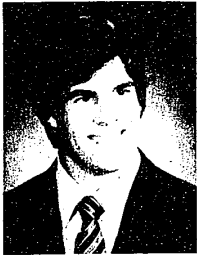




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Quakertown DAR

10 are named good citizens

Ten high school seniors who have been selected by their schools as best fulfilling the qualities required for being named "Good Citizen" are being sponsored by Quakertown Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR).

The youth are automatic contenders for the state competition while 10 finalists will be guests of Michigan State Society's Award Day. There are 536 schools in Michigan that participate in the contest.

Three nominees are selected by their peers at each school; then one is chosen by the school faculty for the honor. The selection is based on the qualities of leadership, dependability, service and patriotism.

MICHELE MCCOY took the title from North Farmington High School on the heels of another award, that of being voted Most Valuable Player by members of North Farmington Players, the school's dramatic society.

The theatrical senior served as technical director for the players' recent production of "Madwoman of Chailloit" and is treasurer for that group, the Student Council and a bowling league.

She is a member of the National

Honor Society and sings with the school choir.

She works as a volunteer for Cystic Fibrosis and Muscular Dystrophy Foundations, Easter Seals, Goodfellows and the telephone to aid retarded children.

KENNETH KOPKO, from Harrison High School, has been a member of the Program for the Intellectually Gifted for three years. He is a member of Phi Beta Kappa, vice president of the National Honor Society and member of the Senior Board for his school.

He participated in the Wolverine American Legion's 1980 Boys State, builds and flies remote control model airplanes and is working to obtain his private pilot's license.

At Harrison, Kopko is captain of the football team and made the Oakland County Observer & Eccentric and Detroit News all-star teams. He holds league- and district medals in both wrestling and track and holds the school record in the 220 and 440 yard dash.

FRED EHLERS, who took the Unsong Hero Award from the Farmington Observer early in 1980, will represent

Farmington High School in the state's DAR Good Citizen competition.

He has served as an assistant in the school's main office since 10th grade, as well as its head video-tape technician and auditorium technician.

He has helped with high school registration each year and now serves as secretary for the Student Council.

Ehlers is Nardin Park United Methodist Church's representative to the Conference Committee on Youth Ministries and a member of the church's Youth Club and Bell Choir. He serves on the church's music committee and for several years has been instrumental in the Focus Hope Walkathon efforts made from the congregation of the Farmington Hills church.

MARIA RINGO is the Good Citizen from Our Lady of Mercy High School. She is opinion page editor for the school newspaper and a co-chairwoman of the school's Human Relations Council.

She is a member of National Honor Society, the Liturgy Musicians Committee and Precious Blood Chorus.

During the summer of 1980, Miss Ringo served as a summer intern for Detroit City Councilwoman Maryann Mahaffey and is now helping with the campaign to get the councilwoman re-

elected.

She takes voice lessons and does volunteer work for Common Ground.

OTHER HIGH school seniors that are being sponsored by the Farmington-based Quakertown DAR chapter are Tonia Rush, chosen Best Businesswoman by Wayne Junior Achievement Center for two years, from Romulus High School; and Darleen Pierzynowski, president of the Student Council and captain of the girls' varsity volleyball team at Mount Carmel High School in Wyandotte.

Donnajean Ward will represent Oak Park High School where she is a member of the Literary Club and Future Physicians Club.

Andrea Webb, Taylor Junior Miss for 1981 and state finalist in Miss National Teenager Pageant, will represent Harry S. Truman High School in Taylor.

Tracie Jenkins, active in Rainbow Girls, represents Temple Christian School, and Cynthia Lozon, a baton and dance instructor for Southgate Recreation Center, takes the title for George Schafer High School in Southgate.

The seniors and their parents will be guests at a January luncheon hosted by Quakertown before going into the state competition.



ANDREA WEBB



DARLEEN PIERZYNSKI



DONNAJEAN WARD



TONIA RUSH

Fraternity of lumberman

VanAvery rules as Grand Snark

By LORRAINE McCLISH

It took Bob VanAvery eight years to work his way through the chairs of the International Order of Hoo-Hoo to reign as Grand Snark of the Universe.

As Grand Snark, VanAvery oversees the goings-on of the 8,500 members of the Fraternal Order of Lumbermen in chapters in almost every state and most major cities throughout the world.

