

VFW script writing contest under way

"New Horizons for America's Youth" is the theme of the 39th annual Voice of Democracy scriptwriting competition sponsored locally by Brohead-Farmington Hills V.F.W. Post 2269 and its auxiliary.

The Voice of Democracy Scholarship Program, open to 10th, 11th and 12th grade students, offers local, district and national recognition and awards.

The top national award is a \$14,000 scholarship. Post Commander Ira Webber and Auxiliary President Irene Rodebaugh urge students interested in participating to contact Sy or Joan Simonson, post and auxiliary chairman at 349-5125.

Participating students are encouraged to tape their scripts using professional equipment available at cooperating radio stations. The recorded script must be at least three minutes and not more than five minutes in length. It is recommended the script be transcribed on reel-type magnetic tape at a speed of 7 1/2 inches per second.

Deadline for entries in the local competition is Nov. 30.

Joan Simonson said 150 young people from Farmington Hills participated in last year's Voice of Democracy Scholarship Program. They were among 250,000 young people from about 3,000 public, private and parochial schools participating in the national program.

Tapes will be judged for content, originality and delivery.

The winner from Michigan will receive a five-day, all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C., in March, along with winners from the other 49 states. They will visit national monuments, see Congress in action and meet high government officials.

National awards, in addition to the \$14,000 first-place scholarship, include \$7,000, \$4,000, \$3,500, \$2,500 and \$1,000 scholarships for second- through sixth-place winners.

The program, in its 39th year, is sponsored by Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States and its Ladies Auxiliary. The National Association of Secondary Schools Principals has placed the Voice of Democracy Program on the Advisory List of National Contents and Activities for 1985-86.

"Participation in the Voice of Democracy Program gives students experience in writing and speaking," said Sy Simonson. "It gives them a chance to reflect on our nation and its meaning for them."

carrier of the month Farmington



Scott Thompson

Scott Thompson, 14, was named the Farmington Observer's Carrier of the Month for November.

He has delivered the Observer in the Farmington Village Townhouse Cooperative Village since July 1983.

The Detroit Catholic Central High School freshman's favorite subjects are art, French and Old Testament literature.

His hobbies are guitar playing and working with computers. He was on the lacrosse team last year for Thomas Beahan Junior High School in Farmington and he hopes to make the Catholic Central team this spring.

Scott is an honor roll student. He hopes to attend the University of Michigan and major in business.

Learning to be patient with customers, even in the worst situations, and being responsible are two skills Scott feels he has acquired on his paper route. He feels paper routes can teach kids to be patient and responsible individuals, as well as learning the value of money and being careful in handling it.

Scott is the son of Pamela and David Thompson. He has one sister, Heather, 12.

If you want to be a Farmington Observer carrier, please call 591-0500



Kiwanis governor

Lloyd H. Smith and his wife, Dorothy, are now Michigan district governor and first lady of Kiwanis International. Smith has been a member of Farmington Kiwanis since 1944 and has maintained a strong involvement with the organization's projects concerning youth and the handicapped through the years. He retired from teaching public high school here in 1980 to devote full time to his Kiwanis district but still coaches Farmington High students' debate team and teaches band instrumentalists in St. Paul Lutheran School.

Priest leaves St. Gerald

The Rev. Maurice C. Decker will leave the parish of St. Gerald Catholic Church this week to become pastor of St. Christine Parish in Detroit. Decker has served the parish from

the church on Farmington Road north of Eight Mile for the past 10 years and said he has come to think of the parishioners as his family.

Local beautifiers win state awards

Farmington Hills resident Hazel Scheideman and the Farmington Historical Museum Gardens Guild were among the honorees during Keep Michigan Beautiful's annual awards banquet early this month.

Scheideman is a member of Farmington Garden Club who received individual recognition for her work on the museum grounds, on the grounds of Farmington Community Center, and some of the city parks that are maintained by members of her club.

Kay Blakeney accepted a Distinguished Service Certificate on behalf of the museum's gardens guild, which is made up of garden club members with-

in the two cities.

The awards dinner is given to recognize persons in the state who work in their communities for overall beautification, the beautification of one particular area, or whose efforts have been directed toward anti-litter or cleanup programs.

Other area residents who attended the dinner were Bill Blakeney, Betty Beausoleil, Rosanne Linden and Rene Linden.

The awards were given by Betty Frankel, a Farmington Hills resident and garden and landscape columnist, and Raymond Mills, president of Keep Michigan Beautiful.

Leadership skills developed in seminar

"Developing Your Leadership Skills" is the name of the four-hour workshop sponsored by Farmington Area Jaycees designed to fine tune the art of leadership. The seminar is open to the public, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 23, in Farmington Elks Club, 2366 Orchard Lake Road. Registration fee is \$25.

The session will include group exercises, discussion and mini lectures presented by Celeste Gilmore and Dave Kenerson.

Gilmore is an account manager in General Market Group of Creative Uni-

versal Inc., one of the nation's largest training and marketing communications consulting firms. She has seven years of experience in the field of instructional technology and is a past president of Michigan Society for Instructional Technology.

Kenerson is an account manager with Lewisystems. He has conducted numerous leadership and personal dynamics seminars since 1976, and is a past president, district director and regional director of the Jaycees.

Registrations are taken by Mary Sanders, 477-JCCS.

Focus Hope is in need of volunteers

Focus Hope is a food prescription program for children under 6, mothers while pregnant and for one year after delivery birth, and whose family meets income guidelines.

The Focus Hope Program in the takes area is in need of volunteers. Volunteer services are needed from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. the first Monday of each month in Dublin Community Center, 685 Union Lake Road, Union Lake.

For more information about the program or to volunteer, call between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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