

A Tale Of Homeowner Concern In Farmington

FARMINGTON Citizens are often criticized for their lack of concern and involvement in governmental affairs, but the pendulum may be swinging in the other direction.

That is the conclusion of a year-end review by the Farmington Citizens Association, FCA, a group of residents from the City of Farmington formed six months ago.

IN THE REPORT, President Harriet Dart of Maple Avenue comments: "Our slogan: Preserve, Improve, Participate."

icipate" is aptly descriptive of our actions to date.

"We have had at least one FCA representative at every council and Planning Commission meeting and at some of the meetings of the Zoning Board of Appeals since our formation.

"Conservatively speaking, we have put in well over 150 hours just sitting in on these meetings in an attempt to protect the rights of residents in Farmington.

"In addition, we have spent many hours talking to people from all sections of the city to pinpoint their problems so that we may carry back to the council and Planning Commission the real feelings of the citizens whose rights, after all, deserve top priority from city officials."

"The FCA has been conducting a petition drive in opposition to any rezoning to allow additional apartment development within city limits."

The organization has gone on record as opposing several previous attempts to increase the number of multi-family

developments in the city and at the last Planning Commission hearing strongly opposed the proposed master plan for Farmington Rd. between Freedom Dr. and Alta Loma.

"We are actively involved in the question of a new post office for Farmington," says Mrs. Dart. "We have been in contact with Congressman Jack McDonald on the matter and in fact will meet with him this week to discuss our objections to the plan.

"On the other hand," she continues, "we are not always in disagreement with the plans of city officials. We have a representative working with the downtown redevelopment committee of the Planning Commission and even supplied the map work used at the recent council hearing on the proposed central business district zoning as a courtesy to the planning commission."

"We also have a representative working with the city beautification committee. What it all means, in essence, is that we represent a large number of residents who are genuinely concerned over the future of their city and who

are willing to put in a lot of hard work to carry out their objectives to preserve, improve and participate in Farmington planning."

AT THEIR LAST general meeting, the following officers were elected to a one-year term:

Mrs. Dart, president; Ron Rousseau, vice-president; Dick Brainer, treasurer; Shirley Harper, recording secretary; and Rhannon Telgen, corresponding secretary.

The next general meeting of the FCA will be Jan. 20 at 8 p.m. in the Green Room of the Farmington Community Center.

The group is hoping for a large attendance in view of controversial matters now coming before the council and Planning Commission, says Mrs. Dart.

"Not many more things can happen by way of development in the city before our available land area will be used," she concludes. "We want to make sure that this last bit of development will be what is needed and, equally important, what is wanted by residents of the city."

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We got back from our holiday vacation to Florida last Sunday afternoon. We enjoyed our trip. We were able to sun and swim three times before the cold set in; we enjoyed visiting with old friends there; we enjoyed a week at Sun City. But we are NOT Florida-ans. We are very happy to be back in Wood Creek which looks beautiful to us in its blanket of snow.

Of course, I immediately heard of the serious automobile accident in which Vi Smolek and former Wood Creeker, Allen Dorman, were involved last week Wednesday. Both were taken immediately to

Beaumont Hospital. As both had facial injuries visitors have not been welcome. I am very glad to be able to report that Vi should be home by the time you read this.

Clare and Lou Lewis flew to Austin, Texas, Dec. 29 where they visited Clare's sister and her family, which included three nephews. On New Year's Day, five drove over for the Cotton Bowl game. Lou says she made herself very unpopular by rooting so hard for Notre Dame. While in Austin they had snow which was a big thrill for many children who were seeing snow for the first time. They flew home Jan. 5.

Farmington Calendar

INVESTIGATION INTO IDENTITY FOR WOMEN

Jan. 19. Area women may register at 12:15 p.m. in the Farmington Community Center for Oakland University Center for "Investigation into Identity." Sessions will be held in the center on Mondays and Wednesdays. Fee for the series—\$85.

PRAYER BREAKFAST

Jan. 19. Farmington Area Jaycees will hold their annual prayer breakfast at 7:30 a.m. in Farmington Elks Temple, 2366 Orchard Lake Rd. Guest speaker will be the Rev. David Eberhard, Detroit city councilman.

FARMINGTON CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

Jan. 20. The Farmington Citizens Association will hold a general membership meeting at 8 p.m. in the green room of the Farmington Community Center. Current zoning problems, ordinance enforcement and other matters affecting the city residents are to be discussed. All members and interested residents are requested to attend. For additional details, contact Mrs. Harriet Dart, president, 474-3969.

SEX EDUCATION

Jan. 20. Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 20900 New Market, behind Demery's Store, will present a film-strip and book entitled, "I Wonder, I Wonder," geared especially to children ages 5-9 years at 7 p.m. Jan. 27, the church will present a filmstrip and book entitled, "Wonderfully Made," for children ages 10-12 years. Parents and children are invited to attend both sessions. Materials used are part of the Concordia Sex Education Series.

MIDDLE BELT PTA

Jan. 20. Middle Belt PTA will hold a school open house beginning at 8 p.m.

AAUW INTERNATIONAL DINNER

Jan. 21. Farmington branch of the American Association of University Women will hold its annual international dinner at 6:30 p.m. in St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Eight Mile and Middle Belt. Special guests will be Farmington exchange students.

PROGRAM ON ADOPTION

Jan. 22. Prince of Peace Lutheran Church will present Dennis Dworkin of the Council of Adoptable Children at 8:30 p.m. in the church. Dworkin will present a film and discuss the "hard-to-adopt-child." The church is located at 20900 New Market, behind Demery's Store.