The name of the organization and the title of the chairs are pure whimsy. The aim of the brotherhood is to promote good will and understanding among the members.

"We get together to enjoy one another's company," said VanAvery, who owns and operates H.A. Smith Lumber & Supplies at 28585 Grand River. "We try very hard not to talk shop at the meetings. In some chapters you might get a fine if you do."

VANAVERY grew up in Farmington, graduated from Farmington High School, worked for his aunt and then bought the lumber yard from her, which retains her name, in 1973.

During that time he said he has gotten increasingly enthusiastic about Hoo-Hoo.

"We are not involved in any kind of politics," VanAvery said. "That's part of the by-laws. If we are steamed up about a political issue we can let the Detroit Lumberman's Association or the Michigan Lumberman's Retail Association fight our battles for us. We (the Hoo-Hoo) take care of the social part of the industry. We're the fun guys."

He cited the Alaskan Land Bill that was signed by President Carter last week as an example of an issue lumbermen throughout the nation were concerned about.

"An issue like that can divide you. We are purely fraternal," he said.

The Hoo-Hoo also brings together the wholesalers and retailers.

"We retail here and the wholesalers can come in and spend a fortune entertaining us. We don't want that, and through the fraternity we avoid that kind of thing," he said.

HOO-HOO was founded in 1892, dedicated primarily to the principles of true fraternalism and fellowship, but the International Concatenated Order

of Hoo-Hoo has made many serious effective contributions to the forest products industry.

This has ranged from sponsoring consumerism seminars to industrial arts fairs; from massive tree planting projects to cooperation with Junior Achievement and giving scholarships to those studying forestry.

"This is because each chapter is on

its own to do as it chooses," VanAvery said.

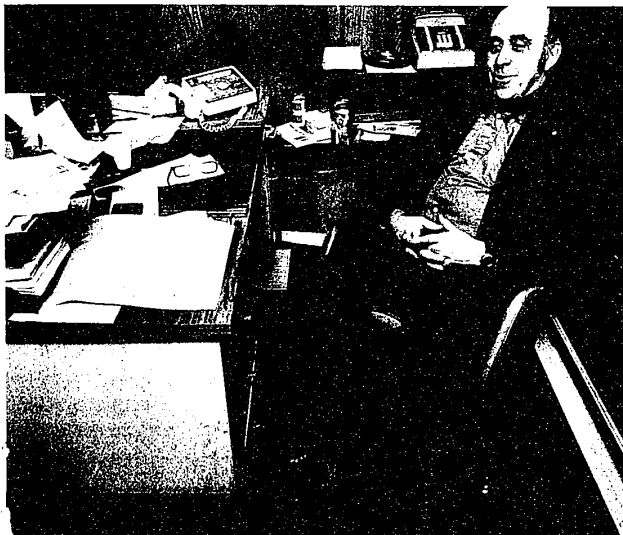
"I know one chapter that built a Ronald McDonald House adjacent to a local hospital. I know another one that does not do much of anything except play golf."

VanAvery's home chapter, the Detroit Hoo-Hoo, gives 100,000 tree seedlings to be given away during the

Builders and Flower Show in Cobo Hall each spring.

In his job as Grand Snark, VanAvery will be expected to do quite a bit of traveling. He just returned from a trip to the east coast where he visited seven chapters seven nights running.

"We break bread together. I give a little talk. Promote brotherhood and good will," he said.



Bob VanAvery, who has worked as a lumberman since 1945 at H.A. Lumber & Supplies in Farmington Hills, is now Grand Snark of the International Fraternal Order of Lumbermen. He is the first per-

son in the area who works in the forest products industry to attain the title. (Staff photo by Randy Borst)

OCC presents aid seminar

A student financial aid information night sponsored by the Oakland Community College southeast campus system will be presented at 7 p.m. on Jan. 6.

The program will be held in Room 101 of the new Southfield Campus, 2322 Rutland just south of Nine Mile Road and east of Southfield.

Spencer Johnson, a financial aid officer at OCC who has had previous experience in the same capacity at both a

private college and public university, will discuss college costs, the various kinds and sources of financial aid available, and application procedures.

The program is designed primarily for parents of high school seniors who plan to attend any institution of higher education in or out of Michigan.

For more information, call the southeast financial aid office at 552-8900, ext. 227.

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