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Under One Roof

Almost every musical group in Farmington will be crowded into Harrison High's auditorium on May 2 for the festival concert which kicks off National Music Week locally. Details and photos on the week, May 29, can be found inside.

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Yes & Not Yet

Two developments have occurred relating to the minority understanding program suggested for Farmington Schools. First, the board of education has decided a decision will not be made at its Monday meeting, April 26. On Thursday, the Farmington clergymen met and adopted a resolution urging the school board to approve the minority understanding program.

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Farewell and Hail

One pastor leaving, another being installed, a church dedication and a groundbreaking. All tell the story of busy chuches in Observeland.

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Anyone You Know?

Today we have a whole page of pictures of girls newly-engaged. See if one of your friends is there.

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A BEAUTIFUL
IDEA...

Women and want ads go together. The ladies love the money they can make with Observer Want Ads. That's why we want to remind them to save the Observer carrier collection receipt their husbands get when they pay the new 60¢ a month on the Carrier Subscription Plan. The receipt is also a coupon worth 60¢ toward an Observer Want Ad.

Woman Of Year Is Mrs. LeGros

Mrs. Lorene LeGros has been picked as Farmington's outstanding woman of the year by Farmington Area Jaycee Auxiliary.

Mrs. LeGros was honored at the auxiliary's recent banquet when she was announced as recipient of the community service award, given each year to the woman of the year. She now joins the company of previous winners Mrs. Robert Witt, Mrs. Richard Tupper and Mrs. John Richardson.

DURING THE past 10 years, Mrs. LeGros has been active in Farmington schools, churches, clubs and working with the underprivileged.

"The first one club to feel her impact was the Farmington Garden Club," says

Mrs. Suzanne Gernek, auxiliary president. "Her qualities were quickly identified and she held several club officer positions."



MRS. LORENE LEGROS

Her two children brought her into close contact with Farmington Schools. Not only has she served in Cloverdale Elementary PTA but has served as a representative on the Farmington Area PTA Council and the Farmington Area Citizens Advisory Council.

Mrs. LeGros has also helped establish new services for residents whenever she saw a void in existing services. Through her volunteer work in school, she helped establish the "Clothes Closet" which began as a source of clothing for the underprivileged.

QUICKLY THE program outgrew several locations and handled so many clothes that

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WOMAN OF YEAR — Mrs. Lorene LeGros (right) receives the community service award bowl, given to the woman of the year in Farmington, from Mrs. Suzanne Gernek, president of the Farmington Area Jaycee Auxiliary. (Evert photo)

Distortions: Housewife Finds Many On Anti-Sex Flyers

A Farmington resident, Mrs. Arline Bittker, responded this week to what she describes as distortions being spread through the community by opponents of Family Life Education (FLE) curriculum changes.

The Farmington Township housewife conducted an independent investigation after having a flyer delivered to her home which she felt was very misleading.

The mistruths are being circulated by such organizations as MOTOREDE (Movement to Restore Decency), and Citizens United for Farmington Youth, she announces.

Game," "Phoebe" and "Childbirth," she adds.

The film "Sex a Moral Dilemma for Teenagers" is owned by the district, Mrs. Bittker discovered, and has been shown staff members and parents but not students and will not be for classroom use.

MRS. BITTKER said it took just a few minutes of her time to get the facts from school officials, and she wonders why MOTOREDE would put out a flyer, without checking for accuracy, which is 50 per cent

unfactual. Flyers distributed by MOTOREDE and Citizens United for Farmington Youth also claim a very expensive program, with one MOTOREDE broadside

claiming inservice training for the three FLE programs would cost \$5,500.

Mrs. Bittker says the superintendent of schools assured her the cost for the three FLE programs would run less than \$1,000 because many of the films can be borrowed or rented and a number of community sources are available for inservice training.

"Parents receiving flyers at their doors should be warned not to accept every allegation as fact," she adds. "If a parent is disturbed about a claim made in a flyer, it would be much more responsible to call the school administration building to check the accuracy rather than spreading the rumor."

THESE ORGANIZATIONS have been leading opposition to three curriculum changes for Farmington Schools, sexuality instruction, substance abuse and minority understanding.

"The opponents are entitled to their opinions," Mrs. Bittker says, "but they should stick to the facts and I would like to clear up some of the distortions being made."

"It has always been my feeling, especially in raising children, that it is important to try and stick to the truth," Mrs. Bittker adds. "When I see many exaggerations on a flyer passed through my neighborhood, it makes me curious and so I investigated."

