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MSU Seeks Staff For Area Government Study

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Not a yes or no, but a ma...
That seems to be the answer from the Michigan State University Institute for Community Services about whether or not it will conduct a Farmington area-wide study of future governmental development.

THE MSU STAFF met with members of the Future Farmington Area Study Committee last week to explore the possibility of submitting a proposal.

They promised a yes or no answer in a week. Dr. Robert Anderson, assistant director of the Institute, told *The Enterprise & Observer* that the staff would have a definite answer possibly by the

beginning of next week.

"Right now we are trying to determine whether or not we can obtain the people to do a study," he said. "If we are successful in this then the people to make the study will write the proposal."

Anderson said that the Institute had "not come to the point that we can say yes, but we have not rejected the idea."

"We are giving it a good try to find the people so that the Institute will be able to come back to the committee with a proposal that both it and we can be proud of," Anderson concluded.

DR. JOHN RICHARDSON, chairman of the study group, told *The Enterprise & Observer* that although no definite word had been received from

MSU he thought that the Institute wanted to make a proposal.

"We realize that academic institutions make commitments for their personnel at the end of the academic year," he said, "and the reason that MSU has not given the committee a definite answer is the fact that they are trying to find the necessary personnel."

"While the committee is waiting for an answer from the MSU people, we are currently exploring other means of having the study made which include both private firms and other educational institutions," Richardson concluded.

WHEN THE MSU people met with the committee, they told it that the Institute had made

commitments for projects during the summer, and finding the necessary staff for a study might pose a problem.

Richardson added that, even if a study proposal was made, work would not begin on it until after Jan. 1, 1968.

MSU made a study proposal last spring, but withdrew the offer when the township voted not to make any decision about supporting the study until after the Oct. 23 incorporation election.

CURRENTLY THE township board, the city council and the councils from the two villages have all agreed to support the study and share the cost.

The proposal made by MSU in the spring would have cost \$3,500.



BULGING FILES -- hold a record of the Youth Guidance Committee's work in behalf of young people. Committee officers (left to right) the Rev. Hugh V. Stewart, vice chairman; Mrs. Teresa Respondet, secretary; Jim Alstrom, chairman; and Bob Smith, treasurer, read over one of the case histories that fill the file cabinets.

Youth Guidance II:

Group Seeks Prevention Of Juvenile Delinquency

(EDITOR'S NOTE: What is the Farmington Youth Guidance Committee? Who are its members and how is it supported? What is its function? These and other questions about the citizen-based youth group are examined and answered in a series by Observer Staff Writer Elizabeth Wisman. This is the second of a series examining the Youth Guidance Committee.)

By ELIZABETH WISMAN
Staff Writer

In its statement to the public outlining the purpose of the Youth Guidance Committee (YGC), the group says:

"The underlying purpose of

this committee is to involve interested, capable and qualified local citizens in the problem of youth and the prevention of juvenile delinquency and neglect in our community."

To do this, the YGC has a membership that is a cross section of local and lay professional people who represent churches, civic organizations and professions.

ALL MEMBERS are voluntary, who after being approved by the School Board, City Council and Township Board, are then appointed by the judges

of the Oakland County Probate Court.

The approval and appointing groups are co-sponsors of the YGC program. The committee is nonpolitical, both in membership and control.

It is the sole local citizen organization concerned exclusively with immediate and long range goals designed to organize community resources in finding of solutions to local neglect and delinquency problems.

Committee activities include

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U.S. Sets Study Of Request

FRED DELANO
Staff Writer

Farmington Township's "corridor of blight," officially defined as running from the eastern city limits to Inkster Rd. and lying between Grand River on the south and Suiwasser Rd. on the north, will come under the federal microscope Nov. 15.

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development has notified Township Supervisor Curtis Hall that a representative will visit here that day to inspect the area preparatory to deciding whether it qualifies for federal renewal assistance.

THIS ACTION comes in immediate response to a joint request by the Township Trustees and Planning Commission, made less than two weeks ago, that H.U.D. undertake such a study.

Dean Swartzel, H.U.D.'s assistant regional administrator for renewal assistance, with headquarters in Chicago, advised of this staff will come to Farmington personally to get a first-hand look at the area in question.

