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TALUS Chief Cites Facts And Figures

No Crisis If Farmington Plans Now

In case you didn't know it, Farmington has a high percentage of college graduates living within its confines and has a higher median income than all of Oakland County or Southeast Michigan.

The area's also grown fantastically since 1960. The combined population growth of both city and township has been 47 percent from 1960 to 1967. This compares to a 25 percent population growth for Oakland County and 13 percent for Southeast Michigan.

These are just a few of the facts reported by Irving J. Rubin, Director of the Detroit Regional Transportation and Land Use Study (TALUS), during a speech to the Farmington Board of Commerce on Oct. 17.

Rubin predicted that by 1975 the population in Farmington would jump to 70,000. In 1967 the population was 47,800, while it stood at 43,400 in 1965 and 32,300 in 1960.

IN THE CITY of Farmington the population was 6,800 in 1960, 8,500 in 1965 and 9,600 in 1967. Figures for the same years in the township were 25,500, 34,900 and 38,200.

Citing this growth, Rubin told the Board of Commerce members that Farmington was

in the position to make decisions now and to develop policies that would ward off the crisis faced by the older cities of America.

The TALUS Director said that Farmington had to answer two basic questions to meet the challenges that will be facing the area during the next 20 years.

"You must decide what type of governmental organization is best equipped to meet the problems and just what type of community you want to develop," he said.

The TALUS study is expected to make recommendations during the summer of 1969 to help with the development and growth of the six-county Southeastern Michigan area.

Included in this area are the counties of Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, St. Clair, Livingston, Washtenaw and Monroe. This includes the metropolitan areas of Detroit, Ann Arbor, Monroe, Fort Huron and Pontiac.

IN A DETAILED analysis of Farmington, Rubin reported that 25.3 percent of all the heads of households in the city are college graduates compared with 24.9 percent in the township. In all of Oakland County this figure

is 19.5 percent, while it is 11.3 percent in Southeastern Michigan and 7.6 percent for Detroit.

Median income in the city is \$9,740, while the median in the township is \$10,400. In Oakland County the median salary is \$9,020 and it's \$7,710 for the southeast part of the state. In Detroit the median is \$6,350.

Automobiles are also more common in Farmington than in surrounding areas.

In the city 64.4 percent of the households have two or more cars, while only one percent have no car. The figures in the township are 60.3 percent with 0.9 percent having no private means of transportation.

In all of Oakland County only 50.7 percent of the homes have two or more cars, while 37.3 percent of the households in Southeastern Michigan own two or more cars. For the city of Detroit the figure stands at 25 percent.

Average trips per day for each household in autos are: City of Farmington, 10.9; Farmington Township, 10.6; Oakland County, 9.9; Southeast Michigan, 8; and City of Detroit, 5.7.

today's hot line

Nixon's Tuesday Rally

At 9:30 a.m.

The time of Richard Nixon's speech in Livonia next Tuesday has been pushed forward to 9:30 a.m., Republican leaders have announced.

The rally for the GOP presidential candidate will be held in Roma Hall, 27777 Schoolcraft, near the Detroit Race Course.

Nixon will deliver a 30-minute address. Afterwards, the Nixon motorcade will visit northwest Detroit suburbs.

Accompanying Nixon will be his wife, Gov. and Mrs. Romney.

Nixon's visit will be the first to the Overland suburb by an active presidential candidate. Vice President Humphrey came to the dedication of Stevenson High School a couple of years ago.

What's Inside

Our Endorsements

As voters, you will face a batch of proposals on the Nov. 5 ballot—county home rule, constitutional amendments, bond issues. We've spelled them out clearly, analyzed them and given our opinions in a special Editorial Page.

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What's PD?

A group of Farmington parents have a complete program for helping children with learning disabilities. Staff writer Elizabeth Wiseman explains the program implemented by the group and the current school programs to help 25 per cent of the district's students learn.

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Party Canceled

The plans were all set for the birthday party for a 100-year-old resident of Farmington Township when death intervened. For the story of this pioneer's life see...

