

Transportation Planning Called Farmington Need

Irving J. Rubin, director of the Detroit Regional Transportation and Land Use Study, told the Farmington Exchange Club Wednesday that continued planning of new educational and

transportation facilities is needed here "to meet growing demands of a mobile people."

"The Farmington area around with the foremost resource of our country—well educated, prosperous and active people," Rubin told club members and guests.

He emphasized his reference to area residents as being "a mobile people," with the comment:

"A region-wide survey by TALUS shows Farmington households average 10.5 person-trips-per-day compared with 8.0 trips for all households in southeastern Michigan and 9.9 in all Oakland County."

"In Farmington Township, households average 10.6 trips per day."

"The percentage of households with two cars available in the Farmington area is above average for the region."

HE CONTINUED:

"In Farmington, 52.4 percent of the households have two cars available. In Farmington Township, 51.3 percent have two cars. Throughout SEM, 51.5 percent of households have two cars."

"The bulk of the detailed TALUS data was obtained during the 1965-66 travel survey and included interviews with residents of every 25th household in an area encompassing 93 percent of the 1.3 million households in SEM."

The data shows 8,549 people living in the City of Farmington in 2,493 households. This results in a "population per household" figure of 3.4. In Farmington Township, 34,990

people live in 9,152 housing units for a 3.8 persons-per-household figure. The Oakland County average is 3.6. The average for all of SEM is 3.5.

"TALUS data indicates the residents of the Farmington area probably place a high priority on education of their children. About 25 percent of the heads of households in the area are college graduates, compared with 11.5 percent of all Detroit region residents," Rubin said.

"The community has a high percentage of households with the youngest child of school age," Rubin said.

In 37 percent of City of Farmington households, the youngest child is from 5 to 17 years of age. The Farmington Township percentage is 30.2. In all of SEM, the comparable figure is 26.8 percent.

IN ADDITION, in Farmington Township, in a high percentage of households—30.1—the youngest child is a preschooler, substantially higher than the 23.5 percent of all in SEM. But in Farmington, only 19.6 percent is the youngest child under five years of age, he said.

"Farmington area households are generally prosperous," Rubin said. "The median annual income in Farmington is \$9,780. In Farmington Township it is \$10,400. The comparable figure for the entire Detroit region is \$7,760."

"In Farmington 43.8 percent of the families have incomes between \$10,000 and \$20,000 per year. In Farmington Township, 46.3 percent of the families are in this category. Only 25.3 percent of all the households of SEM are in this income bracket."

"Such 'plus' factors as higher incomes, above-average educational attainment, a high percentage of school-age youngsters and the great amount of travel activity constitute challenges to Farmington in efforts to continue as a thriving, growing community," Rubin said.

Both Farmington (with 64.5 percent) and Farmington Township (with 66.9 percent) have a higher percentage of "white collar" workers as heads of household than the 61.6 percent average for SEM, he said.

A SPECIAL project of the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments, TALUS has completed most of its fact-gathering and is now beginning to utilize known facts in planning regional growth to the year 1990.

"In about two more years, after more than four years of exacting work and the expenditure of about \$4.8 million, TALUS will make specific planning recommendations," Rubin said.

"These recommendations will be guided by the needs and desires of the people of the region as revealed in our survey, and in our continuing contact with county and local officials."

"We have faith that the people of SEM will have the understanding to recognize that adoption of the plan will be for the benefit of all residents of the region," Rubin said.

On Dean's List

Ellen Rae Justice, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clinton M. Justice, 21054 Laurelwood, Farmington, a graduate of Farmington High School, has been named to the Dean's List at Hillsdale College for maintaining a B average in each of her courses.



CONSERVATIVES MEET — Steve Bruce (left) of Farmington was one of the Republican conservatives who attended a rival 19th District-Oakland County GOP convention in a Pontiac savings and loan building. Here he chats with keynoter Sen. Robert Huber (center) and Chairman Christian Powell of West Bloomfield.

Local Delegates Named

Once again, Republicans in the Oakland County portion of the 19th Congressional District will send rival slates of delegates to the April 26-27 GOP state convention in Detroit.

A similar split occurred in 1966, and the state convention seated the moderate group headed by John Cartwright. It's expected to seat Cartwright's new delegation, elected at Wednesday's district convention.

But the conservative group, headed by Christian Powell, held its own convention and elected its own delegation last week.

CARTWRIGHT group state convention delegates from Farmington include:

Mrs. Isabel Hanes, a township resident who is chairman of the state women's GOP federation, at-large.

City—Don J. Stoddard, Louis C. Doyle.

Township—C. Allen, Ruth Davenport, Kathryn Kamm, Peter Kollins, A. G. Leigh Lachapelle, Thomas McMillan, Barbara Reister and June Wallen.

POWELL group state convention delegates from Farmington include:

City—Steve Bruce, Harold Taylor.

Township—Robert Brahm, Thelma Case, Walter DeMalia, Margaret DeWitt, Bruce Duke, Ed Harika, Theresa Rutk, Harold Marsh and Mary Rice.

Najjar Cooks

Army Pvt. John W. Najjar, 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. Victor Najjar, 23246 Gill Rd., Farmington, has completed a cooking course at Fort Knox, Ky.

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