He will meet with representatives of both the Township Board and Planning Commission, plus Planning Consultant Charles Leman, at 11 a.m., Nov. 15, and then go on a guided tour of the so-called blighted sector.

ANY REQUEST by the Township for federal financial aid to renovate the area is contingent upon H.U.D. agreeing that the appropriate mile and three-quarter strip needs upgrading, and qualifies for U.S. funds.

NEW STREETS, sidewalks, storm sewers, parks and other public improvements, plus the encouragement of private construction investments, are considered primary needs for the sector in the opinion of local leaders.



MRS. HARRY G. FOX welcomes the ghosts and goblins to her home at 29912 Beacon Tree in the Briar Hill Subdivision Tuesday night.

Old Yule Tickets On Sale

Tickets for the Old Yule Log football game, pitting North Farmington High school against the Farmington Falcons, are on sale at a dozen business establishments in the city and township.

The two teams will meet at 2 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 11, on the Farmington High School gridiron.

Sharing in the proceeds will be the Athletic Fund for the township, the Farmington High School, and the scholarship fund for the Fall Festival Queen.

Tickets are priced at \$2 for adults and 25 cents for children of pre-high school age. High school students may obtain tickets at their own buildings.

Ticket outlets include the National Bank of Detroit, Harvey's Casula, Sanderson's Real Estate, Greg's Shoes, Buddy's Sport Shop, Grimes Cleaners, Denery's, Hepler's, Quick-Pick Food Shop, Pea & Particulars, Bon Ton Shop and The Enterprise & Observer's Farmington Rd. office.



THESE TWO changed their identity to clown and goblin for the evening. By Wednesday morning the affair was over except for the stomach aches caused by too much candy.

No 'Major' Ghost And Goblin Calls

Trick or treaters who came calling on horseback—a party guest who arrived in a hearse—and egg-throwing rowdies combined with more traditional celebrations to make the Farmington area's Halloween observance a kaleidoscope of frustration to law enforcement authorities.

Although the community was devoid of what police wold call "major" incidents, both City and Township headquarters were deluged by literally dozens of phone calls Monday and Tuesday nights from residents irritated by the shenanigans of the youth brigade.

TOWNSHIP CHIEF Irving H. Yakes said "On Tuesday Monday" assessed his department more problems than did Halloween itself on Tuesday.

"More of the teenage crowd was on the prowl Monday," said Yakes, "while most of Tuesday's action was the traditional house-to-house begging by the smaller youngsters, many of whom were accompanied by parents."

Yakes reported that the pelt-ing of buildings and vehicles with eggs, and the strewing of rolls of tissue across the landscape apparently were the "big" ideas of deviltry in the township.

Yakes kept all available cruisers on duty both Monday and Tuesday night, cancelling the leaves to maintain a full complement of officers.

JCs Ask Hands-Off Policy

The Farmington Jaycees waved a big stick this week at both the city and township officials and admonished John Doe, average citizen, while they were at it.

In a resolution unanimously passed at an "emergency" meeting of the Board of Directors of the Farmington Jaycees Tuesday night they said:

"That the Board of Directors of the Farmington Jaycees commits its unqualified support to the Future Farmington Area Study Committee in its efforts to obtain a professional evaluation in respect of the mode or modes of local government best suited to the Farmington Area;

"That the Board... urges most strongly that the City of Farmington Council and the Township of Farmington Board of Trustees each formally adopt such resolution as are necessary to support such a study, particularly financially, and to discourage its citizens from participating in Annexation and Incorporation proceedings, respectively, for the duration of such study;

"That, in the event that such a study is undertaken, the Board of Directors of the Farmington Jaycees actively will oppose Annexation or Incorporation proceedings, whether instituted by local government officials or private citizens, for the duration of such a study."

JAYCEE PRESIDENT Charles Williams said that the action, "in effect, speaks for the entire organization.

"If any annexation or incorporation petitions are filed before the study is completed," Williams warned, "the Jaycees will field all the necessary and available funds to defeat the proposal."

The 80 member Jaycee organization is formally a member of the Future Farmington Study Committee along with the Farmington Board of Commerce and the Farmington Chapter of the League of Women Voters.

