta members will have informal discussions during dinner. The program is part of the society's international study, "A Critical Analysis of Values."

In charge of the evening program is the committee on personal growth and service, made up of Marvlon Nelson and Mrs. Sharp. Mrs. Carl Senb is chapter president and Mrs. William Scott program chairman.

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Abortion

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Workers considered abortion law reform "no longer controversial - it's needed law." "We dare not close our eyes to the horrible life so often the lot of the unwanted child," he added.

ONE OF the organizational witnesses, Mary Youard of the Michigan Commission on Women, said the commission was taking the stand that "a woman should have a choice to determine her reproductive life."

DeGrow asked if the position was a unanimous one among the 15 commission members. "No, it was not," Mrs. Youard said. "We're not all Protestant."

One high school student, Kara Driscoll of Plymouth High, said she could speak for the "unwanted child." "I'm adopted," she said through tears. "For eight years I was shuttled around and I know what it's like. But the last eight years have been good, and I'm glad my mother didn't take it upon herself to have an abortion. "I'm glad I'm alive."

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