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ROBERT G. CHESLEY

YMCA leader Robert Chesley dies

Robert G. Chesley, 45, a leader in business and community activities for 18 years in Farmington, died of a sudden heart attack Saturday April 20.

President of Chesley Industries, a subsidiary of Pet, Inc., Mr. Chesley spent most of his spare time working with the youth in the community through the Farmington YMCA.

"It was quite a shock," said one of his co-workers with the YMCA.

HE WAS ONE of the original group which founded the Farmington branch of the YMCA in 1962.

His leadership is credited with aiding the growth of the local branch, and the opening of a new YMCA building.

He served on the executive committee of the YMCA for many years, and was chairman in 1969 and 1970.

The Chesley family also established the George W. Chesley memorial fund as part of their "Y" activities.

Mr. Chesley headed a business established by his father, a metal fabrication firm most recently manufacturing wire products for the food industry.

The firm, which was sold to Pet, Inc., three years ago, is currently one of the largest in Farmington, employing approximately 125 people in the local plant and in one branch.

MR. CHESLEY was also a veteran of the Korean conflict, a member of the Farmington Exchange Club, and a past member of the Farmington Jaycees.

He served with the Farmington Chamber of Commerce, was a member of the Engineering So-

ciety of Detroit, and graduated from Purdue University in 1951.

Funeral services were held Tuesday at Ward United Presbyterian Church in Livonia, with Dr. Bartlett L. Hess presiding.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Patricia A. Chesley, three sons, Robert, Brian and Scott, living at home; his mother, Mrs. Irene Chesley, of Birmingham.

Also a sister, Mrs. Guy L. (Barbara) Fornes, of Jacksonville, Fla. Burial was in Glen Eden Cemetery, Livonia, with arrangements by Thayer Funeral Home, Farmington.

2 youth programs funds reinstated

By CARL STODDARD

FARMINGTON — The Farmington-Hills City Council reinstated funding for two out of the three youth programs recently denied local support.

The council recently denied funding for the programs which were involved primarily in drug counseling, youth employment and court followup.

The council voted to support the Farmington Area Advisory Council (FAAC) and the Farmington Youth Assistance (FYA).

The third group, the Youth Employment Service (YES), was denied funds.

The Farmington Area Advisory Committee (FAAC) was allocated \$12,000, subject to preparation of a contract by the city attorney and members of FAAC, and subject to council ratification.

THE DECISION to tentatively approve the funding passed by a 4-3 vote with Councilman Margaret Schaeffer, Keith Deacon, Earl Oppertbauer and Mayor Robert McConnell voting in favor of it.

Councilman Frederik Lietman, William Ortman and Joan Dudley opposed the funding.

In explaining her vote, Mrs. Dudley said she was not questioning the need for the youth services, but rather objected to the lack of information FAAC had provided about its policies and philosophies.

"If we're going to spend that money," she said, the council should know "how it's going and what good it's doing."

"Until we see the basic policies and philosophies of these groups I'm going to say no," Mrs. Dudley said.

DEACON SAID that he did not

agree entirely with FAACs operations, but added "I don't believe in killing the patient to remove a wart."

William Flattery, representing YES, told the council that since July, 1972, more than 2,318 children have filed job applications with YES and 1,485 have thus far been placed.

He noted that the jobs were primarily "part time jobs" for those children who had not entered the full-time job market.

Oppertbauer, in objecting to his figures, the jobs cost the taxpayers \$26 for each placement. He asked if the taxpayers "are getting their money's worth."

FLATTERY REPLIED that the program was worthwhile, not only for the jobs offered, but as a preventative means of keeping young persons out of trouble.

Both Lietman and William Ortman noted that the program could be run by the youth, and thus reduce costs, but in the end the YES funding was denied by a 5-2 vote.

Farmington Youth Assistance was granted funding for more than \$5,000. In voting for the funding, Mrs. Dudley commended FYA for their report, which was "quite capable of answering most of our questions."

Hills buys Whorf tickets

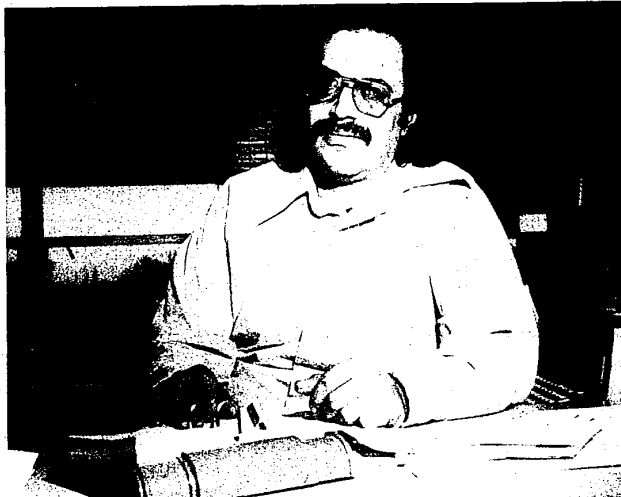
FARMINGTON HILLS — Five hundred tickets to the Mike Whorf Sesquicentennial Show were purchased by Farmington Hills.

The city council voted unanimously to purchase the 500 tickets (at \$2 a piece) and give them to area senior citizens and scout groups.

The tickets are for the May 15 show at Mercy High. Radio personality Mike Whorf will host the show, which will be a combination of history and music.

John Anhut, chairman of the Sesquicentennial Celebration, told the council the City of Farmington "gave us \$1,000 and I think you should be in, too."

The Hills council recently denied a request for \$1,600 from the 150th committee.



Joseph Damiani, full-time director of FAAC. (photo by Fran Evert)

How Oakland County sees the local FAAC program

By NANCY STEIN

Strong support for Farmington's Rapline and medical clinic as well as its director, Joe Damiani, came this week from the Oak-

land County Department of Drug Abuse Control (DAC).

"We have 30 per cent of the funds for Rapline. We're also the agency which selected Farmington

for the medical facility," explained F. Gerald St. Souver, director of the county agency.

"We had only enough federal funds to provide four communities with medical facilities of this type.

"Seventeen communities in Oakland county wanted them. Based on a survey which took into consideration location, need and the ability of the people already involved, like Damiani, to see that the new medical clinic would operate efficiently and effectively, we chose Farmington.

"It met the criteria and showed a real need."

Rapline and the medical facility do both treatment and referral of kids in trouble. It is an emergency or crisis intervention center, under the auspices of the Farmington Area Advisory Council (FAAC).

THE CITY OF Farmington Hills last month cancelled its support of FAAC, but Tuesday returned it tentatively, subject to contractual ratification between the city council and the board of FAAC. The amount approved was \$12,000, less than requested, but the same as provided last year.

Although the city provides less than a quarter of the operating funds, its support is essential to the existence of the FAAC program. Matched state and federal funds for rapline-like programs are only available to communities who will show viable support by providing continuing seed money.

In support of Damiani, Tom Gordon, drug program co-ordinator for Oakland center said, "Joe Damiani is very verbal in making his clients needs known. You get so you can spot the phonies and Joe isn't one of them. I wouldn't hesitate to refer someone to him for counseling."

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RAYMOND BOARDMAN, "Mr. Bonsai" will repeat his lecture on the Art of Bonsai on Thursday, April 25, at 8 p.m. in the Farmington Community Center. Lecture (fee \$3) will prepare interested people to attend workshops in late May to make their own Bonsai.



A HARD PITCH Warren Townend tosses out a baseball for the Farmington Phantoms.

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