

Culmination of a Dream

Seven years ago a group of citizens from Redford Township, Livonia, Clarenceville, Garden City and Plymouth sat down to discuss the possibility of a community college for the area. Seven years later, the culmination of that dream will come on the campus of Schoolcraft College, W. Seven Mile and Haggerty Roads in Livonia, when formal dedication ceremonies will be held to signal the end of the first year of operation and to give residents of the college district an opportunity to visit the facilities as they exist today.

The dedication is scheduled for Sunday afternoon at 3 in the colorful mall in front of the Administration building. Should weather interfere, then the program will move into the Library where it will be limited to an audience of around 500.

In the early planning, there were such names as Ward McCain of Livonia, Kenneth Hulsing of Plymouth, Clark Oldenberg of Garden City, Harold Fischer of Plymouth, Ervin Brown of Livonia to mention a few who aided in the preliminary work.

The Bureau of School Services at the University of Michigan assisted educators and citizens in establishing the plans for the Northwest Wayne County Community College.

It became a reality in 1961 when voters in Livonia, Plymouth, Clarenceville and Garden City voted approval and okayed a one mill levy. Redford Township faded out of the picture then and even a later vote failed to get the necessary majority.

In June, 1963, Northville electors approved the college and became the fifth community behind the project.

Even before the first building was completed on the campus, the Board decided on the name of Henry Rowe Schoolcraft for the college. He had a great influence on the section of Michigan during the 19th Century as an explorer, Indian agent, author, regent of the University of Michigan and as a scholar.

Then with a college approved and finances assured by vote of the electors in the five communities, the Board announced a definite purpose. The goal is to provide career programs for students not going on to four-year colleges; to provide transfer programs for those who wish to go on to four-year colleges; to provide a technical institute for the community; to provide both day and evening opportunities for youth and adults and to co-operate with school systems and civic groups in bringing a wide variety of educational opportunities to the area.

Three permanent buildings were completed by August of 1964 when the college went into its first year of operation with an overall enrollment more than 1,800. This is expected to go as high as 3,000 next school year when a second year of classes will be added.

Although it is just completing its first college year, Schoolcraft already has state accreditation and is looking forward to accreditation by the North Central Association within a reasonable time. The NCA already has had some of its personnel visit the campus.

Recently, the College received a federal grant of almost a half-million dollars for the construction of a new technical building on the basis of matching funds and the Board is looking at plans now for a new Campus Center that will be available for the start of the 1966-67 school year.

On the drawing board are plans for a new Liberal Arts building which will be under construction as soon as matching funds are made available by the State of Michigan.

And when these buildings are completed, Schoolcraft will be in a position to take care of as many as 6,000 to 6,500 students with an ultimate goal of more than 10,000 in the years to come.

This is your college. This is your chance to see what your dollars have brought. It behooves all to go to the Schoolcraft College campus for the traditional ceremonies that will mark the formal dedication of a college that could reach an astronomical enrollment within a matter of five to eight more years.

R. T. T.

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE LEGISLATIVE ACTION INDIVIDUAL EFFORTS COMMUNITY SPIRIT PUBLIC SUPPORT

THE READER SPEAKS UP: Urgent Call for Scout Leaders Sounded

(This is an open letter to mothers, fathers and those who like to work with girls. This is a call for volunteers for Girl Scouts.)

Editor: Some of the present Girl Scout leaders are quitting and some will "fly up" with the girls. Thus, there is a desperate need for new leaders. In addition to leaders, Scouts need the following: assistant leaders, camp crafters, first aiders, committee mothers, day camp help, helpers for crafts, nature study and even sponsors for the various troops.

What is needed, however, are Scout Leaders. Many Brownie Leaders will fly up to Juniors in June. Therefore, seventy Brownies and Juniors are now waiting for troops and leaders.

Girl Scouting isn't just a passing fancy. Today there are twenty-two and a half million Girl Scouts. This is a world wide movement for girls between the ages of seven to seventeen.

Personally I gain so very much from working with the girls. Any leader wonders how she is doing with the girls. I received my answer when I came ill and missed so many troop meetings.

The many cards, special letters, pictures and even phone calls I received provided the answer. When I returned to the troop the girls' happy smiles and "I'm glad your mother is here" quieted any lingering doubts.

