

# JC's Look Back on Eventful Year

This week members of the Farmington Jaycees are looking back on some of their many accomplishments and thanking the community for its generous support over the years.

The local chapter had its beginning shortly after the close of World War II. In the summer of 1946, a representative of the Wayne Junior Chamber of Commerce contacted James Tagg, former publisher of the Farmington Enterprise, with the thought of starting a Jaycee Chapter here. A meeting was set up with seven or eight young Farmington men meeting with Wayne Jaycees to hear about a statewide project to organize more Jaycee Chapters throughout the state.

AS OTHERS HEARD about the movement, locally, more joined and soon work was started on a proposed constitution for a local chapter. Bylaws were also set up after which the Farmington Chapter received its official charter from the Michigan Chamber of Commerce. In February of 1947, the Farmington Charter banquet was held. A total of 22 young

men formed the Charter membership of the organization with James Tagg serving as the new organization's Charter president.

Since its inception, the Farmington Jaycee Chapter has been very active in the promotion of various projects for youth of the community.

ONE LARGE PROJECT sponsored by the Farmington Jaycees is the annual Junior Golf Tournament with trophies being awarded and local winners having the opportunity to go on to bigger honors in state and national competition.

Other youth projects sponsored by the Farmington Jaycees are the Hiawatha Teen Dance held for high school students, and in conjunction with a local Ford dealer the Punt, Pass & Kick competition for young football enthusiasts.

The Christmas season is an active time for the Jaycees each year with several projects being undertaken by its members.

A children's Christmas party is sponsored and highlighted by a visit from Santa to the Plym-

outh State Hospital for Children.

Another Christmas-time project involves a free shopping tour for underprivileged children in the Farmington area. Money is given to the children by the Jaycees, which they are escorted to local stores to buy Christmas gifts for each other and their families.

THE CHILDREN along with other Farmington area children are then invited to a Christmas party where they are visited by Santa with a bag full of toys and games.

Jaycees also help talented youngsters of the community who are musically inclined by giving them partial scholarships to summer music camps located at or sponsored by colleges and universities throughout the country. This past year, eight scholarships for \$50 each were awarded to local teenagers.

A highly successful Jaycee project is the Junior Miss Pageant. Local high school girls are eligible for the title of Farmington Junior Miss. Judging for this event is based on scholastic achievement, personality, poise and talent. A program in which all finalists perform their talent specialty before the public is the grand finale for this pageant.

THE ANNUAL Easter Egg Hunt held in the Farmington City Park is a Jaycee sponsored project.

This past year the Farmington Jaycees, with the help of our local newspapers, sponsored a Community Development Survey. This survey was made as a civic development project in order to best determine the present and future needs of both Farmington City and Township.

Senior Citizens Day is an annual event sponsored by the Jaycees. This day is held specifically to honor the senior citizens of Farmington for their contribution to our community. Since its organization the most important civic project of the local Jaycee chapter was a job which it undertook and successfully fulfilled of seeing a city manager type of government formed in the City of Farmington.

Asked by the City Commis-

sion to explain the city manager form of government to city residents after it had been decided by the Commission to place the proposal for the change to a vote, members of the Jaycees went about this momentous job. Public meetings were arranged for by the Jaycees and speakers obtained from the University of Michigan and the Michigan Municipal League.

AS AN OUTCOME of these meetings, a citizens committee was formed, including several Jaycee members, which undertook the job of attracting others to later meetings, and also went on a door-to-door campaign to explain the advantages of this type of government.



FARMINGTON'S JUNIOR MISS, Bonnie Britton of North Farmington High School, is pictured above after being crowned at the annual pageant in 1965, sponsored by the Farmington Jaycees. Miss Britton went on to compete at the state level with beauties from all over Michigan sponsored by Jaycee chapters. A Michigan girl this year won the National Title. The Junior Miss Pageant was started by the Jaycees in Farmington in 1963.

Despite last minute efforts by anonymous parties to influence residents against a new city charter and the city manager form of government the vote for the change was overwhelming. Almost 80 per cent of the registered voters in the city turned out and voted 7-1 for a new charter, clearly indicating the tremendous selling job which members of the Jaycees had done.

During the past several years, the local Jaycee Chapter has been the recipient of many awards and established themselves as being one of the top locals in the State.

Most of the funds used by the Jaycees for their many projects are raised during their annual Musical. These musicals which have gained state and even national recognition in past years have always been a favorite of local residents. This year's performance, which will take place in March, will be the 19th show put on by the Jaycees.

Other fund raising events are the Community Chicken Barbecue held in conjunction with the Farmington Founders' Day Festival, and a new project initiated this year, the Christmas Tree sale.

Local merchants have always helped support the Farmington Jaycees by subscribing to the Flag Service, and other donations too numerous to mention.



ONE OF THE MEMORABLE moments for Farmington Jaycees this past year was winning the District Softball Championship. The local Jaycees who were instrumental in getting the baseball field in the Farm-

ington City Park lighted in 1964, field a pretty good bunch of ball players. Members of the 1965 Championship team are pictured above with their batboy, Jim Pawlik.



A NEW PROGRAM STARTED by the Farmington Jaycees last year was the "Outstanding Young Teacher Award" which recognizes the achievements and contributions of local educators. The 1965 award recipient, Mr. Harry M. Behn of Cloverdale School, is pictured above with his wife as the presentation was made by Jaycee Jim Alstrom (left) as Jaycee President Pat Nowak (right) witnessed. The Jaycees also present the Distinguished Service Award (DSA) annually as well as special community service citations in recognition of outstanding civic work.



During Jaycee Week January 16 - 22 We Say:

## 'Thank You Farmington' FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



- CHICKEN BAR-B-QUE
- CHRISTMAS TREE SALE



- MUSICAL VARIETY SHOW
- MERCHANT'S FLAG SERVICE

- PUMPKIN SALE

Other

### JAYCEE PROJECTS

Include

- Easter Egg Hunt
- Bicycle Rodeo
- Musical Scholarships
- Little League
- Senior Citizens' Day
- Teenage Dances
- Junior Golf
- D.S.A. Awards
- Kids' Christmas Party
- City Park Improvements
- Junior Miss Pageant

### The Jaycee Creed

We believe:

That faith in God gives meaning and purpose to human life;  
That the brotherhood of man transcends the sovereignty of nations;  
That economic justice can best be won by free men through free enterprise;  
That government should be of laws rather than of men;  
That man's great treasure lies in human personality;  
And that service to humanity is the best work of life.

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