

Business beautifiers honored at annual luncheon

Farmington civic and business leaders turned out last week to honor those in the community who keep Farmington beautiful.

The luncheon at the Salem United Church of Christ was sponsored by the Farmington Beautification Committee. The group is affiliated with the Beautification Council of Southeastern Michigan and the nonprofit Keep Michigan Beautiful Inc.

Conducting the ceremony which awarded 45 establishments and 24 honorable mentions, was Carol Kurth, program chairwoman and beautification life chair. Also present were Committee Chairman Stewart Meredith and his

wife Betty, also members of the beautification group.

Committee member Jackie Steur gave an update of activities in the past year.

Throughout the year, committee members keep tabs on buildings around the community, grading them on appearance, renovation and upkeep. Plaques awarded were categorized into business, industry, churches, apartments and condominiums, auto service facilities, community buildings and civic, renovations and improvements and special buildings.

Following is a list of award recipients by category.

- Business — Burger Chef; Burger King; Detroit & Northern Savings & Loan; Drakehire Professional Center; Farmington Center Company; First Federal Savings of Michigan; Harp Chiropractic Clinic; Heenev-Sundquist Funeral Home; L.H. Sampson Company; Lapham & Doyle, attorneys; Metropolitan Center Office Building; Michigan Chiropractic Federation Credit Union; National Bank of Detroit; Plaza Pet Complex, Professional Pavilion; Pet-Tronics Inc.; Thayer-Rock Funeral Home and United Northwestern Realty Association.
- Industries — American Screw

- Company; Chesley Industries; HR Krueger Machine Tool, Inc.; Jaycee Sales; Mechanical Manufacturers; Tel-X Corporation.
- Churches — Our Lady Of Sorrows Roman Catholic Church; Salem United Church of Christ.
- Apartments and condominiums — Kingwood, Cranbrook, Leighton, Linden apartment complex; Farmington Place Association; Heritage Village West Condominiums; Jamestown Apartments, Kinglane Apartment, Sunview Manor Apartments; Valleyview Condominiums; Wynset Condominiums.
- Auto Service Facilities — Ever-

- son's Shell Service; Ole Toll Shell Service.
 - Renovation and Improvements — Speed Lube Center.
 - Community Building and Civic — Farmington City Hall; Farmington Community Library; Warner Marston.
 - Special Buildings — Huron River Hunting and Fishing Club.
- Following are a list of honorable mentions which received certificates.
- Churches — Dr. Walter DeMattia; Elias Brothers Big Boy; Executive Office Supply; Farmington Shoe Repair; Fred Samara Real Estate; Greene's Hamburgers; Livingston-Oakland Federal Credit Union; Merril, Cole &

- McCallum, Oakhill Nursing Home; Suburban Catholic Credit Union.
- Industries — Wolverine Flexographic.
- Churches — First Baptist Church of Farmington; First Church of Christ Scientist; Kingston Hall-Scholar's Witness; St. Gerald's Roman Catholic Church.
- Apartments and Condominiums — Brookdale Apartments; Drakehire Apartments; River Glen Condominiums.
- Special Buildings — American Legion.

Brailleists keep striving for perfection

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plastic through a heat transfer process in a Thermofom copier.

C'ville settles on new contract

By Susan Rowek
staff writer

Negotiations in the Clarencville School District have ended with the board and teachers ratifying a new one-year pact.

The contract provides for a continuation of the 1981-82 second semester salary schedules which means an average 2-percent wage increase for teachers in the 1982-83 school year. The new agreement also calls for a one-time retirement-incentive program. Under terms of the new agreement a teacher who retires could collect a one-time payout of \$8,000 at age 55, \$7,500 at 56, \$7,000 at 57, \$6,500 at 58, \$6,000 at 59,

Because copies are often made from national distribution transcribers must be very careful not to make a mistake. A single mistake in Braille usually means more than just a single letter is wrong, said Hoelger. Braille is written with a six-key writer which punches a series of dots. Each Braille "cell" is 1/4-inch wide and 1/4-inch high and from 63 different characters in Braille which correspond to letters, numbers, contractions and punctuation.

Learned Braille transcription takes volunteers eight months in the Farmington area. Classes are conducted once a week from October until May and volunteers are tested at the end for certification by the United States Library of Congress.

Mistakes can be corrected but Hoelger said students aren't told about the Braille eraser until their instruction is complete.

"You never mention the word 'eraser' until the end of class," she said, explaining that there's a danger in falling to erase a mistake completely.

"Some blind persons' fingers are so sensitive they can feel a stray pencil mark on a page," she said.

VOLUNTEER Braille duty is satisfying, said Hoelger, because she likes working with her hands and brain.

"I find it much better than spending

time watching soap operas," she said. "I like to work with my hands and it's better than all the crafts because you're learning something new every time you do a new book."

Part of almost every day is set aside for Braille transcription. After six years of punching out and proofreading Braille copy, Hoelger was asked if she could read Braille with her eyes closed.

"I can't read the dots with my fingers," she said, "but I can with my eyes."

Anyone interested in joining the group, which was founded in 1969 by two members of Nardin Park Methodist Church and the Farmington Lions Club, should know a few things.

One is the difficulty of learning and transcribing Braille.

Another point that discourages some is that the Braille writers must be bought by volunteers at a current price of around \$240.

Lastly, the group has no affiliation with the church, despite the name. Financial support comes from the group's annual sale of Christmas cards.

Anyone interested in joining the group should call Hoelger at 476-4973 or instructor Dee Josalits at 476-3468.

The help of professionals is needed by Farmington Youth Assistance (FYA). The service organization is sponsored by the cities of Farmington and Farmington Hills, Oakland County Juvenile Court and Farmington School District.

Its aim is to reduce juvenile delinquency and enhance family life.

Interested lawyers, teachers, CPAs and those with leadership qualities are asked to contact the FYA office, 476-3840.

Volunteer help needed

Teachers are cognizant of the financial condition of the district, the settlement is lower than what the trend is," said Marianna Ligato, the CEA's staff representative to the Michigan Education Association.

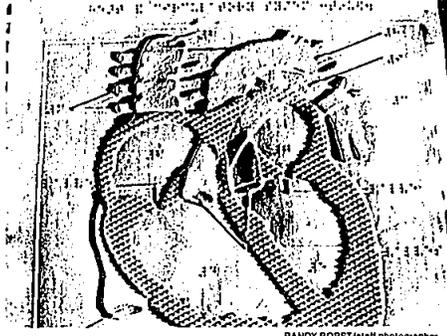
She said the union had hoped to bargain a multi-year contract, adding that one-year pacts take "quite a bit of resources and effort on the part of both sides."

Clarencville teachers returned to work in August after their one-year pact expired.

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Learning how things look for the blind takes a sensitive touch. With the aid of trained Brailleists, blind persons are able to see such things as a human heart as illustrated in this photo.

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