

Ragdolls Made Here Arriving In Vietnam

FARMINGTON
Rag Dolls made by Farmington residents are now being enjoyed by orphan children in South Vietnam and more are being made to be mailed to the west coast for overseas shipment.

ARMY SSG John Burns of Farmington has been passing the rag dolls out to a number of orphans and young children living in a leper colony

near Da Nang where he is stationed. The story of the rag dolls and Vietnamese orphans began last December with an article in the Farmington Enterprise & Observer which made an appeal for the dolls to be made for the orphans for Christmas.

Sergeant Burns had written

home about the idea and it was promptly printed and a number of residents have since responded by making rag dolls and mailing them to San Francisco for shipment.

Louis McAllister of Farmington served as the liaison between the sewing groups in Farmington and SSG Burns in Da Nang. The arrangement worked fine until SSG Burns arrived home because of a family emergency.

BURNS IS now home on leave and has been told he will not return to Vietnam. He was in Indiana for the funeral of his grandfather and then went to Portland, Ore., to see his wife and meet his newborn child for the first time.

Burns says he will make arrangements for the dolls to be received and distributed but asks that no further dolls be mailed until a new address can be announced.

Once that address is known it will be announced in this newspaper.

Trip To Bahamas

FARMINGTON
North Farmington High School seniors will visit the West End Bahamas during spring vacation. Their destination is the Grand Bahama Hotel. Thomas Wallis is the trip's sponsor and questions may be directed to him at the school.



POPULARITY — Army SSG John Burns of Farmington is a popular man as he distributes a large number of rag dolls to orphans in South Vietnam. The dolls were made by Farmington residents and many were received in time for Christmas.



THE BENEFACTORS — Orphans in South Vietnam are the beneficiaries of the work of some Farmington ladies who made rag dolls at

the request of SSG John Burns (right) through a news story last December.



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Weston Advancing In Pilot Program

FARMINGTON
Rick Weston, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack R. Weston of 32385 Glen Cove, Farmington, has completed the initial schooling phase of a national pilot project aimed at curtailing the shortage of medical doctors.

WESTON was one of 23, and the only Michigan man, selected to participate in the Medix program at Dartmouth University in Concord, N.H. The Medix program takes young men who were able medics in the military and enrolls them in Dartmouth

train as assistant doctors with hope of relieving the current doctor shortage. Weston was one of 23 selected from the nation to participate in the pilot program. He joined the project after completing an Army tour in Vietnam as a medic.

WESTON HAS completed a year's academic work and for the next year will work with a doctor in his private practice in Concord. During this period, both the doctor and Weston will return once a month to the Dartmouth Medical School for guidance.

As a Green Beret medic, Weston was the only doctor for 4,000 Cambodian volunteer soldiers and their families. He received several medals for both medical proficiency and combat leadership.

Sound Off

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are different from them," commented Edna Hedfield, 34245 Quaker Valley Road.

MRS. ALFRED Tobocman, 29252 Summerwood Road, said that "as the mother of three, I would be very willing to have my children exposed to other races."

Mrs. Tobocman said she felt "the suburban child is sheltered by its homogenized society. What could be a better and more natural way to learn about other groups than at school?" she concluded.

Nicita emphasized that "nothing in the report has thoughts or deliberations of any Farmington child going to school in any other district except for special education and to the area vocational center at Walled Lake part-time."

He said there also is no intent on the part of the administration or board to eliminate some staff members to hire others of a different race.

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