

Reserve police officers carry militia tradition

FARMINGTON—For almost 30 years reserve public safety officers have played an important role in the life of the Farmington community. It is a concept that started with a local militia 150 years ago and has grown in stature and demand from a small group of local helpers to a highly trained force of volunteers whose

skills are close to that of professional public safety officers. The Farmington reserves are seeking new members—the kind who are willing to devote time and effort. Reserve Captain John Glin said, "I've been in the program 17 years. I find it interesting, in fact, I love it. I think everybody in the program has

to really like and be geared to handle the challenges." Glin, a printing plant foreman, says the present 24 reserve volunteers include a wide variety of professional persons—a lawyer, several engineers, advertising executives and others.

When Glin volunteered, reserves were given six weeks training. "But, as public safety officers have become more professional, so have the reserve officers." Now, instead of six weeks training, the reserves have 20 weeks of training and attend classes each Thursday night, 7:30-11 p.m. at Schockcraft College.

"THEY ARE not allowed to ride in a police car or participate until graduation."

Once he is screened and approved by the department coordinator and the reserve staff officers, the volunteer's contribution is time and dedication. The department supplies the uniforms, equipment and covers training costs.

When training has been successfully completed, the reserve officer is scheduled to augment the regular public safety officers in both police work and fire fighting.

He is on emergency call for fire fighting, helps with parades and events such as the Founder's Festival—whenever the department has unexpected problems such as storms or traffic control.

Ever since the reserves have developed a solid working structure with their own officers—a captain, two lieutenants and platoon sergeants—they have been running their own program. If they run into problems, Sergeant John Santomero of the regular department, who serves as coordinator, is available to offer advice.

THOSE INTERESTED in reserve officer training may apply at the public safety department, 2200 Liberty. All applicants should live within a six mile radius of downtown Farmington. Reserve officers meet monthly and the commanding staff holds separate monthly meetings.

In addition to Glin, the staff includes Lieutenants Richard Newrocki and John Hart, Sergeant William Jenkins and platoon sergeants Jack Wilson, William Crotti, Gerry Vayko and Sergey Palorka.



A Farmington reserve police officer helps control the crowd at the Memorial Day parade.



Whew! It's hot!

A little work on a hot day can make a fellow appreciate a rest. Christopher Jugon, whose father is assistant manager of Country Lanes on Nine Mile in Farmington, helped his father

with some gardening work last week. Temperatures in the 80s made frequent rests necessary. (Staff photos by Gary Friedman)

Open house is June 8

OCC marks 1st decade

FARMINGTON HILLS—Oakland Community College will celebrate its first decade with an open house from 4 p.m. Sunday, June 8. The festivities will be held on the open redwood terrace and in the outdoor amphitheater close by. The idea is to create an afternoon of light entertainment and photography and art exhibits with department displays and informal conversations on what the college is about.

"The festive open house is a way to promote community understanding of

what we as a college and campus are all about," said Charles Yerranian, college administrator working on the festival planning.

Persons at the open house will be ready to talk with visitors about the different needs which the college fills in the life of the community, from formal education to the short non-credit courses and variety of services.

But, that is only one side of the festivities. During the afternoon, the Red Garter Dixieland Band will be playing on the terrace, and the New McKinney Cotton Pickers will be giving

concerts in the amphitheater from 3 p.m. on.

There will also be a photo and art display and sale by the students as well as the Farmington Artists Club. Free refreshments will be served.

This event replaces the Gaslight Festival for several reasons. One is that it can do more to explain the college to the community. "And besides, the Gaslight Festival was a monumental undertaking which, in view of the economic situation of the country, doesn't seem too appropriate."

Before LWV audience

Candidates split on control

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amendment to use a graduated income tax for education failed to win voter support. When taxes are local, she said, taxpayers "maybe worry a little bit more" about how the money is spent.

Bowman said a tax that is more fair than the property tax must be found. Schools should keep local control and local support, he said.

"WHOEVER PAYS the bill... generally is the one who has power over that institution."

Mrs. Hill, a native of the south, said taxes are higher in Michigan but "these schools are really ours."

Schpiece said there is no gross control exercised by the state now. The state should "give us the money we're paying in taxes back to us."

Schwartz said an alternative to the property tax must be found. That involves "settling priorities on a broader scale." The country should "recognize education as a national priority."

Candidates also answered a question about closed meetings. Schwartz said Michigan law requires all action be taken at public meetings. Executive sessions are acceptable as long as no final action is taken.

AN EXECUTIVE session, he said, makes it possible for board members to confer and change their mind on issues "without losing face to the public."

Schpiece said he is not afraid to express his views in public.

"I don't think any governmental body... ought to hide behind closed doors from the public."

Bowman said there are times when executive sessions are necessary. However, "When the board is at odds with each other, the public is entitled to the differing views of the board."

Mrs. Wright said "leaky" personnel matters should be handled in private.

Otherwise, "Any time you have closed sessions, you have suspicion."

Commencements

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education at the Calvary Baptist Church. He is former member of the engineering department of Ford Motor Co.

Another Farmington resident, Richard H. Headlee, will address North Farmington seniors at their graduation.

HEADLEE WAS born in Fort Dodge, Iowa, and received his B.S. in business administration and speech from Utah State University in 1955. He joined Burroughs Corp. in 1955 and in 1960 was elected president of

the United States Junior Chamber of Commerce. In 1968 he became an advisor to Gov. George Romney and to Michigan's commerce department director.

He is now president and chief executive officer of Hamilton International Corp. and its major subsidiary, Alexander Hamilton Life Insurance. He is bishop of the Detroit Ward of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints.

All members of the board of education will attend each of the commencement ceremonies and its president, Gary Lackmann, will speak.

OCC will hold its summer registration

FARMINGTON HILLS—The Orchard Ridge Campus of Oakland Community College will hold its summer registration Monday, June 23, and Tuesday, June 24.

Registration will be according to the alphabetical schedule listed in the schedule of classes. Class schedules are available at the counseling desk at the campus.

Classes in the seven-week session will begin on Wednesday, June 25. Late registration will be Wednesday, June 25, through Friday, June 27. OCC offers college courses in both transfer and technical programs, and the Orchard Ridge campus also has extension and short courses.

For further information, call the Orchard Ridge campus. New students should call the counseling center.

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