

Dunkel's Principal Is Coffee Klatcher

FARMINGTON Coffee klatches have proved an effective way for Gilbert Henderson to meet the mothers of his 1,100-member student body. So far, O. E. Dunkel Junior High's new principal has greeted about 450 of them at 17 home sessions.

"The mothers have done all the work," Henderson admitted. "All I do is show up at the appointed place and time."

"It helps so much with school-home communication to be able to recognize faces, attitudes, values. It makes it much easier to get parent

reaction and feedback on the issues that come up."

AT THE meetings, Henderson, who has come to Dunkel after four years as assistant principal at East Jr. High, explains his ideas about school management, then throws the meeting open to questions and discussion.

He emphasizes that his staff is concerned about setting a positive leadership example within the school community. Each one must conduct a continuing self evaluation and be prepared "to take his medicine."

Community involvement is high on his list of priorities. "Let's bring the community into the classroom," he advocates. "Parents can come in to explain their professions, giving the students valuable career help."

It is also desirable to get the youngsters into the community on field trips and to give them a variety of experiences. "We must realize," he added, "that school is not a typical environment."

DECISIONS AT Dunkel are made at the lowest possible level. It is better for the students to make their decisions and live with possible mistakes than to be spooned by teachers and administrators, Henderson contends.

Henderson is proud of one phase of last year's state achievement test for seventh graders. Farmington's placed higher than 80 per cent of the rest of the state. Unfortunately, high achievement seems to be accompanied by poor attitudes toward school, and this is where work needs to be done, he adds.

Solid suggestions he offered to parents were, "If there is any kind of problem, go directly to the person involved. Don't be afraid to visit the school. Give us a call and come on over."

Fat Backbone

The backbone of the single-hungry camel is as straight as the backbone of a horse or an elephant.



SPACED OUT — Influenced by the space age, pupils of Miss Barbara May's fifth grade at Forest School wrote and produced their own play about earthlings and creatures of outer space. In the role of a sky soldier was Randy

Hamlett (left). Dave Williams played Paul and Cindy Somerville was Pauline. Both register astonishment at their first glimpse of another planet's inhabitants. (Evert photo)

Farmington Calendar

SOROPTIMISTS AWARDS DINNER

Thursday, Feb. 25, at 6:45 p.m. the Soroptimist Club of Farmington will hold its awards banquet at the Orchard Ridge Campus of Oakland Community College in Farmington Township. Honored will be winners of the Youth Citizenship Awards. Dinner tickets are \$4.75 per person.

DOWNTOWN FASHION SHOW

Thursday, Feb. 25, at 10 a.m. a two-hour Fashion Show will be held in the Civic Theater at Grand River and Farmington Rds. co-sponsored by the theater. Federal's and the Downtown Farmington Center Merchant's Association. The show will be an exclusive sneak preview for spring and summer fashions plus a wig and hairpiece demonstration and a scarf tying demonstration. Commenting will be Milane Sulis and coordinating will be Suzanne Bishkey, both charm coordinators of Federal's Charm School.

WILLIAM GRACE PANCAKE SUPPER

Thursday, Feb. 25, at 6 p.m. the William Grace Elementary PTA will sponsor its pancake supper in the Grace school.

WOMAN'S HEALTH CLUB

Lose weight with group therapy each Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in Room 106D of Farmington Senior High.

JOB'S DAUGHTERS FISH FRY

Friday, Feb. 26, from 5-7 p.m. Job's Daughters Bethel No. 55 of Farmington will hold a fish fry in the Farmington Masonic Temple at Farmington and Grand River. Cost is \$1.50 for adults and 75 cents for children.

SENIOR CITIZENS SOCIAL CLUB

Friday, Feb. 26, at noon the Senior Citizens Social Club of Farmington will meet in the First United Methodist Church social room on Grand River. Bring a sandwich. A social afternoon with cards will follow the business meeting.

LEGION BENEFIT PARTY

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MOTHERS OF TWINS

Tuesday, March 2, at 7:30 p.m. the Birmingham-Bloomfield Mothers of Twins Club will hold an exchange of clothing and equipment for members in the Church of the Advent, 325 Middle Belt near Long Lake Rd. in Orchard Lake. Mothers of twins and multiple births are invited.

WILD & TAME GAME DINNER

Tuesday, March 2, the annual March of Dimes Wild & Tame Game dinner will be held in Mike & Tom's Pub at 3160 Eight Mile east of Farmington Rd. Serving as hosts will be Mike and Tom Goers. All donations for the dinner will be given to the March of Dimes for the fight against birth defects.

SHOPPING CENTER HEARING

Thursday, March 4, at 8 p.m. the Farmington Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on the proposed regional shopping center at 13 Mile between Halstead and Haggerty Rds. Hearing will be in North Farmington High School auditorium on 13 Mile Rd. just east of Farmington Rd.

JAYCEE SHOW

March 18, 19, 20 the Farmington Area Jaycees will present its 24th annual show, a musical mystery entitled "The Case of the Purloined Proprietor" or "Who Heisted Herando?" The show will be presented in the Farmington Senior High auditorium.

County Debates Revenue Sharing

"Tax reform cannot be dumping more money into a bottomless pit of spending," according to Oakland County Commissioner James Brennan (D-Berkley).

Brennan, whose district includes part of Southfield, said recently that he favors shifting the property tax burden to a form of revenue sharing but disagrees with the present formula.

"THE FISCAL crisis in local government is one of controlling costs. Revenue sharing includes how much local government is taxing. It's an inducement to raise local taxes to get a bigger share of federal money."

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FARMINGTON For the benefit of young musicians in the area, the Farmington Musicians will hold a "Carnival of Chance" Feb. 26 at 12:30 p.m. in the North Congregational Church of Southfield, 26275 Northwestern Highway.

The musicians, a community service organization with a specific program of music scholarships and the aim of furthering the appreciation and expression of good music, is a member of the National Federation of Music Clubs.

The carnival will feature a card party with door prizes in abundance. The grand door prize will be one week at La Vista Villa in Acapulco, Mexico.

Dessert and a musical surprise will round out the afternoon. Tickets for a table of four at \$10 or single tickets at \$2.50 may be obtained from reservation chairmen Mrs. Donald Crook at 474-8814 and Mrs. Robert Fair at 349-4731. Only 300 tickets will be sold. The door prizes must be accepted in person at the event. Free baby-sitting service will be furnished.

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