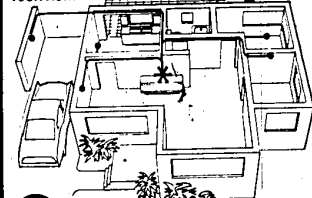


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Group Begins Study Of Vocational Center

A citizens advisory committee, supported by district school officials to assist in a feasibility study for an area vocational school started work on its assignment in an organizational meeting at Schoolcraft College.

Thirty-two members of the committee, representing educational, industrial and commercial, and general community interests in Livonia, Plymouth, Garden City and Northville, attended. Committee members had been appointed by school superintendents of the Clarenceville, Livonia, Garden City, Plymouth and Northville public school districts, which comprise the Schoolcraft College district.

THE CITIZENS GROUP is one of two committees organized to investigate the possibility of an area vocational center. The other being an executive, or steering, committee. Elected as co-chairmen, were Carvel M. Bentley, principal of Plymouth High, and Russell Miller, school board member from Garden City.

The committee's assignment is to obtain and review data on the need and feasibility of an area vocational center. As the study progresses, the group will also formulate recommendations, based on data collected, to the executive committee.

To tackle the assignment, members elected three subcommittee chairmen and staffed up each of the subcommittees.

IN THIS PHASE of the organization, Dr. Donald E. Friedrichs, director of secondary education for the Livonia schools, was elected chairman of the subcommittee on population and enrollment. Serving with him will be Fred Turner, from the Clarenceville district; Stanley Glamb, Garden City; and Glenn E. Delbert and James Hayward, both of Northville.

James R. Lasatch, manager of the industrial relations department at the Ford Transmission Plant, Livonia, was elected chairman of the subcommittee on occupational demands.

Serving with him will be Elbert Hartman and Leo Hasley of the Clarenceville district; John Parry, Raymond Kenyon, Dr. Richard Mallow and Richard Leche of Garden City; Mrs. Phyllis Patterson of Livonia; Carl Stephens and John Hyde of Northville; and Joe West, Clarence Moore, Dr. Gary Hall and Jerry Greer, of the Plymouth district.

ARLIE G. FAIRMAN, coordinator of vocational education for the Livonia schools, was elected chairman of the subcommittee on existing programs. Serving with him will be Norman Hunt and Norman Fild of the Clarenceville district; Gerald Gould and John Thompson of Garden City; George Clark, Dr. Werner Grunheid and Fred Holdsworth of Northville; and John W. Moehle and Keith Baughman of the Plymouth district.

The occupational demands subcommittee set its first meeting for 7 p.m., Jan. 11, and the existing programs subcommittee called its first meeting for noon, Jan. 12.

In addition, parent committee co-chairmen Bentley and Miller called a meeting for Feb. 29 at which time subcommittees will submit progress reports. The feasibility study executive committee will also be asked to attend the Feb. 29 meeting for a report on its activities.

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE is comprised of the superintendents of the five school districts: Benton Yates, Livonia; Raymond Spear, Northville; Donald Shader, Garden City; James Rossmore, Plymouth; and David McWhorter, Clarenceville; two members of

the Schoolcraft College Board of Trustees: Harold Fischer, chairman; and Mrs. Jane K. Moehle, vice-chairman and four members of the Schoolcraft College administrative staff.

They are Dr. Eric J. Bradley, president of the college; John H. Brim, vice-president for instruction; W. Kenneth Lindner, vice-president for business affairs; and Jon P. Adams, dean of technical-vocational instruction.

Bentley and Miller also serve on the executive committee. In addition to organizing for the feasibility study, citizens committee members heard remarks from Dean Adams, who presided at the meeting; Joseph A. Bergen, assistant to Adams; Robert Pangman, Michigan Dept. of Education vocational education consultant; and Brian.

Pangman reviewed recent manpower and occupation studies made in Michigan, and stressed the patterns of cooperation in organizing area

vocational centers as set forth in the state education department's position paper on SVC development in the state.

Dean Adams reviewed state and federal legislation which provides assistance to communities in establishing area vocational centers. Berged who developed the feasibility study outline, explained the functions and relationships of each of the major committees and the subcommittees.

THE STUDY PLAN has been approved by the Schoolcraft College board of trustees, and boards of education as well as the superintendents from each of the five school districts in the area.

In a brief comment, Fischer, speaking for the college, said Schoolcraft's interest in the study was to serve the community by assisting in finding the best way to accomplish the task of providing vocational education for all segments of the population.



PILES OF PLATES - 11-year-old David Stearnes, 44549 Clare Blvd., Plymouth, is surrounded by some 20,000 1968 Michigan Auto License plates ready for sale at Wonderland Center. A temporary branch office of the Michigan Secretary of State opened for business Monday in the Center's civic room.

Builders Honors Farmington Realtor

The 1968 official family of the Builders Association of Metropolitan Detroit took over the running of the 800-member organization the first of January.

Newly elected president is Gilbert B. Silverman, partner-president of one of Detroit's large building, development and management firms, Holtzman & Silverman. He succeeds Robert M. Nelson of Birmingham. First vice president is Thomas A. Duke of Farmington, who operates Estates, Inc., and other firms as a team with his brothers, Bruce and George, Jr., third-generation builders of custom homes and apartments.

THE BOARD SECRETARY for 1968 is Lester S. Burton, who heads Madison Construction Co. of Huntington Woods, Burton, an attorney, is chairman of the Michigan State Residential Builders, Maintenance and Alteration Contractors Board.

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