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OPENING WIDE for inspection by fellow Farmington students is Dave Burk, of 32332 Nottingham in the Southwest Oakland Vocational Center in Walled Lake. Dave is the "patient" for Kim Tapani, (left) of 30735 Grand River, and Barb Faver of 33351 Hearstone in the center's dental office assistance lab. (Evert photo)



SURROUNDED BY BEAUTIFUL WOMEN — all manikins, unfortunately — is senior Rick Gougeon of 32242 W. 12 Mile, Farmington, one of several students learning advanced display techniques at the Southwest Oakland Vocational Center. Here Rick puts the finishing touches on the gown of a manikin in a model store window at the center. (Fran Evert photo)

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"Salable skills," they determined, would help students find fulfilling lifetime occupations and provide some means of financing college educations if they so desired.

So the Southwest Oakland Vocational Center was born, along with three sister centers that serve other districts of Oakland County. Located in Walled Lake, the Southwest Center serves Clarenceville, Huron Valley, Novi, South Lyon, Walled Lake and West Bloomfield School Districts as well as the Farmington School District.

WITH COURSE offerings ranging from auto mechanics to floral culture, the center draws its students into some of the most unusual career

A TOUR around the center with Jan Salisbury, vocational counselor placement specialist, takes visitors into the hub of student activity.

In the medical office assisting Lab, for example,

students learn to keep books and assist in minor medical procedures. They make teeth molds, learn how to operate office equipment and assist the dentist in certain procedures, all under the guiding eye of Heather Hill, a certified dental assistant.

"Our faculty is composed of experts in their fields," said Mrs. Salisbury. "Years of experience in their trades make them extremely well-qualified teachers."

Further down the hall visitors can see Mrs. Frances Edwards' advanced display class hard at work prettying a mock store window with well-dressed manikins. "Students bring in their own clothes to dress the manikins," said Mrs. Edwards, "and create

their own backgrounds and color schemes for each window display."

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BS Troop 389 Enrolls 90 Boys

Farmington Boy Scout Troop No. 389, sponsored by Nardin Park United Methodist Church of Farmington, has launched another busy and adventurous year.

The troop numbers nearly 90 boys and is headed by Scoutmaster Douglas Welborn. Assistant scoutmasters are George Fletcher, Frank Drayton Jr., Randy King, Grover Niergarth, Donald Martin, Lindsay Chalmers and Pat Kilpatrick.

The boys already have their first two outings behind them. September 25, 28 they kicked off the year with a father-son campout at Walden Woods near Brighton, followed by a District Camporee on October 15-17 at the Highland Recreation Area.

Next on the calendar is a return to Walden Woods on Nov. 20, 21. Other major events are scheduled each month for the year.

A new emphasis is being placed on senior scouting this year. The senior program is open to scouts who are at least 14 years old and have achieved their first class

rank. The seniors have their own outing program which started with a canoe trip at Proud Lake on Oct. 23.

Eight seniors have also just completed the 36-mile hike up the Blackhawk Trail near Oregon, Ill. This trip was overseen by Troop Institutional Representative George Thomas, a veteran of many Blackhawk hikes.

The "Black Hawk" itself is more than a hike. To qualify, a boy must study the history of the area and then write a report. There are several stations along the hike where questions must be answered and the answers turned in at the end. Future Senior Scout events will include skiing and canoeing in Canada.

Coming soon on the 389 calendar is the troop Court of Honor scheduled for Nov. 30. Preceding the Court of Honor, the band mothers will host a pancake supper to help finance the Troop 389 Band. It will be in Nardin Park United Methodist Church starting at 5:30 p.m. Cost is \$1.25 per person or \$5 per family and the public is invited.

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