

The water will flow--despite 6 dry holes

SOUTHFIELD--In an age of progress and urbanization, it's hard to imagine anyone without water. But that's the plight of N. S. Queen Kittle, 27880 Spring Valley, Farmington Hills.

Monday, the Southfield City Council agreed to allow Mrs. Kittle to tap into

an existing 12-inch water main on the east side of Inkster Road.

The homeowner's property is in an area where Farmington Hills has no water mains or any plans for water service. Mrs. Kittle has been unable to drill a well to provide an adequate water supply.

"My mother and I purchased our property, which is north of Nine Mile Road and west of Inkster Road," said Mrs. Kittle.

"THE BUILDER started construction of our home last October, not realizing a water problem existed.

"The home, within 10 days of completion, has been dormant because of the lack of water. We have been trying to get water since April but without success.

"An investment of \$2,000 has gone into six dry holes. Now we understand before we bought the property, seven dry wells were drilled on the front."

Mrs. Kittle said she has investigated all phases of well drilling including hiring a man who makes his living finding water with willow twigs.

"We went 300 feet on this hole and found natural gas," she said. "The hole had to be sealed off with cement."

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Oakland Prep School: a model for education

By DAVID GRUBER

Three years ago, the Oakland University Urban Affairs Center created the Oakland Prep School. It was designed, according to its current director, James McGinnis, to "meet the needs of students who had dropped out of the (Detroit) public school system, who had a good deal of educational potential, and whose needs were not being met."

It is still meeting those needs today, and in a rather unique fashion.

Oakland Prep aids its students through a two-fold approach to education. On the one hand it offers a scholastic program to prepare students for the "General Education Diploma (GED), or high school equivalency test. On the other hand it aims to keep students in touch with their community through the efforts of assistants known as "street walkers."

The scholastic program is conducted in an open, relaxed fashion, giving the school, which operates out of the old St. Cecilia Convent at 7001 Burlingame in Detroit, a casual atmosphere.

Classes, like those at a college or university, are organized on a flexible schedule. There are both lectures and discussion groups, with emphasis placed on student involvement at the small group level.

Courses offered by the school include basic math I & II, pre-GED social studies and general social studies (general social studies being the more advanced), pre-GED and general science, and pre-algebra.

On Fridays there is usually a cultural education activity which allows students to depart from scholastics and open themselves to the outside world. Recently students heard a speech on drug abuse which they followed up with discussion. On Oct. 10, they will travel to Kensington Park for a day-long tour through nature.

These cultural activities are akin to the orientation of the "street walkers."

"The unique aspect of the street walker," McGinnis said, "is that he goes into the streets to deal with problems." McGinnis added that street walkers act as "counselors, big brothers, trouble-shooters."

McGinnis cited three key factors which make Oakland Prep different from, and in some regards better than, surrounding public schools: the relaxed atmosphere, the "character of the staff," and the "teaching methodology."

THE OAKLAND PREP staff is open and responsive to criticism. It works from students. Should students point out certain shortcomings in teaching, for instance, teachers would act to correct them.

Teaching methods themselves, McGinnis said, are "more flexible (than in other schools)... challenging students on a very personal level and allowing students to have some say on what they'd like to learn."

Emphasis in the classroom is placed on what the student learns rather than how much he or she learns. In an evaluation taken of the

past school year, students were able to gain two to three years scholastic achievement in one year's time.

The staff also tries to understand student mores.

"I don't think we have the same degree of conflict with student values (as do other schools)," McGinnis said. This is attributable to the fact that lines of communication between students, staff and community are always kept open.

McGinnis himself is new to his post of Oakland Prep school director, having begun his duties only last month. He already believes, however, that the school has much to offer the public schools.

Oakland Prep works in close relation to Detroit Regional Board 3, which acts as a consultant to the school.

"I think we would be a good consultant for them," McGinnis said turning the relationship around. "What I want to do is work out an exchange of ideas."

"We have developed a successful model in dealing with certain kinds of students," McGinnis continued, saying that if the public schools were to incorporate some of Oakland Prep's ideas, they might be able to keep more of their students in the public system.

"MY GUESS is that the (dropout) problem is critical," McGinnis said, adding that Oakland Prep was as yet too small (serving approximately 150 students) to answer the problem properly.

"We are not by any means meeting the needs of all the dropouts," McGinnis said. "We are dealing with a very small proportion. We would like to see it expand because there is a need for it. We have the expertise to expand and the need to expand is definitely there."

McGinnis saw no immediate physical expansion coming, but was very optimistic about the idea of the school. He said that the "community is receptive to it," and he believes the idea "is going to spread."

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Southfield home of apparel mart

By JACKIE KLEIN

Everyone knows Southfield is labeled the office center of metropolitan Detroit.

If it's up to Sidney Lantz, his Midwest Apparel Mart will put Southfield on the map as the fashion center of Michigan.

The concept of the mart, in the Doner Building, 26711 Northwestern Highway, is "One call--one stop--does it all."

"The mart was organized in April to fill a need," Lantz explained.

"It's the only full-time permanent showroom in the state where buyers can choose from among 30 direct manufacturers' lines of top designers from New York, Dallas, Florida, San Francisco and Los Angeles."

"We're concentrating on ladies' specialty shops and department stores. Our women's apparel mart is open daily and by appointment--evenings, Saturday and Sunday."

"IT SAVES the expense of many buying trips for our customers. You might say we're doing our bit for the energy crisis by enabling our customers to conserve gas."

The "we" in Sidney Lantz Assoc. Inc. includes Lew Krug, a retired steel broker, who's enjoying the apparel business and says his partner has what it takes to make friends and influence people.

Lantz, who has been active in city

affairs and has made numerous contacts, believes his concept is good for Southfield business.

"The mart is a tremendous benefit to small stores in the city," he said.

"We're right under their nose, and we offer merchandise in all price categories. Besides, we attract buyers from all over the state, and they spend money in Southfield."

Lantz is a merchandise broker who represents manufacturers who do a combined business of \$100 million.

Among his lines are: Jo Lester of Dallas, designer of pants suits and dresses in half sizes and juniors in the medium price range; Mister Magoo of Florida, designer of blouses and coordinates; and Regent Street of California, which features soft fabric separates for the suburban woman.

"What's new for spring?"

"MANUFACTURERS DO a lot of research and designers make up lines hoping the fashions will go over," Lantz said. "We're showing solid, clear colors in polyester for spring."

"Fashion is fickle so we try to stock classic clothes the suburban woman will wear and we stay away from the fads that mainly appear in magazines. We carry half sizes for the big woman. How many Twiggies do you see around?"

"We've got a big package and manufacturers are calling us to offer their lines. We've got plenty of room to grow."

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