



SPEECH WINNERS — A Demonstration Speech Contest was held recently in East Junior High of Farmington Schools with two students from each of the four seventh grade classes participating. The two winners were:

(from left) Joanne Gillespie who talked about the dying; Gina Urquhart, teacher; Barbara King, teacher; and Chris Hoehner who talked about shaving. (Evert photo)

\$2 Million Loan Needed To Meet School Payroll

FARMINGTON A \$2 million loan will be taken out by Farmington school district to meet the district payroll obligations between now and the time all state aid payments are made. The loan was approved by the school board Monday night when Business Administrator William Prisk said the \$2 million must be borrowed because of the state's delay in delivering state aid payments to the district.

PRISK ESTIMATES the state still owes Farmington schools \$990,000 in state aid and delay in payment is further complicated by a \$105,000 reduction in aid from last year.

Payments from the state are usually made the first of June, he added, but this year payment is expected to be delayed, and the district might even receive only a partial payment.

The \$2 million will be borrowed on June 10 with the money being required by the district until Feb. 15, 1972, Prisk reported. He estimates it probably will be necessary for the district to obtain another loan in October.

Prisk reported that this is the third time during the current fiscal year the district has been forced to borrow 72

money until anticipated revenues come in. He believes the three loans in one fiscal year is a record for the district's history.

The real reason for the three loans, Prisk explained, is the dissipation of the district's budget surplus which in other years made up for revenues not coming in on time.

By applying for a tax anticipation loan, Prisk said he hopes the money can be obtained for an interest rate between 3-4 per cent.

IN SEPARATE action, the board approved the hiring of Mrs. Mildred Bennett as an elementary principal for 1971-72.

She had taught school for Farmington Schools, and this year completed an elementary principal internship at Wood Creek Elementary and was one of 30 to 40 applicants screened for the position.

The district is losing three principals this year, two who are retiring and one who is taking a sabbatical leave.

Mrs. Bennett will replace one of the three principals leaving. Decisions on replacing the other two will be made after the June 14 millage election.

The district is now interviewing for the position of director of elementary education and has received some 150 applications to date.

Our Readers Write Get Recall, Rap Line Letters

EDITOR: There is a quiet, thoughtful, interested group of trained adults and high school students extending a helping hand in Farmington with the title Rap Line.

When this group formed, we read about it in the Farmington Enterprise & Observer and most of us thought it was a great idea for the really disturbed kids to have someone available to help them with their really serious problems such as drugs, running away from home, etc.

Most of us probably thought that it didn't involve us because the problems our children had were minor and could be handled in the home. What a lot of us probably didn't realize is what a great problem preventative it can be.

A group of kids from Dunckel Junior High contacted Rap Line to see if a program could be started at their level. They have been meeting in small groups with adult counselors for several weeks now. These are not troubled kids but just our kids trying to adjust in their expanding roles as growing young people.

They are trying to define and resist the pressures and temptations of adolescence. And they can be helped with group discussions with their peers. They can realize it is possible to be popular and accepted and still maintain the most concepts they have been taught at home.

Little problems don't become big problems if kids can talk about them. Counselors don't give advice but just let the kids talk while they listen. We wouldn't have so

many adult problems if we could talk and listen more. Parents, get acquainted with Rap Line. Call and inquire about the program and support it. If the kids can be helped to make their own decisions at this level, they will be better able to adjust in high school.

MRS. DIANA CARR
Interested Parent

EDITOR: The recent article in the Farmington Enterprise & Observer about a select group of citizens petitioning for recall of four board of education members, when read carefully, becomes almost as comical as the comic strip "Dennis the Menace."

Irrespective of the reason for recall, it is obvious the reason was because of one vote by the board of education that this select group did not approve of. The reasons for recalling only four instead of all seven was just as ridiculous, especially when a concerned select group admits to support of wish-washy representation.

IN DEFENSE of the entire board, and in particular the four targets, I would like to voice my opinion on the real reasons for recall by this select group. The actions of this group are the direct result of a social system that, for more than 150 years, has existed with little or no organized opposition.

The system made us conformists, and now the system has opposition which is the most dynamic challenge any people has ever known.

Paradoxically, our children mature during a time when

they are forced to adjust to tremendous changes in a few short years and, as a result, have a completely different environment, different needs than ours and definitely do not go along with the era which molded our ways of life.

The existing social system, therefore, dictates that we need to talk with each other (elders and youth) rather than talk and take actions against each other. Collectively, we need to develop a trust not based on the past but based on responsibilities that will make our community a better place to live.

IT IS OBVIOUS, from the events precluding the action of the recall, that we have not considered the severity of our social problems.

