

Wednesday, February 18, 1970



HARDY SCOUTS — Clinton Valley Council of the Boy Scouts recently sponsored a winter outdoor race for its scouts, which included all scout troops from Farmington. Dubbed the Polar Bear Derby, the race was won by a scout patrol led by Jim Achtenbery, center, assisted by Dave Hammar, right, who hold the first place trophy. At left is their scoutmaster Tom Smith. (Evert photo)

City Expands Tree Program

The City of Farmington and its Beautification Committee are offering residents a chance to become wealthier. Although it isn't money they're offering, it's something of equal value—beauty.

THE TWO GROUPS are making available at cost trees to be planted on both private property and public right-of-way.

Mrs. Noel Kurth of the Beautification Committee says the project, in its second year, opens avenues for replacing elm trees lost to Dutch elm disease. Last year, about 300 trees were planted.

A new addition to the tree planting plan allows residents and businesses to buy trees for planting on private property. Last year, Mrs. Kurth explains, trees were planted only on city right-of-way.

The beautification committee Tuesday sent letters making the offer to all city residents, merchants and industrial persons.

Included in the letter is a reservation blank which must be submitted by March 1. The trees will be delivered in mid-April, Mrs. Kurth says.

THE BEAUTIFICATION committee, with the help of **Earns Honor**

Karen Lovett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Lovett of 28790 Kendallwood, Farmington, has been named to the Alma College honors list. A junior, she is a graduate of North Farmington High School.



BIG WINNER — Mrs. Florence Smith of 23620 Farmington Rd. was the big winner Feb. 21 when she was given a portable television from the Farmington Center Merchants Association. She is one of a group of Farmington ladies who regularly attend Ladies Day held in the Civic Theater sponsored by the Merchants Association every Thursday at 10 a.m. The association provides free

horticulturists from Michigan State University, surveyed neighborhoods in the city to recommend the type of tree which should be planted in each.

Mrs. Kurth says pin oaks are available for Farmington Meadows and Farmington Acres subdivisions. Imperial locusts for Twin Valley subdivision and Norway maples in all other areas.

Mrs. Kurth notes the MSU experts in general recommended the kind of trees which are already growing in the subdivisions. One type of tree, sugar maple, was offered last year but discontinued this year because it failed to survive well.

Cost of trees to be planted on the public right-of-way is \$20. The city Department of Public Works will plant the trees, which are guaranteed for two years. If the tree dies of natural causes, it will be replaced the following year.

Cost of trees to be planted on private property is \$14. The trees are not planted by the city, nor are they guaranteed for two years. If the tree dies of natural causes, it will be replaced the following year.

The trees will be 1 1/2 inches to 1 3/4 inches in diameter and 10-12 feet tall.

MRS. KURTH SAYS the tree planting plan has been enthusiastically accepted by city residents.

Last year the committee expected about 150 requests for trees, she says, but planted about 300 trees. About one-seventh of the trees, mostly sugar maples, are to be replaced this spring.

Planting trees on public right-of-ways is practiced in other areas in the metropolitan area. Royal Oak offered advice and assistance to Farmington in setting up the city's program, Mrs. Kurth says.

Offering trees for private property, however, is an innovation, according to City Manager John Dinan.

"We believe that this innovation is a rather unique municipal service and one that should be well received and utilized by the residents throughout the city," he said.

Harwell To Be Installed In De Molay Top Post

Charles L. Harwell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Harwell, 3620 12 Mile, Farmington, and a junior at North Farmington High School, will be installed as master counselor of the Farmington Chapter, Order of DeMolay, on Friday evening, Feb. 20. This marks the chapter's 19th semi-annual public installation of officers and will be held in the Farmington Masonic Temple, starting at 8 p.m.

To be installed with Harwell, will be Senior Counselor Michael A. Schlaff of 24181 Broadview, Farmington; and Junior Counselor Gary G. Geba of 28323 Nestwood, Farmington. The installing officer for the evening will be Gary H. Lukovich, state master counselor of the Michigan State DeMolay Chapter. Assisting Lukovich will be several members of various DeMolay chapters throughout Michigan.

