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Plan Recreation For City Only In Spring and Fall

The City Council at its meeting Tuesday night approved the initiation of a spring and fall recreation program to supplement the limited program presently being offered community-wide by the Farmington Area Recreation Commission because of a lack of funds.

The program as proposed by City Manager John Dinan in a report to the Council and which was approved in principle by the Council will provide for a varied ten week recreational program during the fall and early winter months and during the spring of the year.

The program, to be financed totally by the city, will be restricted to City of Farmington citizens only.

FACILITIES of the Farmington public school system will be used. Since the program is limited to City of Farmington citizens only, however, the normal rental fees will be charged for the use of these facilities. The city manager disclosed in his report that school system officials had taken the position that the program would have to be open to all citizens and taxpayers of the school district if rental fees were to be waived.

Evans N. Bageris has been recommended by the city manager to be retained part-time by the city to be director of the program. He reported

that Bageris had been involved in the summer recreation program offered by the FARC for several years and that he felt he would be well qualified to set up and administer the program.

SINCE THERE will be rental costs involved for the use of school facilities, it is planned to charge a registration fee for most if not all of the programs to be offered.

The city manager's suggestion was that the fall program be started in mid-October and continued into December and that the spring program be initiated in mid-February and continue into April.

No definite schedule of activities to be offered has yet been worked out but, based on previous discussion on this matter, it is certain that efforts will be made to have a wide variety of programs that will appeal not only to the youth of the community but also to young adults and older citizens.

The Council plans to meet with Mr. Bageris in the next week not only to confirm his interest and ability to handle the program but also to discuss the various types of activities that might be offered under the program.

HOPES ARE that a more detailed outline of the proposed program will be ready

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Plan To Fight Dropout Problem

In cooperation with President Johnson's Youth Opportunity back-to-school campaign launched Aug. 21, the Farmington Public Schools are encouraging students to return to the classroom and continue to place emphasis on counseling and teaching to encourage students to complete their education.

Technological changes are taking place so rapidly that educational requirements for jobs are continually rising. The unemployment rate of youngsters who drop out of school is 18.6 per cent—almost four times the national average.

FARMINGTON PUBLIC Schools formed a Citizens' Committee to study the Dropout problem in 1962. The 25-member committee was active

until 1964 and was made up of interested citizens, school board members and educators representing the guidance staff, commercial teaching staff, special education and elementary, junior and senior high schools.

From their monthly depth studies of the prevention of drop-outs grew a Cooperative Work-Study program at the 12th grade level. The year-old program, administered by Earl Baumkum is geared to provide a meaningful part-time employment experience related to the co-op students' classroom studies.

Though co-op students are not potential drop-outs, their program reinforces their desire to complete high school. In fact, trainees lose their co-op jobs if they drop out of school.

ONE OF THE Citizens' Committee on Drop-Outs grew a recognition that more vocational training is needed in the trade and industrial areas. While Farmington has joined other Oakland County school systems in seeking a possible joint solution to more vocational education, the Board of Education saw fit to add an

other coordinator to the Co-op Work-Study Program in

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Few Accidents Over Labor Day

The Labor Day weekend produced no serious traffic problems in either Farmington or Farmington Township, according to the local chiefs of police.

Chief Irving H. Yakes of the Farmington reported there were only two property damage accidents and two accidents involving injuries over the three-day weekend.

CHIEF MAURICE D. Foltz of the City reported no injury accidents for the period.

Although just minor injuries were involved in one of the Township accidents, two persons were seriously injured in another crash.

George G. Guay, 16, of Novi and Roger N. Ingram, 17, of Livonia were both seriously hurt September 3 at the intersection of Hagerty Road and Ten Mile Road. Guay, driving north on Hagerty, did not think Ten Mile was a stop street since the stop sign had been knocked down during the day and not replaced. He collided with Ingram's car which was eastbound on Ten Mile.

Arrest 2 Juveniles For House Breaking

New Fairview School Bids Come in High

Bids on construction of the proposed Fairview Elementary School came in \$74,000 over the budget at the bid opening on Wednesday, September 1.

The Farmington Board of Education then set a special meeting for Friday, September 3, to review the bids.

The low bidder on general construction, J. V. Moriarty Construction, had placed a bid at \$383,700; but, at the Friday meeting, a letter from Moriarty petitioning for withdrawal of his bid because of a miscalculation was read and the withdrawal approved.

The withdrawal made Carl W. Luoma, \$385,051, the low bidder on general construction; J. K. King Company, \$37,490, low for mechanical work; and Johnson-Durand, \$47,840, low on the electrical bids.

The total of bids for the school, \$554,021, was considerably higher than the budget of \$480,000 which had been set earlier. The board acted to request the architect to investigate cost reductions on the school and report to them at their next regular meeting, Monday, September 13.

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Temporary housing schedules have been set up. Harrison said, and the school principals have sent letters to the parents of children affected by the classroom shortage.

At the three elementary schools, emergency provisions have been made so, that no class need double up. It will hold part-time sessions, it was emphasized.

BOND SCHOOL pupils will be housed in existing classrooms and space not usually used for classes. Until the new wing is completed, the school will be used temporarily as a place to eat sack lunches. Physical education classes scheduled for the multipurpose room will be held outdoors. Although the new lunchroom is incomplete, the space will be used as a classroom pending completion of the new rooms. One kindergarten room not needed for that purpose this fall will house a first grade class.

For the first ten days of school, Bond will have no library program, according to

The recommendation of the city manager and public safety director in a report to the City Council at its regular meeting Tuesday night was that official action be taken to proceed in imposing a "no parking" ban on Grand River

While councilmen were in agreement that the "no parking" restriction would be beneficial, they felt that it would be best to first hold a meeting with all affected commercial property owners to determine exactly what problems this might create for them before taking action. The meeting has been scheduled for this coming Tuesday, Sept. 14, at 8 p.m. in the city council chambers and notices were sent out to all affected property owners inviting them to attend.

A REPORT released recently disclosed that between January of 1963 and June 30, 1965 there were a total of 361 accidents on Grand River Avenue in the city in which 190 persons had been injured. More than two-thirds of these accidents involved cars in turning movements.

The recommendation of the state highway department and city public safety director earlier was that the removal of all parking on Grand River coupled with the striping of

The ORIGINAL plan was to provide off-street parking between the curb of the road and the sidewalks in the high-way right-of-way. It was indicated in the follow-up report made by the city manager and public safety director as presented Tuesday night, however, that this was not now considered to be necessary.

City Manager John Dinan stated that he and the public safety director had talked with some of the business owners who would be affected and that they did not feel such additional parking strips would be necessary either. Several pictures were presented showing that most of the business places already have off-street parking areas at either the side or rear of their buildings or adjoining vacant lots that could be utilized for this purpose with minor improvements.

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Library Has Copier, Set Story Hours

The Farmington Public Library announced this week that a Dennison Copier machine has now been installed and is ready for use by library patrons.

The machine is able to make clear copies of anything up to 14 inches in length. Up to 18 copies can be made of anything in the library at one setting from the copier, it is reported.

Library officials also disclosed that they are now taking registrations of four year olds for the pre-school story hour sessions.

The first story hour session is scheduled for Tuesday, Sept. 28, from 10:30 until 11 a.m. Sessions will be continued each Tuesday thereafter throughout the school year except on those Tuesdays when the schools are in recess.

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