

Farmington Community Has Everything One Needs

"Welcome to Farmington the Home of Olympic Champion Rex Cawley".

That's what the roadside sign says when people cross the boundary into the Farmington community.

Farmington is more than that, however.

Including the City of Farmington, Farmington Township, and the Villages of Quakertown and Wood Creek Farms the community has a present population of more than 42,000.

It includes all the necessary things that make up a community. Churches, recreational facilities, shopping centers, schools, a library, and easy access to expressways. Hospitals, universities, museums and live theatres are all within minutes either lo-

cated within Farmington or in the surrounding area.

Added to all this the original community in the Downtown area of the City of Farmington still retains the charm and atmosphere of the typical Michigan small town at the turn of the century.

The main intersection is dominated by a Masonic Lodge, which previously housed the offices of both the Township and City, set in a small park known as The Village Green.

Off the main roads the streets are tree lined with large homes setting off the road. In the Township the architecture ranges from 100 years old farmhouses, to colonials, and contemporary design.

Schools in Farmington are ser-

viced by the Farmington School District and a small portion of the Township lies within the boundaries of the Clarenceville School District.

Both systems support elementary, junior high and senior high schools. In addition there are parochial school facilities available in the community. There is a Lutheran elementary school, two Catholic elementary schools and two Catholic high schools--one of which is an all girls school conducted by the Sisters of Mercy.

From April 1, 1960 and July 1, 1965 Farmington Township experienced a population increase of 6,574 and the City's population rose 2,419.

As of July 1 the Township's population reached 32,100 while the city number 9,300 people within its boundaries.

At the same time the Village of Quakertown's population was placed at 620, while 820 resided in the Village of Wood Creek Farms. Total population for the community in 1965 was 42,840.

Farmington Population Up 100%

The Farmington community is primarily an area of newcomers.

Certainly there are residents who have lived in the area for the past 20, 30 or 40 years or all of their lives. However, the greatest percentage of population have resided in the area for less than 10 years.

The last census figures from 1960 place the population for the area at 23,573. The figure has just about doubled since then.

This has created problems for the community. The schools have been building madly to keep up with the population explosion and the planning boards are swamped with proposed developments.

It is also interesting for the newcomers to have a hand in building and molding the community

and its identity. In both the City and the Township the various subdivisions form small communities of their own and associations provide information centers as well as entertainment for the residents.

Located within the area are many civic, fraternal and social groups which provide an outlet for meeting people. One such group the Farmington Jaycee chapter was just named as the outstanding local chapter in the State by the Michigan Jaycee Organization.

There is an active community theatre organization--the Farmington Players--with their own theatre (a refurbished barn) in northern Farmington Township.

There is a bridge center located in the community which has a full program of duplicate, master and beginner bridge games.

The Farmington YMCA has a complete program of activities structured to involve and please the entire family. There are several area wide teen age groups.

Each evening during the summer months the City's lighted softball field is occupied by one of the many leagues active in the area.

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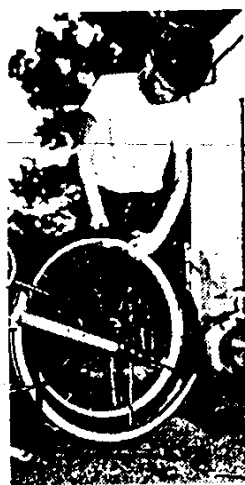
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