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CHANGE IN LIFE STYLE—After Jan. 1, Farmington Librarian Mildred Droegge will have a different view of the check-out counter in the

Farmington library. She is retiring on that date. (Evert photo)

## Farmington Calendar

### LARKSHIRE SCHOOL PTA

Nov. 11. Larkshire School PTA will meet at 7:30 p.m. Special guests will be the Rev. Ralph Rideout and some Rap Line workers who will discuss Farmington's drug prevention program.

### FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Nov. 11 Farmington Friends of the Library invite the community to join them in a farewell tribute for Mrs. Mildred Droegge who is retiring from her post as district librarian. This will be Farmington's only opportunity to honor Mrs. Droegge for her outstanding contribution to the academic and cultural life of the area.

### VETERANS OF WORLD WAR I

Nov. 12. Farmington Veterans of World War I will hold their monthly meeting in the American Legion Hall, Lakeway at Grand River, Farmington. Installation of officers will take place at 2 p.m.

### SENIOR CITIZENS SOCIAL CLUB

Nov. 13. The Senior Citizens Social Club will meet at noon in the First United Methodist Church social room. Bring a sandwich. A social afternoon with cards will follow the business meeting.

### BEECHVIEW SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Nov. 16. Beechview School will hold open house at 8 p.m. All faculty, special teachers and staff will be on hand to greet parents. The event takes the place of the November PTA meeting.

### BLUE STAR MOTHERS

Nov. 19. Chapter 49 of the Blue Star Mothers will hold its regular business meeting at 1 p.m. in the home of Mary Wolfe, 22403 Floral, Farmington.

### LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

Nov. 19. West Bloomfield-Farmington Area League of Women Voters will present study information on the elementary, secondary and special education curriculum in Farmington schools. The public is invited to the meeting at 8 p.m. in the Farmington Community Center.

### DeMOLAY PASTY DINNER

Nov. 20. Farmington chapter Order of DeMolay will hold a pasty dinner from 5 to 8 p.m. in the Masonic Temple. Adults \$1.50, children 75 cents. Carry outs.

### FEATHER PARTY

Nov. 20. Groves Walker Post 346 American Legion will hold its annual feather party at 8 p.m. in the American Legion Hall, Lakeway at Grand River, Farmington. Prizes, turkey and chickens.

### SENIOR CITIZENS ACTIVITIES

Farmington area senior citizens are invited to the Seniors Drop-In Center from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Farmington Masonic Temple, Grand River and Farmington Rd. Bring a snack, coffee and tea is furnished. Cards and conversation. Senior citizens meet each Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Farmington Community Center. Bring your own snack, coffee is furnished. Pinochle and bridge.

## Junior Miss Search On

Farmington area Jaycees have begun their annual search for Farmington's junior miss.

Open to senior high school coeds of the Farmington school district, the title is given to the contestant who best typifies the ideal American teenager. Judging includes personality, talent, scholastic achievement and personal appearance.

Local girls interested in competing may obtain entry forms at any of the area high schools.

This contest, to be held in Farmington High School, will culminate Nov. 21 when the winner is chosen from 12 finalists.

The girl chosen as the local Junior Miss will participate in a regional pageant to be held at Northville in December.

Winner of the regional pageant will move onto the state finals which will be held in Pontiac.

The state finalist will participate in the national pageant in Mobile, Ala. The national winner will receive a \$10,000 scholarship.

The national pageant grew out of the famous Azalea Trail Court in Mobile, which was originally intended to honor only Mobile high school senior girls. The event was expanded to include southern states and went on to become a national competition.

The competition is sponsored nationally by local Jaycee chapters. The national finals are hosted by the Mobile Jaycees.

## Merger Losers Salute Teepees

An ad hoc committee formed to urge a "yes" vote on annexation has sent a congratulatory message to Farmington Township Supervisor-elect Earl Teepees.

The letter was sent two days after voters from the affected area of the township soundly defeated the annexation proposal.

"The SENDERS were Walter H. McCoy and Noel Kurth, co-chairmen of Township Area Residents for Annexation (TARA).

"Speaking for a group who worked very diligently during the past six weeks trying to get voters in the south portion of Farmington Township to support annexation, we would like to... congratulate you on both your personal victory and also your victory over annexation," they wrote.

During the campaign, the two stated, it became abundantly clear that affected township residents were going to vote against annexation because of Teepees.

