

## Mrs. McCurdy Leads Workers

FARMINGTON Farmington VFW Auxiliary 4033 has elected Mrs. Stella McCurdy of Farmington as its new hospital chairman for 1971-72.

Mrs. McCurdy will line up her volunteer workers on the first and third Monday of each month to go to the Veterans Hospital in Allen Park to visit patients.

Coffee, cookies and cupcakes are taken and served to the patients. A bingo is also held by the auxiliary once a month in the hospital for the patients.

Volunteers need not be

members of the auxiliary, says Mrs. McCurdy, just 15 years of age or over. Interested volunteers should contact Mrs. McCurdy of 2406 Adams Ct.

## Marine Grad

Marine Pvt. Fausto L. Bagalay, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fausto H. Bagalay of 2406 Middle Belt Road, Farmington, was graduated from recruit training at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego.

He is a 1971 graduate of North Farmington High School.

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# Rouge Cleanup Health Hazards Being Studied

FARMINGTON Plans are well under way to clean the length of the Rouge River within the City of Farmington, and early estimates are that it will take nearly 1,000 manhours to complete the job. Dates are Sept. 11 and 18.

Although work forces are being organized, the scope of the work will not be known until after tests are made this week to determine possible health hazards to workers.

A committee of medical doctors last week voiced objections on the dangers of bacteria in the river to volunteers.

A CREW from the Oakland County Health Department this week is taking samples and making tests along the length of the Rouge in the city to identify any potential hazards.

The cleanup project was first suggested by members of the Detroit Sportsmen Club to be sponsored by the National Bank of Detroit.

The bank agreed to take on the project as a community service and will co-sponsor the cleanup with the City of Farmington Beautification Committee with added assistance from Farmington Schools and the Farmington Area Chamber of Commerce.

Among persons attending the steering committee meeting Thursday night in the Alta Loma branch of NBD in the city were members of Life Sciences, Inc.

Dr. Edwin Knight, of Birmingham, spokesman for Life Sciences, complained about health problems to persons, especially young persons, cleaning the river.

The committee has decided that if health problems exist, the project will be limited to beautification of visible pollution.

City Manager John Dinan says the committee will not proceed with plans for physical cleanup of the river unless it is assured the

program would not endanger the health of volunteers.

THE COMMITTEE decided Thursday to take samples of water in the Rouge at its entry and exit points to the city to determine how much pollution

## Lichtman Urges More Special Ed. Support

FARMINGTON Gary L. Lichtman, Farmington resident and vice-president of the board of education of Oakland intermediate school district has introduced a resolution urging support for mandatory special education.

The resolution adopted by the intermediate board urged the state to provide further financial support to help fund the county's special education program.

IN ADDITION to more funding, the resolution introduced by Lichtman urged consolidation by the state to reduce the number of intermediate school districts to 12.

Presently there are 59 intermediate districts from combinations of Michigan's 83 counties. In 1969, legislation allowed counties to combine as intermediate districts so special education would be economically feasible in sparsely populated areas.

Dr. William Emerson, superintendent of the Oakland intermediate school district says funding provisions are

being contributed by the City of Farmington.

Section co-leaders will be developing estimates of manpower needed for their area, and the cleanup will be divided into four sections.

Councilman Fred Siebert,

crucial to any new special education legislation.

FOR THE past three years, he explains, limited funds at the state level have cut subsidies to special education programs to as little as 83 cents for each dollar as specified in the state school aid act.

The subsidy paid for Oakland County special education programs has been \$2.1 million less than the amount stipulated by law, adds Emerson.

Oakland County's history of special education began in 1963 when Public Act 18 was adopted by the Legislature permitting a county-wide tax to support special education programs available to children of any district within the county.

Originally, Public Act 18 carried population restrictions that limited it to Oakland County. The population limits were later amended to allow any county school district in the state to vote extra taxes to establish classes for children with mental, physical or emotional handicaps.

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