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Now A Crewman
Army Pvt. Ronald L. Lang, 18, son of Edward S. Lang, 2315 Hawthorne, Farmington, has completed a field communications crewman course at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.

Upped In Rank
Harold M. Sider, 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold R. Sider, 25263 Middle Belt, Farmington, was promoted to first lieutenant at ceremonies held recently at Fort Sill, Okla., where he has served as an instructor to officer candidates in artillery missiles since March 1967.

In Viet Post

Army Pvt. First Class Christopher H. Reichardt, 23, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hugo C. Reichardt, 30105 Valley Side Dr., Farmington, has been assigned as a clerk typist with the U.S. Army Support Command near Qui Nhon, Vietnam.

Drives Truck

Army Pvt. Michael N. Sohn, 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. Nell W. Sohn, 30900 Orchard Lake Rd., Farmington, has been assigned as a truck driver with the 169th Engineer Battalion near Long Binh, Vietnam.

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Youth Guidance Group Faces Intangibles

Any worthwhile project takes the combined talents and devoted labor of scores of people that don't receive much recognition. News coverage on these people is scarce simply because the activity or work of the group does not fall into the category of "hard news" which is required. Recognition is also scant as the people involved are not publicity seekers. They are simply trying to get a job done.

THE QUASI-GOVERNMENTAL groups in Farmington come to mind when you think of dedicated people working hard to perform a service for all. These two (and there are other groups) are the Farmington Area Recreation Commission (FARC) and the Youth Guidance Committee of Greater Farmington. The FARC organizes and runs the recreation program in Farmington. The work of this group is a prime example of the good that can result when city, township and the two school districts serving the area combine their forces.

THE YOUTH GUIDANCE Committee

actually reports to Oakland County Probate Court. Its members are drawn from the city and township, and the nominations are all approved by the Farmington School Board, the City Council, and the Township Board. (These three groups put up the funds; they pay the bills so they have a say in who sits on the committee.)

However, this week we would like to examine the work of the Youth Guidance Committee. What brings this organization to mind is the fact that its annual report came across the desk last week.

The group's constitution states its goals as:

- Protect, safeguard and improve the welfare of youth.
- Strengthen and improve home, family living conditions.
- Assist in the prevention of delinquency and neglect.
- Cooperate with all community agencies and resources in providing services for youth and families.

As we said above — concrete results are hard to find for these goals, but the job still has to be done.

ACCORDING TO THE GUIDANCE Committee's report, the caseload of work with delinquents in Farmington has remained the same over the past two years. Most of the referrals of these youth came from the schools and the local police forces, with a smaller number coming directly from the court and even less being referred by the parents.

The greatest majority of the youth referred to the committee were in the junior high age group with the boys outnumbering the girls.

Only 30 per cent of the cases closed by the committee were because the guidance felt that the problem was solved. Most of the reasons for closing a case, according to the committee, are due to families moving out of an area or the parents believing that they can now handle the situation themselves.

Delinquency in both city and township is up in certain areas, according to the report. In other areas, the figures reveal no increase, but neither is there a decrease. Rather, the incidence of delinquency in the other areas remained the same.

Thus, there is a problem of delinquency in Farmington.

BE THANKFUL that there are dedicated people such as the members of the Farmington Youth Guidance Committee who are working hard to try to solve the problem. This attitude is better than contending that there is "no problem" in Farmington.

— Sue Shaughnessy

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CREATIVE TALENT -- For his entry in the art show to be held in Shiawassee School from 7 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, March 5, Scott Young, sixth grade pupil, dipped yarn in paint pots to create art works.

Local Sports Roundup

Franke Quintet Has Slim Lead

The Thomas Franke Construction Co. quintet clung to a one-game lead in the Farmington Recreation Department basketball title chase this week by squeaking out a 52-51 victory over the Farmington Alumni team.

Other scores this week included Republic Underwriters' 51-26 win over Johnston & Johnston and Arrowsmith's 48-47 victory over the Jaycees.

With two weeks to go before the playoffs, Franke leads the loop with a 6-2 record. The Jaycees have a 5-3 mark, with MacDonald's Farmington Alumni and Republic tied at 4-4. Arrowsmith is in fifth place at 3-5 and Johnston & Johnston trails with 2-6.

'South' Baseball Registration Set

Registration for the South Farmington baseball program for boys will be conducted March 23, March 30 and April 6 at Farmington Junior High School. It was announced this week.

Players will be assigned to teams only after they have gone through tryouts at City Park between April 15 and April 24, Commissioner Howard Perry stated. He said this rule will apply to all boys except eight-year-olds and those participating in Tee-ball.

'North' Baseball Details Formed

Registration for boys who wish to play in the North Farmington-West Bloomfield Little League baseball program next summer will be conducted March 9, 16 and 23 in Bond Elementary School. It was announced this week. Physical examinations will be given at the same time.

Four new diamonds have been built since the end of last season, with 11 other playing fields having been reworked to provide better playing surfaces. Each Little League family will be assessed \$5, in addition to registration fees, to offset league operational costs.

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Pack 167 Holds Banquet

Numerous awards were presented to boys of Pack 167 at the group's annual Blue and Gold Banquet on Feb. 16. During the business segment of the gathering, Neighborhood Scout Commissioner Robert Lawsher presented the group's Pack charter. For entertainment, the boys sang songs, accompanied on the guitar by

Pair To Sing In WSU Concert

Two Wayne State University students from Farmington will perform in the combined "Two for Tonight" concert by WSU's Men's and Women's Glee Clubs at 8:30 p.m. Friday, March 8, in the Ford Auditorium.

The program will feature sacred music, folk songs, spirituals and contemporary selections. The Farmington participants are James Gosdall, 3729 Bernadine Dr., and Chris C. Carter, 31846 N. Marklawn.



This is who to see for a good deal on auto insurance.

John Mueller, one of the fathers. Pack members who received awards included Keith Racks, one year pin; Steven Markovich and Dennis Hardin, bear badge; Bob Gardner, wolf badge with gold arrow and two silver arrows; Richard Jacobs, wolf badge with gold and silver arrows; Mark Torgina, wolf badge with gold arrow and two silver arrows; Mitchell Nearhood, gold arrow and three silver arrows; Jim Boyd, silver arrow.

Howard Rostrom and Craig Jarvis were given Bobcat pins in the traditional ceremony by Pack Leader Jack Racker.

FARMINGTON TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES

A Special Meeting of the Farmington Township Board was held on February 19th, A.D. 1968 at the Farmington Township Hall, Farmington, Michigan. Meeting was called to order at 8:37 p.m. by Mr. Curtis Hall, Chairman. Members present were Hall, Thomas, Nolan and Klopp; absent were Avery, Oppenheimer and Skilling.

1. Consideration of Authorization of Change of Signature Requirement on Checks.

MOTION by Nolan, supported by Klopp, that change of signature requirement on checks be authorized to read "any duly elected Township of Farmington official or their official deputy are authorized to sign Township checks." Carried - unanimous.

2. Consideration of purchasing capacity in Grand River Arm Sanitary Sewer for an Area North of I-96 B, South and East of the City of Farmington and West of the Grand River Arm District.

Resolution and Opinion of Attorney not received from Attorney. Agreed that consideration of this item be put over to next Board Meeting.

On Motion made, supported and carried the Special Meeting was adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted
FLOYD A. CAIRNS,
Farmington Township Clerk
GLADYS THOMAS,
Deputy Clerk.

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