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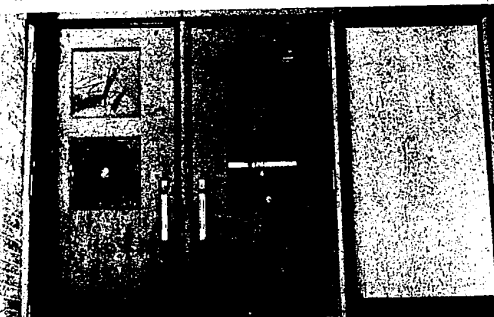
SUNDAY'S edition will feature a day with 19th Congressional candidates Jack McDonald and Gary Frink, emphasizing the questions that you, the voters, ask them.

NEXT WEDNESDAY we'll endorse candidates for Congress and the State House of Representatives in all the Overland races. Look for the Editorial Page.

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WORK OF VANDALS — These windows were just part of the damage found at Farmington's Alameda School Monday morning. The school district has announced the hiring of a private patrol for the Halloween season.

Schools Hire Patrols To Combat Vandalism

By DAVID SARTIN

A five-car private patrol has been hired by the Farmington School district for security measures during Halloween weekend, following recent district-wide vandalism.

Cost of the patrol is \$125 per day according to district officials.

"It seems that we can hire the patrol," said Harry Stultz, district director of buildings and grounds, "and save money, instead of paying for the vandalism."

Stultz's remarks came while viewing last weekend's vandalism at Alameda Elementary School, on Powers in Farmington Township.

SOMETIME between Friday night and Monday morning, vandals broke a one fourth-inch plate glass window valued at \$40 and eight 30-inch windows in two separate locations on the outside of the school.

Emergency flare torches were used to melt wire-filled safety glass on rear and side doors.

Alameda Principal Norman Langen has recovered four flares that were thrown into the school. Parts of a hallway bulletin board and a desk were burned by the flares.

Total damage has been estimated at \$125 for materials.

"OF COURSE the schools have to provide formal education for youngsters," Langen said, "but the informal education about values and morals has to be taught at home."

"This is a child-dominated

society and the results of it are apparent in the vandalism and other things that go on. "The kids are in school one-third of the day and it seems that parents expect schools to teach youngsters everything," Stultz said.

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Emergency Powers Granted To Mayor

The Farmington City Council has empowered the mayor to issue a general curfew order and halt the sale of liquor, fire arms, ammunition, gasoline and other combustible products during civil emergencies within the city.

The emergency powers ordinance, which was passed by unanimous vote at Monday's regular council meeting, designates civil emergencies as riot or unlawful assembly or natural disaster or man-made calamity.

Under the general curfew order, the mayor could prohibit street traffic and close places of public assembly. Private clubs or assemblies where liquor is sold could also be closed.

Violators of the new city ordinance are subject to a \$500 fine and/or 90 days in jail.

IN OTHER council action, City Manager John Dinan told the council that city engineers had determined that the developer of Kensington Manor Apartments had not bought property through which a natural drainage ditch now extends.

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Occupancy permits for the apartment complex have been refused pending installation of a permanently enclosed drain financed by the developer.

The occupancy permits have been held up because city officials and planning commission members believed that the developer owned the drainage ditch property.

Planning Commission Member James A. Platt told the council at an earlier meeting that the developer and the commission had agreed that the drain would be enclosed by the developer.

Drainage enclosure is expected to cost \$12,000, according to the developer.

The council went into a closed-door session at the close of Monday's regular meeting to discuss court strategy concerning the Kensington Manor Apartment drainage ditch with Dinan and City Attorney Robert Kelley.

THE COUNCIL received a proposed sign ordinance for ground, roof and building front signs as well as billboards and signs in residential areas.

Dinan, who fashioned the proposed ordinance from codes of surrounding communities, recommended council table first reading of the 11-page document, pending members study.

Under the proposed ordinance, ground signs cannot be more than 30-feet in height and 160 square feet per side.

Roof signs must also be less than 160 square feet per side, but cannot be more than 15-feet higher than the roof.

Signs projecting beyond the building's front cannot be larger than 60-square feet.

Marquee signs cannot be more than 80 square feet.

Billboard surface area cannot exceed 300 square feet, and lower edges cannot be within three feet of ground level. Billboards cannot be within 50 feet of public parks, schools, churches or bridges.

The proposed ordinance also names materials and construction methods to be used for signs within the city.



AT DEDICATION — Three direct descendants of Nathan Power were on hand Sunday when the Farmington Schools formally dedicated the new Power Junior High. From left are: Cecil Power of Detroit; Robert Power of Detroit; and Philip H. Power, publisher of The Farmington Enterprise & Observer.