

Poverty Program Opens Office in Farmington

Oakland County's anti-poverty program was brought by the Oakland County Commission to Farmington residents Tuesday, with the official opening of a client sub-center at 33423 Grand River, (over The Observer office).

The program is administered by the Oakland County Commission on Economic Opportunity (OCCEO).

The new sub-center, on the second floor, is the fourth in a network of 25 such centers planned by OCCEO in conjunction with local governments or agencies. Space for the Farmington sub-center is being provided by the Farmington Youth Guidance Council.

It will serve as an intake and referral office for low-income residents seeking job counseling, testing and placement, adult dental care; dept and family budgeting services and guidance on neighborhood problems.

The Center hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., each Tuesday and Wednesday. Staff will include a counselor aide supervisor, a counselor aide and neighborhood organizer Mrs. Willow Lippert.

Services are offered at no charge to low-income residents.

The need for such sub-centers was reinforced for the 51-member Commission last summer in a statistical survey of client families who were being served by the two major Opportunity Centers.

Almost 85 percent of the South Center clients are Royal Oak Township residents and more than 92 percent of the North Opportunity Center clients are Pontiac residents.

Among the local groups urging opening of the Farmington sub-center is the Farmington Advisory Council. Council chairman is Mrs. Leroy Legros, 21315 Randall Farmington. The Council was initiated this winter by the Commission as a means of better meeting the needs and problems of families with limited incomes.

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There aren't a great many people that give of themselves, donating their time, experience and know-how to people and causes. Dorothy Williams of Bellecrest, a sincere, honest, generous and most wonderful person, does give of herself. She got into somewhat of a situation the other day.

Being on several different committees, consisting of a volunteer worker for the Farmington Community Blood Bank, terminating March 18; seeking prizes for the Ford Trailer Club; working on plans for the Surprise Party for her subdivision entertainment committee and securing advertising for the Phil Hart Dinner in April.

She was on the phone working on all four of the projects and realized that it was the Phil Hart dinner she was supposed to relate.

The end result (and you can imagine yourself on the other end of the line, almost to complete shock) came out something like this: "Would you like to donate a pint of blood, to be given as a prize, at the Phil Hart dinner in April?" Stopping dead in her tracks, Dorothy, realized the confused effort and gave out with the real original, "Oh, my heavens, what did I say?"

SUN SEEKERS Mr. and Mrs. Ray Burns of Cumber Beach, Fla., where they were guests of Ray's sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Rogers. After their short stay there they visited Ft. Lauderdale and Miami Beach. The famous aquarium was one of their stopovers and though they did not get to see Flipper (he was on vacation or on location in Hollywood doing a movie) they did get to see some of the antics of Flipper's relatives. With perfect weather, Mr. and Mrs. Burns returned after two weeks to weather, not so perfect.

Following the sun also were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Piercecchi of Pipers Lane, relaxing for two weeks in Tampa, Ft. Lauderdale and Gainesville. Being a garden clubber, Mrs. Piercecchi, naturally would be attracted by the gorgeous blooms, in what she called "the arrangers paradise."

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