

YMCA Programs Reach Throughout Farmington

FARMINGTON The Farmington Area YMCA office has occupied the old farmhouse on Grand River near Drake Road for six years. But its program has always happened throughout the community in parks, schools, businesses and homes. This year the YMCA intends to carry this program philosophy farther into the Farmington community.

INDIAN GUIDES The Father and Son Indian Guides celebrated National Indian Guide Week by making Dr. Roderick J. Smith, superintendent of schools, an honorary Indian Guide chief. Indian Guide week was Sept. 21-27. On Thursday, Sept. 24, there was an organization meeting for all interested fathers and sons. The next meeting in their neighborhood group this week. Any father

who has a son in the first through third grade may still join by calling the YMCA, 474-8322.

Besides the tribe meetings in neighborhood homes the Indian Guides go on campsouts at the YMCA camps and other activities throughout the year.

GRA-Y CLUBS During the past several years the YMCA has operated small clubs for fourth, fifth and sixth grade boys and girls.

These clubs are called GRA-Y clubs, and meet in elementary schools from 3:30 to 5 p.m. In 1969-70 there were a boy's club and a girl's club at Ten Mile, Larkshire, Planders, Highmeadow and Shiawassee Schools.

The trained YMCA leaders will be starting these clubs again this week. And, to reach more elementary children, there will be clubs in Eagle,

Bond, Gill and several other Farmington schools. These clubs meet weekly, elect their own officers, choose a name, do team sports, crafts, and plan special events, such as a swimming party or an overnight.

HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM During October the YMCA program leader will be working with the school leaders and students to plan programs.

The junior and senior high students will contribute their concerns and do much of the planning of these activities.

VIKINGS This club for junior high young men is under the capable and experienced leadership of Larry Sveen. Adventure in the great outdoors and camping are the predominant activities for this group. In the past they have taken trips to Alaska, Northern Canada, and many places in

Michigan. Any interested young man should come to the meetings on Monday night at 7 p.m. in the YMCA farmhouse.

SEX EDUCATION This family program concerning sex education for junior high students and their parents will be held throughout the year. The resource persons are Dr. Ed Blumberg and the Rev. Carl Kallreider who help to open up the family communication about sex education.

MUTUALS AND DOLLS This is a social and recreational club for mentally handicapped young men and women, 18 years of age and over.

They have just finished their summer softball games and began their bowling league on Saturday, Sept. 12. Along with the bowling league, they have special parties once a month. Call 474-8322 for more information.



SLIDE MAGIC — Katharin Hanna, Biology student at Harrison High, gets initiated into the mysteries of the microscope by instructor Wayne Shalla. Lab work at the as-yet-unfinished building is still considerably hampered by the absence of running water. (Evert photo)

County Given Citation For Accident Prevention

Oakland County's progress in traffic accident prevention was recognized by two national agencies today during the third annual meeting of the Traffic Improvement Association of the Oakland County (TIA) at the Raleigh House in Southfield.

An election of TIA officers and directors and an address by Joe Weaver, director of WJMK TV2. NEWS special projects unit, were included as part of the program.

OVER 100 public officials and community leaders witnessed the presentation of a "county achievement award" from the National Association of Counties to Oakland County and TIA for "outstanding traffic safety programs."

In addition, TIA president Edwin O. George announced that Oakland County has been selected by the National Highway Safety Bureau as a site for a major, national traffic safety demonstration project.

A grant of \$175,000 was awarded Oakland County to carry out the first year's activities of the proposed three to five year program. TIA has been named to administer and coordinate the program.

"A substantial amount of technical and advisory services will be supplied by staff of the University of Michigan's Highway Safety Research Institute," George reported.

THE DEMONSTRATION program is designed to develop a management system which will result in measurable improvements in the administration and operation of the county's total highway crash prevention system.

In presenting the achievement award, Michael Gemmill, of the NACCO Research Foundation in Washington, D.C., noted that "The award program is intended to give national recognition to progressive county developments," and that the NACCO board of judges based its selection upon field observations made in Oakland County last summer.

Weaver's comments were directed to a view of the traffic accident situation in relation to other social problems which he has examined and reported upon. He pointed out that public opinion has, in recent years, unjustly subordinated traffic accidents to such things as

pollution, drugs, and the like. "This simply means," he said, "that traffic authorities will have to work just that much

harder to create a public awareness of the problem and to develop understanding and support for their life-saving programs."

Senior Makes It Halfway

Robert Hoard, Our Lady of Sorrows High School senior, has been named a semifinalist in the 1970-71 National Merit Scholarship program.

Announcement was made by Sister Pauline Marie, high school principal, who said Hoard was among 538 semifinalist selected from 725 midwest schools with a total student participation of 37,191.

Hoard is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hoard of 22437 Floral, Farmington. Semifinalist must advance to

finalist standing to be considered for Merit Scholarships to be awarded next spring.

Semifinalists become finalists by receiving the endorsement of their schools, substantiating their high NMSQT performance on a second examination, and providing information about their achievements and interests. High school grades, accomplishments, leadership qualities, and extracurricular activities, along with test scores are evaluated in selecting Merit Scholarship winners.

Harrison Plans Workday

FARMINGTON The music department of Harrison High School is plan-

Seaman Grad

FARMINGTON Coast Guard Seaman Apprentice Richard K. Conie, husband of the former Miss Betty A. Bacon of 28823 Kendallwood Drive, Farmington, has graduated from basic training at the Coast Guard Training Center, Cape May, N.J.

He graduated from Brother Rice High in 1968 and attended Oakland Community College in Union Lake.

Marine Pfc. Marvin A. Snider III, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Snider II, of 3685 Blanchard, Farmington, has reported for duty with Staff of Commander Antisubmarine Warfare Group Four, Quonset Point, R.I.

ing a workday for Saturday, Oct. 3.

On that day, band, orchestra and choir members from Harrison will go out into the community and wash windows, clean garages, clean houses, weed gardens, mow lawns, wash cars, paint doghouses, or do any odd job that needs doing.

All proceeds will go to the Harrison music department fund for the purchase of choir

music, establishment of a scholarship fund, to send the 1971 marching band to band camp, purchasing instruments and other necessities.

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