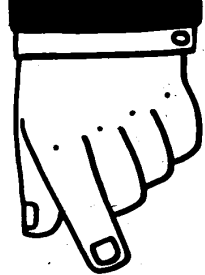


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Pitching in to help renovate the new headquarters of the Farmington Area Advisory Council are these volunteers. Local businessmen and individuals contributed to spruce up the building.

Public volunteers aid to refurbish FAAC

By JANET BURKE

After five years of enthusiastic service, the Farmington Area Advisory Council has been on the receiving end this summer.

Under the guidance of Administrative Director Betty Arnold the substance abuse organization gathered its office program, from two previous locations, and moved into the old Noble School at 23150 Middle Belt.

"FOR THE FIRST time, we've been able to consolidate all our office facilities under one roof, with the exception of the evening Rapline calls. This move alone will result in operating more efficiently and effectively," says Mrs. Arnold.

The building, provided by the Farmington School District, was more than 50 years old and in need of renovation. Since all donated funds are used to provide services, there wasn't any budgetary allowance for remodeling, and the drive for volunteers began.

All physical labor and materials to refurbish the facility have come through contributions from concerned businessmen and individuals of our community. The help and support have been overwhelming, she says.

The spirit of the move was exemplified by two executives at Grace, Inc., an automatic machine firm in Southfield. Ed Volstead and Bill O'Connell, both Farmington residents, recruited Mark Pollard and Don Adams and re-

ported for duty on Saturday morning. Wanting to do more than donate their airless spray paint machines, the four men rolled up their shirtsleeves and spent the entire day putting a new gray finish on the exterior of the building. All the paint they needed was "on the house," compliments of the Farmington School District.

The exterior trim paint and roof sealer were donated by Standard Paint Co. G&P Carpet saw to it that the ground floor was laid with candy-striped carpeting.

Sherrin Williams provided bright yellow and lime green paint for interior walls and concrete stain for the downstairs floors. H. A. Smith Lumber and Farmington Lumber donated painting and other construction materials which transformed a furnace room into office space.

The doors for the connecting office were a gift from Hedford, Cashway, Jean's Hardware provided more paint and other materials, and the Trake Sign Co.'s gift in front of the building made the council easier to find.

FAAC IS A NON-PROFIT organization which serves as an umbrella agency for several programs, including Rapline, professional counseling through the Youth and Parent Counseling Services and educational program.

The idea for starting the helping agency originated in 1969 by local high school students. They were concerned about children experimenting with drugs who hadn't anyone to turn to for advice.

Two-thirds of the council's operating expenses are provided by city and county funds. FAAC must seek the other one-third, this year, about \$10,000, through contributions.

To help the finances, a fund raising air auction will be at East Junior High School, 25008 Middle Belt, on Sunday, Sept. 28, at 7 p.m. Tickets are available at a donation of \$1 at FAAC during normal business hours or at the door.

Junior Women meet Sept. 24

The Farmington Hills Junior Women's Club will meet at 8 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 24, in the home of Darlene Knight, 34214 Timber Road, Farmington Hills.

The program will be a discussion on "Learning Disabilities," Donald Gule, who is with the Farmington Public Schools' Special Education Department, will show a film called "When a Boy Can't Learn." The showing will be followed by discussion with Gule and Jesse Corliss, who is a member of the Farmington Chapter of Michigan Association for Children With Learning Disabilities (MACLD).

The meeting is open to guests and potential members of the club.

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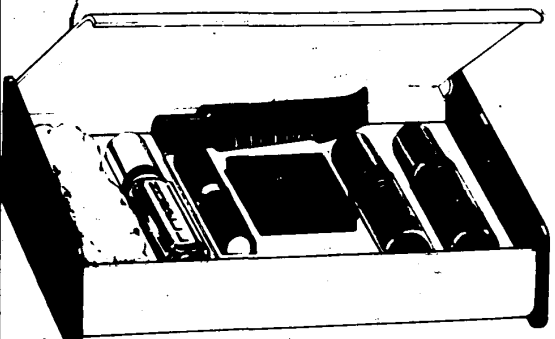
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