"Promises were made by both the Farmington Association and you," Teepees was reminded, "concerning future proposals for the south end and those included a drainage proposal.

"WE HOPE that you and the other members of the township board will be able to give the assistance to this area which is so vitally needed.

"The annexation attempt has awakened a sleeping giant and the people in the south end will be looking more and more to township hall in the future for assistance in alleviating their problems.

"Congratulations and good luck in your new undertaking."

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## First Love Remains After 20-Year Romance

By ELIZABETH WISSMAN

It must have been fun growing up in the childhood home in Fedonia, N. Y., of Farmington Librarian Mildred Droegge.

There were a father and mother, eight children and nine bedrooms. Each bedroom had an excellent reading light, a bookcase and books, books, books. At bedtime everyone rushed to bed, not to sleep, but to read till the early hours of the morning.

In fact, Mrs. Droegge's husband-to-be, Stephen Droegge had a few qualms about marrying into a family where bedtime was not time to sleep but time to read.

BOOKS HAVE BEEN a way of life for Mildred Droegge from those days in Fedonia, through her college years at Simmons College in Boston, through two years as librarian in Rochester, N.Y., through several years as children's librarian in the New York City library, through the 20 years she has been in Farmington as part-time librarian when the Farmington Library was a small room in the Farmington Masonic Temple to the present facility with its 30,000 books.

UPON HER RETIREMENT in January, this tiny lady (who says she never feels small) says:

"I'm looking forward to being on the other side of the counter and really reading some of the 30,000 books we've put in here. I want to

go back and re-read my Dickens and Shakespeare—I haven't really read them since I was in high school and college.

"I used to think Dickens was too wordy but I'm old enough to take him on now," "Also," she adds, "My husband, who is retired, and I would like to travel in a modest way and I'd like to take some courses in political science. Then maybe I'd even like to try my hand at something creative, like decoupage—I've never done anything like that."

COMMENTING on the evening of tribute she will receive tonight at 8 p.m. in the Community Center from Farmington Friends of the Library and anyone who'd like to drop in to thank her for her dedication over the years, Mrs. Droegge says:

"I feel as though I want to be giving the tribute to this wonderful public in Farmington—they've aided and abetted me in every way—and to my staff which has been simply wonderful."

"My years in Farmington have been very rewarding," she notes, "Especially the challenge to build up this collection so that we now have at least a smattering of what people need and want to read."

"When we were in the old library in the Masonic Temple we looked like a second hand shop for the Book of the Month Club."

YOU MIGHT TRY but you don't catch the Farmington

librarian making any judgments on the trend toward pornography in today's literature.

"You go making big, broad statements on pornography and you have to defend your stand," she says. "Reading pornography is something like reading mysteries or westerns. You have to get it out of your system."

"I think it's just a desire to know how a thing ticks... If you see the Valley of the Dolls," of the best seller list for two years you begin to think you should read it."

Despite the fuss made over "Catcher in the Rye" being on high school reading lists, Mrs. Droegge doesn't think the book carries a great deal of impact.

"Of course young people like to read it. They think they're preparing to write the great American novel. But our schools are good. They give the kids all the classics to balance such books off."

THIS LADY WHO LOVES book concedes that other media such as television have their place in the life scheme.

She points out that such television shows as "The Forsyte Saga" led many readers to explore further other English authors besides John Galsworthy.

"Of course today's closeness of communication affects your reading habits," she points out. "England is not someplace people never see—it's less than day's flight away. People are

more aware today of what's going on in the far distant reaches of the world."

ALTHOUGH she and her fellow librarians have become something like speed readers because they have to scan hundreds of book reviews each week, Mildred Droegge is one reader who likes to savor a book as she reads it.

"Reading to me is a way of life," she glows. "I wouldn't think of going to bed without reading for an hour or two. Don't you love to read in bed, too?" she asks.

## Scouts Sell Calendars

The annual Girl Scout Calendar Sale will begin Saturday, Nov. 14. Over 10,000 Junior, Cadette and Senior Scouts will participate in this approved fund raising project to earn money for their troop activities. All calendars will be sold at a standard price of 50 cents each.

General chairman of the sale is Mrs. Gerald Hoerand of Birmingham. Area sales managers coordinating the sale for scouts in the Farmington-Novato area are Mrs. Norman J. Eisenberg of Farmington and Mrs. Phillip Schuricht of Farmington.

Following the opening day of the sale, which is limited to door to door sales, Cadette and Senior Scouts will hold public sales.



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