

In Our Opinion . . .

S. O. S. For Ailing Societies

Appeals for help from various organizations in the area which are in need of added personnel seem to be more important of late. The need has grown more urgent, and possibly this is due to a lack of communication between the groups themselves.

Farmington Area Recreation Council stands out at the present moment as an example of what can happen when communications break down. For some time now, that organization has been struggling along with only two people left to do the job formerly handled by a large board of representatives from clubs and official bodies. The Council is responsible for the summertime activities of thousands of teenagers and thus fills a tremendously important role. The two remaining officers have finally made their plight apparent, and steps have been taken to remedy the lack with City, Board of Education, and Township appointing replacements.

The Youth Guidance Council, a group occupied with prevention of problems among the teenage citizens, is also treading on the quicksands of lack of staff. The group under expert direction has a meaningful program of broad dimensions, but they, too, must depend on the good hearts of community volunteers.

Girl Scouts are shouting into a vacuum for leaders at the present time with scores of little would-be Scouts waiting vainly on lists.

The Jaycee Auxiliary has just done a yeoman service in cooperation with the Board of Commerce by producing a roster of 101 organizations which do now exist in the Farmington area. It is not readily discernible just how many of them are in similar straits of needing lots more manpower than they have.

Youth Guidance spokesman, Jim Alstrom, wonders if a partial solution would be circulation of a newsletter among the organizations who have similar objectives, acquainting them with what is taking place during a current month, and generally keeping open lines of communication which could lead to better understanding and cooperation. The Guidance group stands ready to set the wheels in motion. It would seem to be worth an energetic try.

Now that the holiday season is approaching and hearts are supposed to be more expansive, possibly some Farmington residents who are not already immersed in community affairs might be tempted to become involved in one of these so-needy areas and lend a pair of helping hands.



FARMINGTON'S JAYCEE Auxiliary in cooperation with the Greater Farmington Board of Commerce has compiled a list of organizations for the total area. It consists of 101 groups including PTA's, social clubs, homeowners' associations, fraternal

and service groups, etc. Mrs. Barbara Benya (at right) accepts a copy of the list from committee members Mrs. Jerry Bloomer (left) and Mrs. Larry Namer. The Board of Commerce will handle distribution of the rosters.

Letter

Mr. Philip Power, Publisher
The Farmington Enterprise
Farmington, Michigan 48024

Dear Mr. Power:

In reference to the "Enterprise" editorial of Sept. 21, 1966, the Farmington Area YMCA Board of Management is grateful for your expression of support of our program. Since the inception of the YMCA in Farmington, we have enjoyed the generous cooperation of the local newspapers. This has been invaluable to us in our endeavor to meet the increasing needs of our community.

As we grow we will need the Enterprise even more and we anticipate a continuing relationship for our mutual benefit.

With sincere thanks,
Rita M. Mossamer,
Chairman
Public Relations Committee

Elks To Sponsor Turkey Shoot

The Farmington Elks Club will hold its annual Turkey Shoot on Sunday, November 13, from 12 noon to 5 p.m. next, to March's Farm, which is located on Grand River just west of 10 Mile Rd. Targets, guns, and ammunition will be provided for a small fee, and the best shots will be awarded turkey prizes. Prior to the shooting contest, the Vivians Society will hold a pancake breakfast at Roman House, the breakfast being served between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. The public is cordially invited to participate in both of these activities.

Visit Wheaton

Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Weller, of 28754 Kierkegaard Lane, attended Parent's Day activities November 5 at Wheaton College, Wheaton, Ill., where their daughter, Nancy, is a junior.

School Observes Education Week

Once again Flanders School in Farmington will be in the spotlight as parents visit their children's classrooms during American Education Week, November 6-12.

The Flanders Elementary School staff has been planning activities for the week. Each teacher has extended an open invitation to the parents in order that they might see their child perform in the classroom. All teachers, including special services personnel, are planning lessons for parents to observe. Some of these activities include: Puppet plays, introduction of authors in the library, vocal and instrumental music, and the teaching of math.

Some parents will even be invited to participate in the lunch program.

This year the theme for the week's activities is "Education Adds Up" and 32 million parents across the country are expected to visit their schools to see how education adds up.