It is imperative that we come up with solutions, making whatever sacrifice is required, or we can look at a social-intellectual revolution becoming a political revolution where, no matter who wins, we will have surrendered much or all of our freedoms.

If the social changes that shook us during the '60s can prompt select groups to keep on their blinders, "beware of the '70s" for the social changes will escalate several fold during this decade.

The left and right must lean toward adjustments required of the era we live in. They must understand that all people have a right to be different.

The school board has faced up to one of the most important issues in the changing social system and has made a major breakthrough on the local level. They are to be congratulated and given a vote of confidence.

In closing, the motives of a select group such as the one asking for recall are as much a menace to our society as the select groups that bomb buildings and advocate violent protest.

JACK GARCIA
Farmington Township

EDITOR: I am compelled to answer your "Dennis Den" article of April 3, 1971.

At the outset, if you have a "bone" to pick with the John Birch Society, do it, but don't smoke screen your hatred for them by denunciation of a group of concerned parents objecting to educators following the John Dewey philosophy because what is certain is that any society permitting its children to be educated permissively will be brought up thinking the world is dedicated to seeing that they get his own way.

Richard E. Peet of the 1972 Communist Credo: "Children must be taught only what they wish to learn, for there is no such thing in Bolshevik philosophy as forcing a child to do something that he or she does not want to do," a good reason why vicious radicals roam the campuses today.

Why must we mix our teachers who are a different breed? How can I help my child if the teacher is from

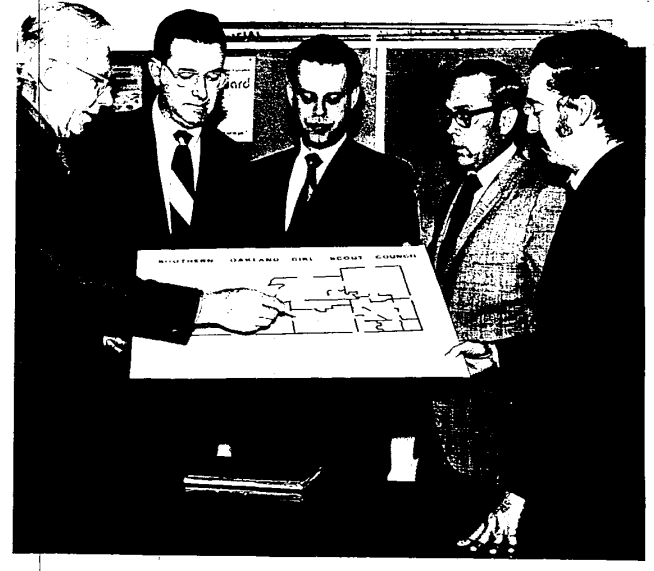
Clintondale, Mumford, Cooley or Cass Tech? Wouldn't it be impossible for me to maintain liaison between home and school?

Speaking about Clintondale, etc., the child will learn about continued fighting between black and white students, about blacks cutting off ears of white students to prove they are men, about the techniques of issuing demands, breaking windows, seizing administration offices, learn that always the whites exploit the blacks, vis-a-vis, Cassius Clay making 125 million, etc.

I moved to Farmington Township because of the quality education available. Must we change this by eliminating rich cultural European history with savage African history?

Finally, I must insist that what is best for my child not be decided by liberal educators. My child must and will grow and be taught in accordance with our own culture, not something artificial. Is there a penalty for working hard, providing a healthy home in the best surrounding I can afford? Have I lost control over my own environment?

VINCENT J. MENIER
Farmington Township



GIRL SCOUT DRIVE — Volunteers review the southern Oakland-County Girl Scouts' territory before beginning the first sustaining membership fund drive now underway in the Farmington area. The men are community chairman for the 500 Girl Scout fathers who hope to raise \$10,000 to support the South Oakland County program which has 17,000 girls. From left: Gerald V. Harrison, retired Farmington schools superintendent and drive vice chairman; Dr. William Love of Bloomfield Hills; Gerhard Gassdorf of Oak Park; William Brooks of Franklin Village; Roland Rueggeger of Berkeley, Not shown are Bob Hall of Southfield and Herb Pilo of Farmington.

local news

By MARIE LONG GR4-3114

Mr. and Mrs. Donald E. Duell Sr. of Detroit and son Donald Jr. of Ohio spent Sunday with Donald Sr.'s parents, Mr. and Mrs. Luther Duell of Orchard Lake Rd. Donald Jr. is Luther's only grandchild.

A retirement party was given recently in the Americana Legion Hall in Farmington to honor Harry Carroll by his many friends and fellow employees. He is retiring from Darin Armstrong Contractors after 25 years. He and wife Marcel are moving to Port Richey, Fla.

