

Clarenceville settles out of court

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The group received a letter from the district saying no offer of less than \$50,000 (half of the asking price) would be accepted, Mohiuddin said. He said White became involved when an article about the offer appeared in the local paper.

BOTH CRESCENT Investment and White made offers of \$50,000, but White's offer included contingency clauses, Mohiuddin said.

"We didn't have any of that," Mohiuddin said. "Our offers were always ahead on the other offer."

At a special board meeting in May 1985, Shiber recommended that White's offer be accepted, based on the assumption that his project would generate more taxes for the school district.

Crescent Investment said its project would generate \$12,000 in taxes, but White never said how much his project would generate, Mohiuddin said.

"The whole problem was they had made up their minds. They decided to sell to him anyway. We said we felt (the district) was discriminating against us," he said.

The group filed suit in federal court and asked for an injunction to stop the sale in June 1986. Judge

Anna Diggs Taylor denied the injunction.

Both parties agreed to put the case before an arbitration board. In September, the panel decided that \$30,000 should be awarded to Crescent Investment. At the invitation of the district's attorney, the group withdrew its lawsuit and the matter was settled out of court.

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Cleanup of Rouge postponed

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In the meantime, efforts to clean up waterways like the Rouge River and improve sewage plants like Detroit's will have to be put on hold, said Elizabeth Harris, staff attorney of the East Michigan Environmental Action Council based in Bloomfield Township.

Even though the clean water act may be the first bill introduced next

year — giving it the much-sought-after designation of HR 1 — "the effect might be we have a six month to a year delay," Harris said.

MANY COMMUNITIES in the state are worried the delay will put them in violation of the pollution control requirements spelled out in the original Clean Water Act of 1972, said Chip Heckathorn of the state Department of Natural Resources.

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Schools host students

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The Farmington policy was written based on the attorney general's opinion, according to Dilitzky, who presented the changes and recommended they be adopted. It defines residents as "any student whose parents or guardians reside in the Farmington School District."

FOR RESIDENTS hosting foreign students, the policy says: "A student who leaves her/his country of residence for a year to live with a host Farmington family can attend school in the area of residence for that year — to improve the student's knowledge of American culture and language through active participation in Farmington's school/community life."

The opinion issued by state Attorney General Frank Kelley on Sept. 25, 1985, said a school district is not required to charge tuition of a foreign exchange student, and that such a student may

attend the public schools without payment of tuition.

The opinion said that "since tuition must be charged for a non-resident pupil admitted to the schools of a school district, it is necessary to determine whether a foreign exchange student is a resident of the school district in which he or she lives and attends school."

Kelley made his case citing several legal cases and stating the purpose of the foreign-exchange-student program. The purpose is "to improve the foreign student's knowledge of American culture and language through active participation in family, school and community life. A secondary purpose is to improve American knowledge of a foreign culture."

THE ISSUE of exchange students was originally raised by trustee Janice Rolnick, and subsequently discussed by board members and administrators. Su-

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