



NO LESS THAN eight constitutions were written before two new Livonia youth organizations, YOU and LINC, finally came off the drawing boards. Mark McQuesten and Marilyn Fife, secretary of the organization, go over some of the paper work.

The Teen Corner

Orientation—Not Bad For Thursday Morning

Orientation is the name of the game.

Most junior high and high school orientation programs will be Sept. 6, the day before school starts.

But Plymouth High jumped the gun and held theirs last Thursday, so we went along to see what life was going to be like in senior high this fall. Or at least what the principal and guidance counselor thought it was going to be like.

First there were movies. Not bad for Thursday morning, but they wouldn't draw much of a crowd Saturday night.

Then the lecture. This one used the traditional script. High points: 1. Your parents

pay for this school and it costs a lot of money. 2. Only two per cent of you are troublemakers, the other 98 per cent will get along fine. 3. Join at least one after-school activity. 4. You can wear what you want as long as that's what we think you should wear. 5. It's up to you to adjust here.

The tour was last. Every one will probably get lost the first day of school anyway, but it was a good chance to catch up on what happened this summer.

The saving grace of any orientation is the sense of anticipation and vague excitement at the start of a new year in a new school. What will it really be like?

Youth Organizations Mushroom

YOU, LINC Created By Livonia High School Students

The youth of Livonia is now organized—on paper at least.

A project to give high school students a voice that could be heard in community affairs has resulted in two organizations which will be ready to function in the fall.

One is YOU, Youth Organization Unlimited. Its constitution was approved by the Livonia Commission on Children and Youth last week. The group will be formed of four students from each Livonia high school.

What will they do?

Mark McQuesten, one of the organizers, explained that YOU will be able to go to bat for Livonia students. He suggested that the group might try to get lower movie prices or push for equal enforcement of cover charges at area drive-in restaurants.

Community service projects, such as a Livonia cleanup campaign, are also planned.

The other organization, created as part of the same project, is LINC, Livonia Intra-Council.

This group will involve only the three schools of the Livonia public school system. LINC will attempt to organize activities which will include all three schools and will offer a unified voice of student opinion to the administration and school board, McQuesten said.

LINC has been approved in principle by Livonia Public School Superintendent Benton Yates. A short history of the organization project accounts for the development of two groups instead of one.

At the end of the school year, representatives of Bentley, Stevenson and Franklin high schools met to devise a

group which could work on both school and community problems.

During July they submitted a constitution to the Youth Commission for approval. The Commission objected on the grounds that a group which was representing the youth of Livonia would have to include members from Clanceville and Ladywood High Schools, although these schools are not part of the Livonia Public School District.

The solution of the organizing group was to split into a school group, with the original three high schools, and a community group, which would also include Clanceville and Ladywood.

The Rev. Ronald C. Staronko, chairman of the Commission on Children and Youth, when asked to comment on commission approval of YOU, said: "I think the Commission recognizes that this is an effort of our local young people on their own initiative to become more responsible for the life of the community."

"They didn't want to become a 'nervous' organization, so they asked for our support."

"We have agreed to sponsor them, in hopes that there will be a stronger bond between the older and younger elements in the community."

Members of the committee which let up YOU and LINC are: Steve Antonishek, Stevenson; Mark McQuesten, Bentley; Jack Hoffman, Stevenson; Bob Daniel, Stevenson; Kathy Denmore, Bentley; Dave Sanford, Franklin; Stan Edwards, Stevenson; Georgina Buttigieg, Franklin; Marilyn Fife, Franklin; Jan Jackson, Franklin; and Dave DuCharme, Bentley.

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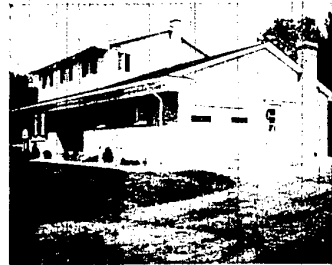
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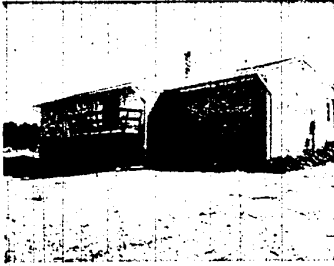
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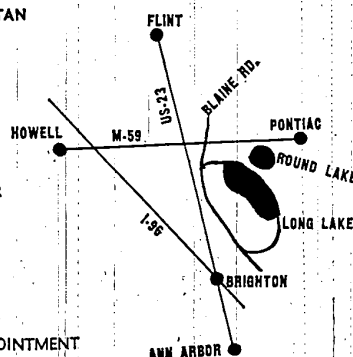
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