

Oakland Is Confused By Rouge Study Cost

By W. W. EDGAR

Due to what has been termed a "misunderstanding" by R. J. Alexander, director of the Oakland County Department of Public Works, action on an invitation to join with Wayne County in a comprehensive study of the Rouge River basin has been tabled for at least another week.

The invitation, extended several months ago, asked that Oakland County Board contribute \$15,000 toward the cost of the \$35,000 study.

At the time, some of the Oakland officials claimed, "We are not 40 per cent of the problem, so why should we be invited to pay 40 per cent of the cost?"

"WHEN IT CAME before the finance committee last Tuesday," Alexander explained, "there were two resolutions on the table. One called for a drain board and the other the \$15,000 contribution."

"As a result, the committee

became involved in a discussion whether the study was for pollution or flooding of the Rouge Basin and ordered that the proposals be sent back to the DPW for clarification."

Alexander is planning to appear before the finance committee in another week and attempt to set matters straight. Whether the \$15,000 invitation will be accepted is a matter of conjecture. But it will be the focal point of the next meeting.

"One of the important items that some of the officials overlook," Alexander pointed out, "is that flood waters also are polluted, so the problems are inter-wined."

THE COMPREHENSIVE study is the idea of Wayne County Drain Commissioner Henry Herrick, who predicts that the cost of fighting the war on pollution in the Rouge is going to cost approximately \$250 million.

He has told the Wayne

County Board of Commissioners that he doesn't want to spend that kind of money "unless we know what we are doing." For that reason he is asking for the study.

While the public officials are meeting with this delay in the war on pollution, the volunteer workers in the suburbs - the Rescue the Rouge group on the main branch and the Jaycees in the Middle Branch - are going ahead with their annual cleanup campaigns.

The Rescue the Rouge program, conducted a week ago, didn't come up to expectations but the work will continue. The Jaycees are planning the Middle Rouge section on Sept. 25.

"One thing to remember," Drain Commissioner Herrick stated, "is that even when these groups clean out the debris, the water still is polluted. And that's where we have to fight our war and why we need the study."

"Delaying things is only going to make them worse."



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Abowd Wins U.S. Top JA Award

FARMINGTON Anthony Abowd of Farmington has won the national Junior Achievement president of - of the year award.

Abowd, 18-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Abowd of 2928 W. 12 Mile, Farmington, graduated last June from Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic High School in Farmington and will attend Notre Dame University this fall.

ABOWD RECEIVED a \$1,500 scholarship and trophy Monday morning for winning the honor. He was selected at the national JA conference on Aug. 20 in Bloomington, Ind.

He was president of "V Grand" company which was sponsored locally by Michigan Bell Telephone Co. The trophy was presented Monday morning at a press conference called by Michigan Bell.

He went through a series of tests and interviews which culminated in his being awarded the honor at the final session of the conference.

ABOWD HAS been active in high school in debate, forensics, drama and journalism.

He believes that students in JA's business and economic program "will not just be imitators but will be innovators in the free enterprise system."

In his three years in the JA program, Abowd has been president of four award-winning companies, vice president of the Achievers' Association and is a member of the Students' Recruiting Students advisory council.

He is a former speaker - of - of the year award winner and former member of the National JA Speaker Corps. This year, he was Southeastern Michigan's president - of the year in addition to being a member of the JA company - of - of the year in the area.



ANTHONY ABOWD

HE WAS chosen national president from a field of 150 finalists from 6,785 JA companies in the U.S.

He comes from a family with 12 children ranging in age

from 3-19. Brothers James and David and sister Elizabeth also attended the conference and are very active in JA's learning - by - doing program. Abowd says he joined JA because he felt he would gain something worthwhile from the program. He ranks participating in the contests and being a member of the winning company - of - of the year as some of his most satisfying experiences with JA.

'Frosh' Attend E' Orientation

FARMINGTON Six recent high school graduates from Farmington will enroll at Eastern Michigan University as freshmen this fall and recently attended orientation sessions there.

They are: Thomas R. Achtenberg, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donn C. Achtenberg of 2834 Westleigh; Trisha L. Adams, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Adams of 2839 Dundalk; William B. Bierwirth, son of Mr. and Mrs. William R. Bierwirth of 25095 Lyncaste; Mark E. McDermott, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. D. McDermott of 28538 Fox Grove; Elizabeth A. Reber, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wilber C. Reber of 25146 Lyncaste; and Beverly H. Weinberg, daughter of Mr. Francis Weinberg of 27847 Kingsgate Way.

NMU Honors 5 For Grades

FARMINGTON Five Northern Michigan University students from Farmington were named to the dean's list for receiving grade point averages of 3.25 or better for the spring term.

They are: Judith Karagozian of 29755 Fernhill Drive; Edward Mitello of 30854 Orchard Lake Road; Mark Otto of 2996 Valley Side; Cynthia Sokol of 28221 Westmeath; and Patricia Wilson of 25388 Lyncaste.

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