

Area Vocation Center Will Aid Local Youth

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(Last in a series)

Vocational learning opportunities for local students stretch outside the confines of the Farmington School District. An opportunity available to the future will be an area vocational center under the auspices of the Oakland County Intermediate School District.

The proposed Southwest Oakland Vocational Center will serve Farmington, Clarenceville, Huron Valley, Novi, South Lyon, Walled Lake and West Bloomfield.

AT PRESENT, work is being done on the preliminary drawings but when the center is finally completed it will handle a capacity of 700 students divided into half-day sessions. The center will be located in Walled Lake at the corner of Back and Potter Rds. The \$1.5 million cost is being partially subsidized by a \$740,000 federal grant.

This summer committees are busy preparing a curriculum for the center. The course outlines are being developed by one of 31 craft committees whose 120 members represent all the phases of the occupations in which they are employed.

The welding craft committee, for example, is composed of the president of a welding company; a certified welder; an

(Our examination of vocational education in the Farmington area ends today with a look at what's being planned for an area vocational center and what's being done on the Orchard Ridge campus.)

author of a welding textbook; a former welding instructor; and a vocational consultant.

The craft committee attempt to agree on expected outcomes of training in the areas in which they are expert, specifying the level of knowledge, degree of skill and the attitudes to be produced in two years of vocational training.

THEY ASSIST in determining the criteria for selection of students. They also suggest the type, quality and quantity of equipment needed to take the student from initial enrollment toward realization of his potential.

They have assisted in initial building design, utility requirements, laboratory arrangements and in projecting cost of materials.

Dr. Ruth Midgass, a consultant, explains: "The curriculum has been stated in a manner so there should be no question as to what the student would be able to do at the end of the course or how he stood at any time during the course."

"We want to communicate the intent of curriculum to business and industrial representatives."

THE CRITERIA of student selection, explains consultant John Cain, is based on acceptance of those students who will be most likely to benefit from the program and whose previous histories indicate an ability to succeed in programs of their choice.

The strongest request, says Cain, is that the student have a written vocational objective with a description of what he hopes his future will contain.

GENERALLY A year of English and a year of math is required at the ninth or tenth grade level for admission to vocational courses. Students coming into a business course, says Cain, would profit most from an English course emphasizing composition.

Vocational counselors from area high schools will hold a seminar this summer to discuss rough drafts of selection criteria. "We will probably be revising the selection criteria as long as the centers are in operation," Cain concluded.

IN ADDITION to the proposed area centers, Farmington Junior and seniors may also enroll in data processing classes in the Orchard Ridge Campus of Oakland Community College.

Transportation and from the campus is provided by Farmington Schools and there is no tuition charge. High school students will receive one-half unit of high school credit and three college credits per course. Students are graded by the college instructor and the same grade appears on their high school records.

The courses are designed to prepare students for entry employment in data processing as coders or programmers.

In the downtown center, Democratic Club Chairman Al Siphar invites all area residents to take advantage of this opportunity.

"THIS IS a chance to let your U.S. Senator know how you stand on the AFM issue or the governor on the question of lifting the ceiling on home mortgage interest rates," said Siphar.

"All you need is to have an opinion on an issue. We will make sure that your views reach the right public official."

The club booth will also have a game and prizes as well as information on the political system.

Telegram Booth At Festival For Leaders

Have you ever wanted to let your congressman, the President, or the governor know how you felt about an issue but didn't know how to do it?

The Farmington Democratic Club will make it possible for you to communicate with your public official during the Founders Festival.

AS A public service, the club has made arrangements with Western Union to send telegrams to public officials in Washington, D.C., or Lansing. A 15-word message can be sent for the special price of 19 cents at the Farmington Democratic Club booth which will be located between the Belcrest Photo Shop and the Barber Shop.

Farmington Socially Speaking

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In the spotlight -

THE MOON! So much so that getting this column put together in time was debatable. First and lasting impressions of the landed space capsule--like a "Rube Goldberg creation."

Back to earth, there's a lot happening here too. Especially in a spot called Farmington. Not as large a project as landing of the moon, but at times seemingly so, by those putting together the pieces, is the coming of Farmington Festival Days. Attending the events of several days will be people from surrounding areas as well as Farmingtonites, according to a recent radio broadcast. Check your paper thoroughly for the events you wish to attend or just attend and be surprised by the happenings.

A FAREWELL LUNCHEON in the Red Fox in Birmingham for Cathy Knight, who will be moving to Florida, was attended by Betty Boehm, Christine Harris and Margaret Schaeffer.

4 Scouts Attend

FARMINGTON Four Farmington Girl Scouts attended the recent Girl Scout program "Reach Out" at camp Inafield near Howell.

They were Nancy Ayres of 3319 Grand River, Terri Brennan of 20966 Birchwood, Karla Jaske of 21243 Robinson and Aprille Jordan of 33605 State. The girls were accompanied by Mrs. Wallace M. Barringer of 30026 Peters Lane as troop advisor and Janet Bogan of 28090 Hawberry as craft consultant.

Very enjoyable company on Britany Drive at the Charles C. Cheatham was the brother of Cheatham and his family, from Long Island, N.Y.

It's a great day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John McKaig of Bella Vista. Their son, Sgt. Jack McKaig is due home to stay after completion of army duty.

Married a year ago in June, his wife Beth, a Redford Township schoolteacher, arrived home several days ahead of him, from their address in Germany. Jack is known to many, especially the young men of the area. He was very active in Little League, soccer, etc. We in Oberlinland wish to extend a hearty welcome back to you Jack, and your wife, Beth!

AT THE HOME of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Love of Greenwillow, Bob's sister, Mrs. Eleanor Craig is guesting from S.C. Mrs. Craig is active in the art of dolls--there will be gallery hopping on the schedule.

As for the Robert Love family, they vacationed several times within a short period of time. On their way to visit Mrs.

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