WHILE WILLIAMS backed away from asserting that the Jaycees had any proof that either annexation or incorporation petitions are being circulated or about to be circulated, the rumors have been flying during the past week that another incorporation move is pending in the township.

The Jaycee action was interpreted as an attempt to head off the filing of any petitions.

During the incorporation campaign, Williams, John Bailey (an active member) and Edwin Blumberg (a past member) all ran for charter commission. The three announced themselves as opposed to the incorporation issue at that time and advocated a "no" vote. They did, however, emphasize that they were acting as private citizens and not as Jaycees.

The endorsement of the resolution by the Board of Directors seems to have moved the Jaycees from a "hands off" stance to a more aggressive position on the local political scene.

Worker Dies In Fall

A 50-year-old worker on a Farmington Township home construction project died in Botsford General Hospital Thursday after falling from the roof of the house on which he was working.

James Collier, of 15830 Hazelton, Detroit, was reported to have suffered a skull fracture, severe head lacerations and a considerable loss of blood after tumbling 12 feet from the roof into a drainage ditch.

He was working on a new residence being built next to 30579 De Orr St. in the Muer Cove subdivision near 13-Mile and Drake Rds. The accident occurred shortly after 1 p.m. Thursday.

Township fire and police units were both called to the scene, and police transported Collier to Botsford after the ambulance in which he had been placed broke down en route.

Collier still was conscious when he arrived at the hospital, but succumbed at 3:57 p.m.

Stiff Drunk Driving Law Hailed

Farmington Police Chief Robert Deadman this week hailed Michigan's new implied consent law as "a real step forward" toward reducing the highway accident and death toll attributable to drinking drivers.

He was joined in praising the long-sought and embattled statute, which became effective Thursday, by Township Chief Irving Yakes. Both men revealed they are seeking to obtain the all-important breathalyzer units for their own departments.

Meanwhile, all Farmington community police will use the facilities at the Bedford State Police Post to administer any of the chemical tests prescribed in the law.

IN A NUTSHELL, the state now is armed with a more effective weapon to combat the drinking driver than ever before. The law places a person's future driving privileges in serious jeopardy if he is arrested and the officer has reasonable suspicion that he has been drinking to excess. This is accomplished by al-

lowing the prosecution to use results of the chemical tests outlined in the law as evidence in court to back up the police charge. Revocation of the driver's license, imprisonment and fines all have become stronger implements of law enforcement agencies as a result.

Deadman explained that upon arrest a driver will be told what the driver's rights are under the law, which includes the right to refuse chemical examination.

IN FACT, Deadman is preparing a written form which will be read to the driver at the time of arrest.

A driver may refuse all tests, or he may elect any of four—those of breath, blood, saliva or urine—or to determine the extent of drinking. The breath test is expected to be used more than the other three.

Even though a driver refuses to take any of the four, he still will face an uphill battle to save his driver's license from at least temporary suspension, if not outright revocation, for the cannot successfully contradict the officer's evidence before the License Appeal Board a loss of driving privileges becomes automatic.

Farmington's two top officers Deadman and Yakes not only share the view that the legislation represents a major advancement, but also agree that an underlying benefit will be the caution it creates among drinkers.

At least, that is their hope.

Students Solve Mystery

On, to have the imagination of youth.

That horse-drawn vehicle which was pictured in Wednesday's *Enterprise & Observer*, with a paragraph that no one knew why it had been in town last Friday or where it came from, really wasn't such a mystery after all. At least, not to those in the know.

Farmington High School Student Council officers Karen Niemi and Leslie Cotton told us that this was to have been Homecoming Queen Deborah Neuhoff's royal coach.

That the carriage didn't make it on time, thus missing the parade, probably is beside the point.

For that matter, so is the fact that what called the stork on the senior class float a duck in all that rain, our wildlife writer figured only a duck would be out, but if it will make the seniors feel better we do apologize.

The carriage in which Queen Deadman was to have ridden, but didn't, was obtained from Larry Zamler's Ponderosa Ranch (located on Nine Mile, not in Texas) and it's 13 1/2 years old. The driver was Thomas Clark and the horses are named Velvet and Dawn.

Best of all, because the entourage didn't show up on time because of the rain, Zamler reimbursed the seniors their rental fee—one more bit of evidence that every cloud has a silver lining.