Appointive officers to be installed include the following Farmington residents: Jim Lough as senior deacon; Allan Ackroyd as junior deacon; David Cole as chaplain; Barry Culhoun as marshal; Gary Hy Hill as senior steward; John Suet-

Just take the word of the energetic officials in charge — the 1970 celebration of Oakland County's 150th anniversary will be one that will be remembered for the next 150 years.

At least that was the idea received from a breakfast kickoff program Monday at the J.L. Hudson branch in the Pontiac Mall where Joseph L. Hudson Jr. was host to more than 100 members of the press, radio and television corps along with representatives of governmental units and the state legislature.

The program served as the kickoff for the Sesqui-Centennial celebration and officially opened a unique flower show in the Hudson store.

DAN MURPHY, chairman of the Oakland County Board of Auditors, served as toastmaster and introduced Gerard Lacey, a director of the Michigan State Fair for years, who is the coordinator of the celebration.

In his short welcome address, Hudson pointed out that it was just 100 years ago that Joseph Hudson, founder of the store, started his merchandising career as a clerk in a Pontiac store. He worked there for several years before going out on his own to start what became one of the nation's largest stores.

District Judge Martin Doyle, of Walled Lake, was the principal speaker, discussing plans for the year-long event and then announcing that his wife recently presented him with a son that was the sixth generation of his family in Oakland County over a period dating back 147 years.

Judge Doyle cited the J.L. Hudson flower show as the first "salute to the Oakland County Sesqui-Centennial."

THE SHOW INCLUDES 150,000 Azalea blooms. All are

found on little Azalea trees about five feet high and some seven years old. They are mostly pink azaleas and are cultivated and forced into bloom.

Oakland County residents visiting the Hudson store in the Pontiac Mall Shopping Center will be greeted by a ple-

thora of pink azalea blossoms. The basic showcases for the celebration will be several of the county's shopping centers including: Pontiac Mall, Oakland Mall, Tel-Twelve Mall and the Northland Shopping Center.

With the flower show as the official kickoff, the events already scheduled—with many

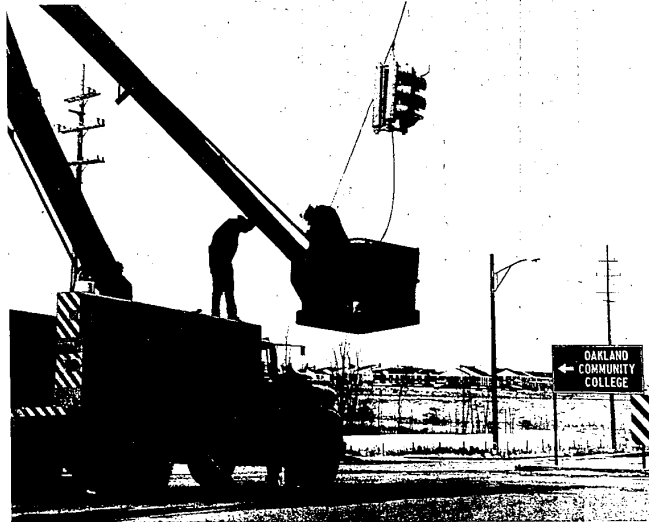
more planned—include a lawn and garden fair in March and a world's fair historical exhibits during the months of March, April and May.

THE JAYCEES of Oakland County have agreed to participate in the celebration as residents and in recognition that 1870 is the golden anniversary

of the Jaycees in United States.

The Jaycees will have charge of the big parade on July 5 when Michigan's own Miss America will have a featured role.

The parade is expected to be the longest ever staged in the area.



SAFETY — Workmen install a signal light at the entrance to the Orchard Ridge Campus off Orchard Lake Rd. Heavy traffic from the many students using the entrance necessitated the light. (Evert photo)

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pull cars off a tree or out of a ditch.

Other equipment being added include: one 16-millimeter sound projector, \$650; a 35-millimeter slide projector, \$200; an overhead projector, \$400; and a Polaroid camera, \$150.

The other expense is \$400 for training an officer to use the Vascor timer.

BECAUSE OF DELAYS in hiring new officers, the city was not able to expand all the funds it received from the federal grant last June.

The Michigan office of Highway Safety Planning notified the city that any unexpected funds left in the program after June 30, 1970 would have to be returned to the federal govern-



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