SENIOR CITIZENS SOCIAL CLUB

Jan. 23. The Senior Citizens Social Club will meet at noon in the First United Methodist Church social room. A social afternoon with cards will follow the business meeting. Bring a sandwich.

SCHOOLS DISMISSED

Farmington schools will be dismissed in the afternoon on Jan. 21 for an in-service workshop for teachers. Kindergarten-third grade teachers meet at Middle Belt School, fourth-sixth at Ten Mile School, special services at Kenbrook. Schools are dismissed in the afternoon Jan. 22 and there is no school on Jan. 23.

Dinner - Dance For OCC Staff

The fifth annual dinner-dance for faculty, staff and guests of Oakland Community College will be held Jan. 20 in the Raleigh House, 5300 Telegraph in Southfield.

Cocktail hour will begin at 7 p.m., followed by a six-course gourmet dinner at 8 p.m. featuring roast prime ribs of beef and dancing.

Tickets are available at \$24 per couple or \$12 single from Prentice Ryan at Central Office, Clayton Roth at Highland Lakes, James Warner at Auburn Hills, and John Davenport, Rod Chase, Earl Long or Roger Zapinski at Orchard Ridge. Reservations must be made by Friday, Jan. 23.

Soroptimists Seek Leaders

Farmington Soroptimists are once again in the process of making their annual Youth Citizenship Awards. Three winners will be chosen from students who will graduate not later than June 1970.

PRIZES OF \$150, 100, and \$50 will be awarded to those who the judges decide are most meritorious. There will also be 17 regional awards of \$1,000 each and the national winner will receive \$1500.

Awards are not based on scholarship. Rather, they emphasize attributes of character and leadership.

Service to home, school, and community ranks high on the list of desirable qualities. Much value is placed on cooperation, courtesy, and consideration for others.

Dependability is another requisite. Applicants must have executed responsibilities with truthfulness, loyalty, and punctuality.

Leadership qualities must be tempered with self-control, dignity, and responsibility.

FINALLY the applicant must have a clear sense of

purpose which he pursues with sincerity and integrity.

Members of this year's contest committee are Mrs. Alma Diamond, Mrs. Ruth Madigan, Mrs. Dorothy Oglesby, and its chairman, Miss Minnie Zielke.

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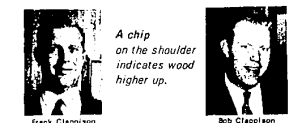
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Set Standards For Shop Class Safety

FARMINGTON School and community members of the vocational machine shop craft committee met recently to determine performance standards for future shop classes. They also discussed safety measures for machine operation.

Present for the meeting were: Don Greenberg, president of Arrowsmith Tool and Die; Alvie V. Fox, president of Index Manufacturing Co.; George Kern, president of Kern Industries; Ronald J. Monfette, apprenticeship coordinator for Schoolcraft Community College; Gary Gray, shop instructor at Farmington High School; Richard Catton, technical and industrial coordinator; and Earl Baumunk,

director of vocational education.

THE COMMITTEE decided that all students must be given adequate instruction in the safe use of all machines. Likewise, all machines must be properly guarded. Students must wear eye protection, and the instructors must attempt to develop in his students a proper attitude toward safety.

As to performance goals, the student should be able to identify parts and understand their function. He should know how to maintain, lubricate, and clean a lathe.

Given a blueprint, the student should be able to adjust the machine's feeds and speeds and to determine the accuracy of his work by use of proper instruments.

Handed a blueprint and a cylindrical piece of metal stock, the student should be able to sharpen appropriate tool bits, true up work in a three-jaw chuck, do facing operations, center a drill, and do straight turning.

He should also be able to machine square and filleted shoulders, turn contours, do parting, knurl, bore, drill and tap, turn tapers, and complete

external-internal threading to shoulder.

THE STUDENT should be able to identify parts of a drill press, understand their function, and be able to maintain the machine properly.

He must be able to sharpen drills, reamers, counter bores, counter sinks, and taps.

Presented with a blueprint and appropriate stock, the student should be able to lay out proper locations for drill press operations.

He should be able to clamp stock safely using proper holding devices, be aware of uses of jigs and fixtures. He should be able to adjust for machine's feeds and speeds.

After stock has proper layout, the student should be adept at drilling, reaming, counter-boring, counter-sinking, tapping, and spot-facing.

The meeting, one of a series, was the outgrowth of the development of craft committees to meet the growing needs of the vocational education department of Farmington Schools.

"Involvement of the community's industrial leaders greatly enhances the program's realism," Baumunk commented.

Brother Program Shows Improvement

A third grade teacher writes: "I have noticed a marked change in Billy's attitude with other children."

Another: "His confidence and self-image have improved dramatically."

Still another: "In my opinion, Joe's Big Brother is his salvation."

The comments are typical ones, the kind received in more than four-fifths of case in a survey of school behavior conducted by the Big Brothers of Oakland County, a To-Go Drive service.

THE SURVEY found that 86% of the troubled, fatherless boys who join the Big Brothers program show a marked improvement in school behavior, sometimes within months.

In 52% of the cases, the boys had improved in all three areas. Most of the rest showed improvement in two of three areas.

No improvement was reported in 8% of the cases. Four per cent of the boys had had no initial school problem and 2% of the cases were "don't knows."

FLOYD A. METZ, executive director of Big Brothers, said the results were unique among organizations dealing with human problems.

"In the mental health field, of which we are a part," he said, "demonstrable improvement in 50% of cases is considered very good. An 86% observable improvement is, therefore, phenomenal."

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