

today's hot line

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Open Meetings

The Farmington School Board has voted to open to the public its next study session Monday night, which will be devoted to consideration of curriculum additions concerning substance abuse. There's some vocal opposition to sex education classes.

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Cleaner Sewers

The City of Farmington is preparing a massive campaign to clean its sanitary sewers and hopes to get all cleaned within six or seven months. There's a special reason why this is now possible.

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New Counselor

A Farmington mother of four is taking over a new position with the Continuum Center and heading its upcoming series in Southfield. Read about her in the Women's Section.

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Board Reverses Dismissals Of Building Dept. Officials

By EMORY DANIELS



The dismissal of three Farmington Township building officials was reversed Monday night by the township board in a long and stormy five-hour session.

Precipitating reversal of the dismissals was a legal opinion from Joseph T. Brennan, township attorney, that the supervisor lacked authority to fire any of the three.

SUPERVISOR Earl Teeple announced last week that on Dec. 31 he dismissed Paul Snover, building department head; Sidney Lush, building inspector; and William Taylor, zoning inspector.

Following the dismissals, Teeple hired as zoning inspector Fred Zeidman, 21 of 32543 Sprucewood, Farmington Township.

Monday night the board approved the hiring of Zeidman as an interim zoning inspector effective the date he was hired by Teeple. Some trustees commented that Zeidman may be considered as a replacement for Taylor, who wants to retire on March 1.

the board decides what to do regarding their "continued employment." Lichtman stated in his motion, which was supported by Treasurer Thomas Nolan and passed 6-1 over Teeple's negative vote.

Teeple replied that the three had been given separate pay for unused vacation and sick days. They were given reasons for their dismissals except for Taylor, who left the office before an explanation could be given, Teeple added.

The supervisor added that Taylor had told him nothing about plans to retire on March 1 and this would have been taken into account had he been informed.

Teeple added that clerical persons were hired in other departments without the board's confirmation and that the previous supervisor, Curtis H. Hall, dismissed persons without the board granting approval on the record at a public meeting.

LICHTMAN SAID his objection was not to the dismissals in the case of Lush and Snover but the manner in which they were done.

He said the competence of these two men posed a problem for him in having to ask for reversal of the dismissals.

The only statutory authority the supervisor has is as assessor of the township, and even an assistant assessor must be approved by the board, explained Lichtman.

"I demand, in cases of dismissals where authority is not clear cut, that you determine what your rights are and that you discuss it with the board," exclaimed Lichtman.

"It might be that the board would agree with you, but you denied to these three what you demanded as a police officer, and that is that the board be given a chance to hear both sides."

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THIRD FATALITY --- William A. Bruning, 17, of 22761 Ashley, Farmington, became the third 1971 fatality in Farmington Township at 12:47 p.m. Jan. 9 when he was killed in a traffic accident on Freedom Dr., about a half-mile east of Drake Rd. Bruning was helping to push a car (shown here) to get it started when struck by a second car driven by Jeanne E.

McConnell, 25, of 33003 Meadowlark, Farmington. Bruning and three friends were pushing a car owned by John M. Velt, 18 of Detroit. Two of the three fatal traffic accidents in 1971 in the township have involved pedestrians. Township police are still investigating the Jan. 9 mishap. (Event photo)

Town Band Appearing Jan. 26 — In Uniforms

The Farmington Community Concert Band will perform for the first time in its newly acquired uniforms on Tuesday, Jan. 26, to present its second concert of the 1970-71 series.

The free concert will be performed beginning at 8 p.m. in the auditorium at North Farmington High School.

FOR THIS special occasion, Conductor Paul Barber has chosen an outstanding list of selections including: "A Festival Prelude" by Reed; "The Countrymen Overture" by Richardson; the "Third Suite" by Jager; and "Marchmanship" by Cable.

In addition, the newly formed band will perform five numbers from the famous "Pictures at an Exhibition" by Mussorgsky and highlights from the Lerner and Loewe musical "Camelot."

