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SECTION B

12 OLM Girls To Study In France, Switzerland

Sister Ellen Mary Sugrue, Versailles, France and Leysin, Switzerland. The students will be among 5,000 American high school students from throughout the United States who will study on 31 different European summer studying French in campuses as part of the

Foreign Language League Schools, a non profit, non denominational, international high school system.

Students going to Europe from this area include: Anna Dall'olmo, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Pilade Dall'olmo; Cheryl Dunn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Adron P. Dunn; Patricia Hainline, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Forrest A. Hainline; Diane Karoghlian, daughter of Mrs. Margaret Karoghlian; Cynthia Laskey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Laskey; Ann Pettezuw, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Pettezuw; Karen Ann Pulliam, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John B. Pulliam; Nancy Redpath, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John P. Redpath; Kathleen Sandon, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Thomas E. Sandon; Elizabeth Truly, daughter of Mrs. Mary L. Truly; Maria Frances Ward, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank K. Ward; and Christine Young, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Young; and Patricia Lewis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Lewis.

THE GROUP WILL LEAVE New York City on June 28 and will fly by jet directly to their host country. The students will study in the same schools and classrooms where European students study during the winter months. They will even live in the same dormitories.

Sister Ellen Mary Sugrue indicated that she is still accepting additional applications from other students wishing to make this trip.

While the American students are on the European campuses, they spend about three to four hours a day in intensive classroom work.

Why Township Plan Needs To Be Updated

By ELIZABETH WISSMAN

Since World War II, the role of the city planner has emerged into an integral part of community government.

Contributing to the importance of the local planner in the past 20 years has been the emphasis federal government has placed on urban affairs.

A planner, according to Michigan State University specialists, assists a local community in mobilizing its own human resources.

To better clarify the role of the planner, the Enterprise talked to Charles L. Leman, planner for Farmington Township.

LEMAN'S BUSINESS card designates him as a member of the American Institute of Planners. This is a select group of just 3,000 men.

Each A.I.P. member must have at least eight years of responsible experience in the planning profession. The new Registered Community Planners Act sets minimum standards for such groups.

Leman says a planner is "in reality a generalist who combines knowledge of sociology, economics, design, engineering and architecture."

He holds a bachelor of science degree from Iowa State University in landscape architecture with a minor in planning. When he attended college, you could not get a degree in planning.

Farmington Township is just one of the municipalities for which Leman is planning consultant. His company is William Leman & Associates, Planning Consultants, 29621 Northwestern Highway, Southfield.

Commenting on the role of the planner, Leman says, "If we didn't have to correct all the past mistakes, we could do a real job of planning."

Here is what his interview by The Enterprise brought out:

Q. Why did the Township apply for another grant to develop a master plan when one was already in existence?

A. "The present plan is outdated. It was developed in 1955, and by rights all master plans should be updated every five years. The plan now under preparation calls for an expenditure of over \$60,000, two-thirds of it coming from a federal grant.

"When the 1955 plan was drawn up there wasn't even a Township zoning ordinance covering multiple dwellings. And great changes have been brought about by the development of expressways throughout the Township."

Q. Do you think multiple dwellings are potential slum areas?

A. "Multiple developments today are different than those you see in places like Detroit's inner city."

"We're dealing in a different dimension now. When you speak about multiples today, you're talking about taking acreage and designing a development to fit it."

Q. Is there any indication that the future may bring more apartments and multiples as compared to individual homes?

A. "It is inevitable that there will be more development of multiples. Thirty to 40 per cent of new housing starts are multiples."

Q. What has led to so much multiple development?

A. "Over half the population is under 30, and there is a corresponding number of older citizens. Neither need the large home. And with the present tight money situations, buying a home is sometimes prohibitive."

Q. How can community shopping centers compete with such centers as Northland?

A. "They can't, and they shouldn't. And planning should be so structured so that they won't have to."

"Farmington Township's whole premise on commercial land was developed with the thought that Farmington would be the regional center for this area."

"It hasn't quite come up to that. What we're shooting for now is nine community shopping centers scattered throughout the Township. And not all like Kendallwood, because that is rather plush with Demery's there. There aren't that many Demery's."

"The township's initial ordinance for commercial development was over-zoned. On the Planning Commission's recommendation, the Board has taken much of that off which can be re-distributed into regional centers."

"The township is containing itself by developing its own industry and shopping districts."

"True, this whole area is tied to Detroit, but that doesn't mean it can't exist with its own tax resources."

"The thing that determines how far a community goes industrially and commercially is how long it takes to get there. Farmington is easily accessible."

Q. How much township land is zoned for industry?

A. "Initially, we had 1,700 acres in industry. After two years of work and study, we wound up with 700. Now that will have to be enlarged. This enlargement will add to the tax base and will provide a job market. Both are revenue producers."



PLANNING CONSULTANT CHARLES F. LEMAN

Mrs. Coveyou Chosen To Guide Teachers Tour

Mrs. Florence Coveyou, an elementary school teacher in Farmington, will conduct a five-week tour to Europe beginning July 9 for approximately 30 high school and elementary teachers from across the country. Mrs. Coveyou was appointed this week by the Division of Educational Travel, which administers the NEA travel program.

Mrs. Coveyou has had wide experience in the fields of education and travel and has co-operated in the NEA program since 1960.

The group, under Mrs. Coveyou's direction, will leave July 10 after an orientation in New York, where all the tour members will meet. They will fly directly to Shannon, Ireland, for sightseeing excursions by deluxe motorcoach throughout Ireland, England and Scotland.

Afterwards, members will depart for the continent, traveling by jet to Amsterdam. In addition to the Netherlands, Germany, Italy, Austria, France and Switzerland will be visited.



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