As so many other mothers I first went into Scouting so that my daughter Paula would have a troop. I have been more than repaid for the hours that I spent in training and plan to stay on as a Brownie Leader.

Training is offered for prospective leaders. This runs one day a week over a four-week period or a total of 16 hours. On the last day all the time is spent outdoors. You cook your own meal over a campfire. On this day you receive a card saying that your training is completed and that you are ready for your own troop of girls.

Girl Scout office for the Farmington area is located at 1202 Oakdale Drive in Royal Oak. The neighborhood chairman is Mrs. Leonard Silvers at 474-4555. She's the gal to call about the training course and to be put in touch with the troop organizer in your area.

AMY CHARRON 474-0713

FRS Statement

Editor: As one of the last official acts of the FRS Group before dissolving on April 30, it was decided to send this letter to the City of Farmington explaining our feelings on the outcome of the recent election.

We sincerely wish the best to all the councilmen, newly elected, re-elected and the unelected.

In our estimation, this has been one of the most active campaigns in the city's history. As a result of this campaign, there are more private citizens taking an interest in the city's affairs, and it is our sincere hope that they will continue to do so. If they do, we are sure that they will be there as a constant reminder to the present councilmen, and in this manner, will prompt these gentlemen to act to the best of their abilities.

It is our feeling that the FRS team was victorious because its primary objective was to alert the people of Farmington to the fact that an improvement is needed in the city government. The fact that a total of 2,371 votes was cast for the FRS team substantiates this feeling.

The individuals who were a part of the former FRS group will continue their active participation in civic affairs and will work to see if the new council members will carry out their tasks as they have indicated.

On behalf of all the FRS campaigners, let us say that everyone in Farmington should benefit by better government because of the FRS team.

KARL F. HOENNER, Public Relations Chairman FRS Campaigners, Farmington.

Questions Library

Editor: I just recently attempted to use a reference book at the Farmington Public Library and was refused by the librarian, Mrs. Mildred Droegge. The reason I could not use the book, she informed me, was because I was a high school student and that the high school teachers

had requested that their students not be given the service of using this particular book. The book was a masterlist reference volume, for which purpose I was going to compare my idea of the plot of Virginia Woolf's Jacob's Room to that of the scholarly version. My motive for using the masterlist was an honest one, but I do certainly know of "students" who abuse this helpful reference by copying verbatim for their papers.

A public library's function, however, is not to cater to some certain group's idea of who should be allowed to read a book, but rather to provide the service that taxpayers and taxpayers' children need and request. This is my concept of the purpose of a public library. Perhaps another understanding of the heretofore availability of the masterlist series, but is it the position of Farmington's public library to decide who shall be admitted access to certain books and who should not be? The Farmington Public Library has enough, taken this position, and to me, it indicates either that Farmington Public Library is merely an extension of the school-audited Farmington Senior High Library, or that the community of Farmington is so "one-horse" that the requests for a few can state good service of a public institution for thousands.

What gives? LARRY ADOCK FARMINGTON

Editor: We are residents of Nankin Township. Last November we were informed that all rubbish, trash, etc. should be placed in containers with lids. Failure to comply would result in issuance of a citation.

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Want More Than Old

Concerning the letter signed by "A Disgusted Citizen" in the Observer, March 26, signed by "seven Livonia citizens, all in one block"—Ed. Note:

We who live in Heartstone are simply being reasonable, not trying to advance with them. We are not satisfied with the "good-old days" like aparently so many of our "old Brentwood" neighbors.

A Responsible Citizen (with children not attending the school affected by the sidewalk decision).

YESTERDAY'S HEADLINES

25 YEARS AGO The Livonian of April 24, 1940 announced plans to build a bowling alley at a site on Plymouth Road across from the Pen Mar Cafe. It was expected to be done the first of August.

20 YEARS AGO Teachers complain about their pay checks now. Compare them with the ones of 1940 to see the difference. In the Livonian, April 25, 1945, Starting salary was \$1,600; with a master's degree, \$2,750; and a teacher with four years of college, \$2,150.

15 YEARS AGO The Livonian of April 21, 1950, told of the ground-breaking ceremonies for the new Port plant at the corner of Plymouth and Middlefield Roads. This plant will be one of the largest in the country and will employ about 1400 men.

—Kerry Guesenher

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