For the finale, the band will add flugel horns, herald trumpets and an organ to perform the "Polka and Fugue" from "Schwanda and the Bag Piper" by Weinberger.

Master of ceremonies will be Farmington resident Jim Martin who is a newscaster and the voice of WJR Radio's Business Barometer.

Community Concert Band, now in its second season, continues to play to large audiences with the numbers increasing with each appearance.

Several appearances have been made outside of Farmington and, with the new uniforms affording added class, the band will unquestionably be the pride of the entire area, predicts Barber.

Purchase of uniforms for the entire 15-piece band was underwritten by the Farmington Exchange Club as part of its resolution "to provide the community with its own musical organization, which in addition to being useful on many occasions, will develop a wholesome community pride and establish cultural dignity."

"1971 promises to be a satisfying year for this musical organization and the entire community is cordially invited to share in this experience beginning on Jan. 26," says Bill Conroy of the Exchange Club.

Some School Budget Cuts Now Being Felt By Parents

By EMORY DANIELS

Nearly half a million dollars cannot be pared from a school district's operating budget without making some harmful changes which affect some parents and children.

ON NOV. 16, 1970, the Farmington Board of Education approved a \$15 million operating budget for 1970-71. The increase of \$2 million in revenue did not prove sufficient to meet costs, and the

tentative budget showed a deficit.

The teachers' contract was written and the board ordered the administration to trim the budget by \$400,000 to prevent the deficit.

Business Manager William Frisk ordered each department in the district to reduce its individual budget by so much until the \$400,000 deficit was wiped out.

THE FIRST direct effect on the community occurred during the Christmas season with a memo mailed to parents of junior high students from Jack Cotton, director of the department of physical education and athletics. The memo advised parents

that eighth grade basketball and spring sports for girls were being eliminated this year.

These are the only sports being eliminated at the junior high level, but the coaching staffs at each of the four schools are also being reduced.

CHEERLEADER advisors were dropped at all four junior highs as of Dec. 18.

If the cheerleading squads continue, Cotton says, it will be under the leadership of volunteers willing to coach without pay — either teachers or members of the administrative staff.

Junior high assistant coaches have been eliminated for wrestling, gymnastics and track. These three sports will only be administered by a head coach.

These are the same sports which were dropped at Dunckel and East junior highs.

ASSISTANT coaches have been eliminated at the secondary level, but all high school sports will continue, reports Cotton.

"Every high school student will have the chance to participate in the same sports as last year," explains Cotton, "but will play with less coaching because assistant coaching positions have been reduced."

overloaded with calls since Jan. 4 from concerned parents, especially from parents of eighth grade basketball players.

The teams had showed up for practice a couple of weeks ago, and at one school the boys began practicing at 7 a.m. daily because this was the only time the gym was free, reports one parent.

COTTON feels bad about the cutbacks, but the reductions were mandatory to help the district obtain its total cutback of \$400,000.

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Kidnaping Fails; 2 Are Sought

An unsuccessful attempt on Jan. 8 to collect \$200,000 ransom from a Farmington Township man has been turned over to the FBI in Detroit for investigation.

Last Friday, a man and his female accomplice demanded \$200,000 from David Cushing of 23411 Stockton while holding Mrs. Cushing and a child in the basement of the Cushing residence.

Mrs. Cushing reportedly managed to escape and notify police while the gunman was upstairs calling her husband. The gunman earlier had captured a service truck owned by Michigan Consolidated Gas Co. and removed the driver's uniform at gunpoint.

Sources report the gunman entered the Cushing home posed as a gas repairman and then tied up Mrs. Cushing and her child in the basement. Cushing is an executive with Bank of the Commonwealth.

FBI officials have refused to comment on the incident saying that release of more detailed information at this point might have an adverse effect on the search for the assailants. The two fled the Cushing home after Mrs. Cushing escaped. The family was unharmed.

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