

Job Curiosity Begins Early

FARMINGTON Shiawassee sixth graders were graphically introduced to subjects available to them through the high school vocational education department by visiting Farmington High recently.

Theory behind the trip was the idea of vocational education staffers who believe preparation for job futures can begin in elementary school by supplying children with a realistic picture of the world of work.

FROM THE Shiawassee students' viewpoint, the outing was a huge success.

They bubbled with enthusiasm about the hitherto unknown facets of the vocational education program. Such things as a working offset printing press and the building of a hydroplane held them spellbound.

Girls and Mrs. Thelma Jordan were accompanied by Mrs. Marion Johnson. They made the rounds of more economics, business classes, the retail store and nursing arts.

John Klezcar of the industrial arts department introduced the boys and their teacher, John Sprys, to the woodshop, electronics equipment, drafting, auto shop, machine shop, and graphic arts.

Sprys summed up the experience. "It was really good for our youngsters to see at firsthand the many courses that lie ahead of them besides the academic subjects."



SOUND OF MUSIC -- Jim Taylor, Farmington High School student, explains the mystery of radio wave lengths to attentive young visitors from Shiawassee's sixth grade. The young people were learning about vocational education courses that will be available to them when they reach high school. (Evert photo)



GETTING THE MESSAGE -- David Fox, graphic arts instructor at Farmington High School, points out operational details of an offset press located in his department to young visitors from Shiawassee. (Evert photo)

Honor Marine

FARMINGTON Sgt. John M. D'Ambrosio, an air traffic controller, has been named "Marine of the Month" at the Marine Air Reserve Training Detachment near Willow Grove, Pa.

The Sergeant, 24, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Mike D'Ambrosio of Farmington. He is a graduate of Catholic Central High School in Detroit and enlisted in the Marine Corps in 1966 after attending Oakland Community College and the University of Detroit.

His citation reads, in part: "Sgt. D'Ambrosio has many accomplishments to his credit, including certification by the Federal Aviation Administration as a control tower operator. He has performed repeated FAA Radar Flight Checks on the precision approach and medium range radar equipment, with never one instance of less than successful performance. He has demonstrated an unusually deft ability to impart his

knowledge to members of the Reserve components. In this respect, his patience, ability and maturity have been noteworthy."

In 1967-68 he served at Chu Lai, Republic of Vietnam, with Marine Air Traffic Control Unit-67. His decorations include the Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Navy Achievement Medal, Navy Unit Citation, Good Conduct Medal and the National Defense Service Medal.

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AMONG WINNERS -- The Farmington Freeway Industrial Park (FFIP) Association was among the winners in the first award program conducted by the Farmington Township Beautification Committee. Farmington Township Supervisor Curtis Hall, left, presents the award to Charles Hooker, association chairman, who accepts it as further proof that beauty is more than skin deep. (Evert photo)

Farmington Township Gives First Beautification Awards

FARMINGTON

The Farmington Township Beautification Committee is only a year old but already it has undertaken judging of buildings and grounds in the township to present beautification awards.

The first awards presentation by the township beautifiers was held on Government Day (May 18) during Michigan Week.

MRS. MARGARET SCHAEFFER, township trustee and liaison member on the beautification committee, began the program with a few remarks and by introducing Mrs. Dorothy Gordon.

Mrs. Gordon, chairman of the committee, traced the history of her workers' efforts and presented the first award -- to Farmington Township for the beauty of its new administrative center and support given the committee.

Farmington Township Supervisor Curtis Hall then gave the other beautification awards in the civic and community category.

Farmington School District was recognized for its programs on environmental improvement, including its many cleanup projects, coordinated by Byron Oliver, administrative assistant.

The Orchard Ridge Campus of Oakland Community College, winner of national awards for its architectural style, was honored for being one of the beautiful sites in the township. Our Lady of Mercy High School and the Farmington Community Center were

also honored for their attractive settings.

The North Farmington Kiwanis Club was recognized for its special effort to cleanup the shopping center at 12 Mile and Orchard Lake. Spearheading that effort were Bob Kull and Keith Deacon assisted by Mel Todd, president.

A SPECIAL AWARD was given to residents of Section 36 for their efforts to keep their neighborhood clean.

Praise was given Mrs. Stella Strye for her efforts and award was given newcomer Gary Justice who has taken over leadership of section cleanup programs.

Garden clubs honored were: Farmington Garden Club for planting over 2,000 crab trees in the past 10 years; Hill and Dale Garden Club for its garden therapy program for special education children; Forest Park Garden Club for planting around and maintaining the swimming pool area in Forest Park Subdivision; and Botsford Garden Club for beautifying the grounds of Clarenceville schools administration building.

A SPECIAL AWARD in the industrial category was given to the Farmington Freeway Industrial Park (FFIP) Association and accepted by Charles Hooker, association chairman.

A reciprocal presentation was made by Bill Bowman of Thompson-Brown Co., which developed the FFIP. Bowman gave the township a copy of the Class A certificate awarded by the state to the industrial park, the first park

in Michigan to receive state certification.

Other industrial winners were Star Cutter and State Fabrication.

WINNERS in the office category were: Alexander Hamilton; Thompson-Brown Co.; Manufacturers National Bank; Eight Mile; Detroit Bank & Trust; 12 Mile and Orchard Lake; and Chamberlain Real Estate.

Boron Oil Co. was the winner in the auto service facility category.

Other winners were Farmington Village apartments, Botsford Inn, Paul Inman &

Association in Wood Creek Farms and the Studi Animal Clinic.

Chairman of the awards committee was Mrs. Barb Bruns. Judges were: Roger Bow, Mrs. William Gabelle and William Flattery.

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MARINE HONORED--Sergeant John M. D'Ambrosio (right) was recently honored as "Marine of the Month" at Willow Grove Naval Air Station. Presenting the certificate is Col. George H. Dudenhoff.

WSU Honors Local Doctor

FARMINGTON Dr. Earl Horkins, of 32216 Grand River Ave., Farmington, will receive a special certificate from his alma mater, the Wayne State University School of Medicine, during its alumni days, May 13 and 14.

He is one of the members of the class of 1945 who will be honored with a 25-year certificate.

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