

YMCA Serves Community from Farmhouse

From an old farmhouse on Grand River the Farmington Area YMCA moves through the community.

The farmhouse serves as the hub of the Y activity in the community, but because of the limited facility many of the activities are held in other spots.

Maybe that is the most graphic definition possible of the fact that the Y need not be a huge building complete with hotel accom-

modations, a pool and a cafeteria.

There is no doubt that the YMCA is in Farmington. The loyal proponents of the organization are really proclaiming this fact this week as their part in observing National YMCA Week.

Schools, churches, homes, the City tennis courts, backyard swimming pools and even the local restaurants form the backdrop for Y activity in the community. Its activities range from

From this inauspicious origin the Y grew. Chuck Wise, extension director for the Metropolitan Y staff, came to Farmington. He literally worked from his car during the early days.

The first summer he set up a backyard swim program. As a starting point, Wise obtained a list of all the backyard pools in the community from the City and Township clerks. He then contacted the owners of the pools and convinced

enough of them to allow the Y to use the facility to begin the program.

Norm Lawton, devoted the use of the house on Grand River. A full time secretary was hired. A program director joined the staff and an executive director was named.

Concurrent with this activity in 1955 the group was awarded branch status by the Metropolitan Detroit organization.

All this came about because the community decided that it wanted to have a YMCA. The Y is a lay-oriented group and its Board of Directors sets the policy. The staff merely executes the policy.

Today's Y Board is headed by Jack Cotton. Other members include: Ed Blumberg; Robert Chedley; Norm Lawton; Day Morris; Rita Morrison; Carl Dahlstrom; Russ Gilbert; Dick Habicht; Russ Nankervis; Robert Williams; Robert Hall; G. V. Harrison; Robert Kelly; Milt Fum-

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Ferency Sets Speech To Farmington Dems

Democratic State Chairman Zulton Ferency will be the featured speaker at the monthly meeting of the Farmington Democratic Club scheduled for 8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 1 in the community room of City National Bank, Orchard Lake at 10 Mile Rd.

Ferency, who is currently the subject of much discussion in relation to the party's upcoming state convention, will talk on "The Future of the Michigan Democratic Party."

Ferency, completing his second, two-year term as state chairman, was the party's candidate for Governor in the November election. Despite a recent announcement that he would not seek reelection to the party post, Ferency is not considered out of the running because of a ground-swell of support building up from public delegates.

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Sociabelles To Entertain

The newly formed ladies' shop singing quartet, the Sociabelles of the SO², Suburbanette Chapter of Sweet Adelines, Inc. will entertain the Hazel Park Spring Citizens at their center Tuesday at 8 p.m.

Mrs. Dean McAlister of Livonia sings lead with the group, and Marilyn Olson of Farmington is leader.

This new quartet will also enter the regional competition to be held in Lansing March 31.

Township Sticks To Stand

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of not the opposition there from the City, that is the most likely source of resistance to the Township proposal.

In other action the Board:

- Contributed \$23,161 as its share of the employee's pension fund for the year;
- Tabled action on the nomination of five persons to serve on the Youth Guidance Committee at its next session Feb. 13;
- Accepted a low bid of \$373 from Stewart's Lawn Maintenance of Birmingham

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