A buffet supper was served to 150 guests. A large sheet cake with frosting made into a large fish was the centerpiece. Harry is an avid fisherman. The guests enjoyed dancing to a two-piece orchestra. A large fishing box was filled with gifts and money. We wish both a happy retirement and many pleasant memories.

Robin Lee Newsom celebrated her 18th birthday recently with a few school friends in for cake and ice cream. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Newsom of Whittington St.

Paul Mathys celebrated his birthday on April 30 and left

for the Army the same date. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Mathys of Rockwell St. Best of luck, Paul.

MR. AND MRS. HAROLD STEUBLOFF and children of Center Farm Lane, Farmington, spent Easter vacation enjoying the warm weather and sunshine at the Riviera Beach in Florida and also visited friends at Ft. Lauderdale.

Mrs. Steusloff is court administrator in Farmington under Judge Michael J. Hand. On their return trip, they visited Mrs. Steusloff's aunt, Mrs. H. Knopf, and cousin, Mrs. James Carne, in Tampa. Mr. Carne is a second lieutenant in the U.S.A.F. and is stationed in Thailand.

Richard E. Peet of 2248 Larkshire Dr., Farmington, caught a 3 1/2 pound, seven foot-two inch sailfin while fishing out of the Hillsboro Lake, Pompano Beach, Fla., on his recent vacation.

Herbert and Ann Gregg of Farmington have returned home after touring the Spanish city of Santa Marta and the Dutch port of Aruba as members of the Nomads, a southeastern Michigan area living club. Santa Marta is the oldest city in South America.

Free Recital At Center

FARMINGTON Daniel Horn, 14-year-old Livonia boy, will perform a piano recital at 3 p.m. May 16 in the Farmington Community Center at Farmington Rd. between 10 and 11 Mile Rds.

The concert, free of charge, will feature Schumann's "Forest Scenes," the second Prokofiev sonata, Beethoven's "Tempest Sonata" and three works of Chopin: "Berceuse," "Nocturne in C Sharp minor" and Ballade in A Flat."

Horn, a student of Lawrence LaGrove of the Michigan Conservatory of Music in Detroit, was soloist for the fourth annual Louise Smith Peterson Memorial recital in the Detroit Institute of Arts lecture hall in April.

He has given three other solo recitals and has appeared in honor recitals at the National Music Camp in Interlochen and will appear as

4 Juveniles Are Arrested For Break-ins

FARMINGTON Township Police have arrested four juveniles from the south end of the township believed to have been responsible for the theft of about \$1,000 worth of Tecumseh Mini Bikes from the Grana's Performance Center.

The bikes were taken from Grana's at 2622 Grand River sometime between April 24-25.

Police Chief Irving Yakes says the stolen property has been recovered and the apprehension of the youths also closes an attempted break-in case at Edgewood Elementary School of Clarenceville School District.

Other break-in cases closed after the arrests include: a stolen automobile from Dameron Motor Sales; a breaker of William Grace Elementary of Farmington Schools District; a stolen car from Wack's Bar; and an April 18 break-in of a residence on Whittington St. in the township.

Yakes said the four have been turned over to the juvenile division and a hearing will be held in juvenile court.

Exam Held For Alleged Cat Burglar

DUNCKEL'S SHOWCASE — O. E. Dunckel Junior High of Farmington Public Schools has dedicated its new showcase which will be a memorial for the school's namesake, O. E. Dunckel, who just recently died. Dunckel's principal, Gilbert Henderson, shows Mrs. Dunckel one of the plaques which will be displayed. (Evert photo)

Sutton stood mute on both charges and the pre-trial examination was to be held Friday in Farmington District Court. Bond was set at \$20,000 for the break-in charge and \$5,000 for the second count.

Yakes said Sutton is suspected of breaking into 27 homes in the township in one week and is alleged to have stolen seven cars.

Yakes said the cat burglaries had been solved with an admission from a 14-year-old juvenile, who was turned over to Wayne County juvenile authorities.

Sutton and the juvenile were arrested after surveillance and a chase by township policemen. While fleeing police, Sutton jumped out of the car he was driving and the car, left in drive, rammed into a parked car causing a chain reaction damaging seven parked cars.

Sutton was charged with breaking into a home on Woodfarm St. on April 21 and with stealing an automobile, according to Farmington Township Police Chief Irving Yakes.

Donald G. Sutton, 21, of Detroit, was arraigned last week before Farmington District Judge Michael J. Hand on one charge of breaking and entering and a second of stealing an automobile.

Sutton was charged with breaking into a home on Woodfarm St. on April 21 and with stealing an automobile, according to Farmington Township Police Chief Irving Yakes.

You are not playing in a sandbox, and some of that money you are playing with is out of my pocket. So until you can use it wisely, making sound decisions, I will vote "no" to all proposals for millage increases starting with the one on June 14.

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