Middlebelt PTA

Middlebelt PTA will hold a general meeting at the school at 8 p.m. November 15. Featured speaker will be Dr. David W. Wells, director of instruction and mathematics education for the Oakland County Intermediate School District. Refreshments will be served. All parents are urged to attend.

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Plans and specifications may be obtained on or after November 9, 1966, at the office of Harold R. Wright, architect-at-large, 13223 Farmington Road, Livonia, Michigan. (Telephone 427-2650)

All proposals submitted shall remain firm for a period of thirty (30) days after official opening of bids.

The Board of Education reserves the right to reject any or all bids in whole or in part, and to waive any informalities therein.

Farmington Public Schools
Board of Education
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Farmington, Michigan

Thanks to 830 Doorbell Ringers

Each year the Detroit Metropolitan Area United Foundation fund-raising drive sets up a new national record in the amount of money raised by a charitable fund of this type.

The civic-minded people who lead the annual drive cannot be given too much praise.

But they do receive some recognition in various press notices and at public meetings.

How about a word for the door-to-door volunteer solicitors?

Because of their number, and their relatively modest role in raising funds, the rank and file of these volunteer workers receive little or no personal recognition.

In Farmington, there are 830 of these privates and corporals in the

goodwill army of door-to-door collectors of the treasure that makes the UF work.

Some of them collect only a few dollars. All of them donate their own contributions, plus considerable time and effort in making sure their neighbors don't forget to be neighborly.

They are the greatest contribution, though, is their conviction that this is a job that must be done.

By and large, these volunteers take on this chore just as willingly as they would do a small favor for a friend, expecting no public recognition.

They are too numerous to be saluted individually.

Let these few words serve to tell them that their Farmington friends and neighbors are proud to know them.

Brides To Be



Mr. and Mrs. Roy Tobel of 27755 Halstead Road announce the engagement of their daughter, Gwen Marie, to Edward J. Mepharm, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Mepharm of Royal Oak. Gwen is a 1964 graduate of Farmington High School now employed by Sanders. Edward was graduated from St. Mary's of Royal Oak and is working for the Great Scott Food Stores. No date has yet been set for the wedding, but it is being planned for next year.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis S. Leonard, of Valleyview Circle, announce the engagement of their daughter, Louise Irene, to Thomas B. Parsonage, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Parsonage of Lincolnshire, Ill. Miss Leonard is a 1964 graduate of Farmington High School and is presently a senior at Michigan State University where she is enrolled in the College of Education. The prospective bridegroom received his BA in Social Science from Michigan State University and is presently employed in the sales department of Mead Paper Company. A July 8 wedding is planned.

Jaycees Looking For Nominations

Do you know a woman between the ages of 21 and 36 who has given outstanding service to the community? If so the Farmington Jaycee Auxiliary is looking for her. The auxiliary will present an Outstanding Young Woman Award to a qualified woman in the greater Farmington community.

Letters have been mailed to various organizations in the Farmington area asking for nominations for the award. Deadline for nominations is November 30 and they may be made by anyone. For additional information, contact project chairman, Mrs. Roger Lancina, 476-8128.

Delta Gamma Slates Auction

The Annual Talent Auction of the Farmington Alumnae Association of Delta Gamma will be held in the home of Mrs. William Gravis, 31805 Cornet Monday evening, November 14, at 8 p.m.

This yearly event is one of the favorites because each woman is given a chance to show off her special talents. The proceeds from the auction will aid the blind children in the area. Every member is requested to bring a friend.

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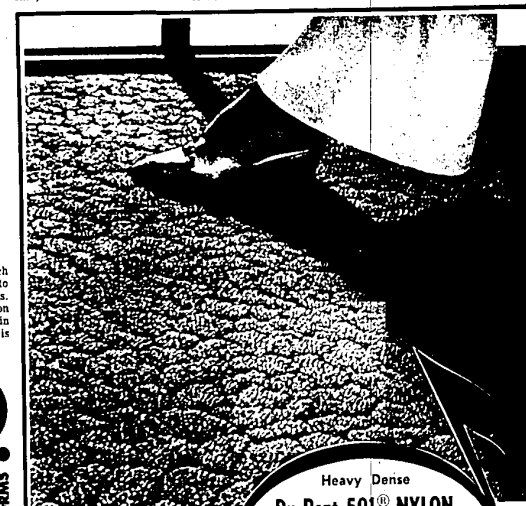


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