THE FLYER which prompted her to check for the facts was one distributed by the South Oakland Motorede with the heading: "Some Sex Education Materials are Currently in Use in Farmington's Schools."

The flyer listed seven films and said that anatomy charts and models of reproductive organs were used by the schools.

The seven films alleged to be in use in Farmington Schools were: "The Game"; "Phoebe"; "Childbirth"; "Boy to Man"; "Human Growth"; "Childbirth"; and "Sex, a Moral Dilemma for Teenagers."

MRS. BITTKER took the flyer to a school administrator and discovered only three of the seven films are being used in the classroom.

ADL May Intervene

By EMORY DANIELS

The move to recall four trustees of the Farmington Board of Education could result in intervention by the regional office of the Anti-Defamation League of Michigan.

This newspaper has learned the regional office of the ADL is keeping a close eye on the current threat to recall four trustees in Farmington.

When asked if the ADL would intervene, a spokesman said it would place recall on the list, the League would very likely join in a campaign against the recall.

The ADL spokesman says the pattern leading to the announced recall is the same in other Michigan communities where the John Birch Society and MOTOREDE has been active.

ADL is quite familiar with the Farmington action because two of the anti-sex education leaders, Bruce Duke and Mrs. Delana Jones, are high in the state hierarchy of MOTOREDE.

MOTOREDE is an action committee organized by the John Birch Society and has been used extensively in Michigan and other states in fights against local school boards.

One of the Birch Society's major aims is to abolish public education, the spokesman said, and during the past three

years the JBS and MOTOREDE has been running candidates for the local school boards.

Duke, Farmington resident, is an avowed member of the John Birch Society and a key figure in the South Oakland MOTOREDE group. His business card, the ADL spokesman said, was imprinted in 1969 with the words "Join the John Birch Society. Get Us Out of the UN. Support Your Local Police. Impeach Earl Warren. Support Rhodesia." Letters to Observer Newspapers contained similar statements.

The techniques used by both two years ago against Southfield schools and at public hearings of the State Board of Education on sex education guidelines, and in Farmington are typical of the MOTOREDE approach used throughout Michigan, the spokesman added.

THE LEAGUE is now weighing the decision of whether it will actively enter the Farmington situation if the threatened recall makes it to the ballot stage.

The MOTOREDE techniques referred to include: • Use of ad hoc committees to give the appearance of being organized, influential and more representative with the guiding principal being that the fiction of having



MAKING CENTERPIECES — The decoration committee for the Farmington Community Center's benefit dinner dance is busy making centerpieces consisting of a Lotus bowl with springtime flowers and good luck mushrooms. From left are Mrs. John Rufus, Mrs. Stephen Blum and Mrs. Stanley Thomas. The dinner dance will be held Friday, April 30, in the Glen Oaks Country Club. Tickets are still available. (Evert photo)

Here's A Donation Which Is Fun

The fund-raising drive for the Farmington Community Center is off to a good start with \$5,000 raised of the \$35,000 needed to continue the center for 1971-72.

With money being tight and unemployment high, Center officials are pleased with the progress reached thus far.

But concern is beginning to creep in because ticket sales are going slow for the dinner dance, the annual big money-raiser for the Center and fun night for attendees.

IF TICKET sales don't match last year's attendance at the dinner dance, the center will have to rely much more heavily on its future activities

such as the flea market, geranium sale and antique fair.

The dinner dance, held April 30 in Glen Oaks Country Club, will feature comic-magician Karrell Fox plus top quality music entertainment.

Tickets are selling for \$50 per couple and can be obtained by calling the center or dropping by the center at 24705 Farmington Rd. between 10 and 11 Mile Rds.

Committees have been busy all this week making centerpieces and finalizing other preparations for the event.

RESIDENTS UNABLE to attend the dinner dance, says executive director Mrs.

Alberta Taylor, are encouraged to mail a donation, tax deductible, to the center.

Donations can be \$5 or more for individuals, \$15 or more for families or \$25 or more business and professional.

The center is non-profit, non-governmental organization which depends solely upon residents of Farmington for support.

The community facility is a meeting place for senior citizens, scouts, clubs and civic organizations. The center is also used for wedding receptions and reunions and features community events year-round in addition to its regular offerings of self-improvement, educational and leisure-time classes.

Support YOUR Community Center

Name _____ Individual \$5 or _____
Address _____ Family \$15 or _____
Business & Professional \$25 or _____

The Farmington Community Center needs to raise \$35,000 to operate during 1971. Your check may be written out to the Farmington Community Center and mailed to The Center at 24705 Farmington Rd., Farmington 48024.