

## today's hot line

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### Writers Abound

Students in Farmington have learned that many of their classmates are quite creative writers and, while enjoying the student elementary works, also had the chance to see a play featuring a polka-dotted dragon.

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### Restore, Not Add

The 4.5 mills being asked by Farmington School District will not provide any new programs but only balance the district's operating budget and restore some of the programs and services cut this past school year. This is one observation made in the first of a series of articles examining the district's financial condition and need for the new tax.

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### To Go On Tour

A Farmington acting student is among 13 who will soon be leaving on a European tour. He'll be in a preview performance next weekend.

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### Mission Field

The destination of a missionary family leaving from this area isn't usually considered a mission spot. Find out the country and read about the family in our Church Section.

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## IT MAKES SENSE!



Our friend looks a bit unhappy, doesn't he? It's because his wife just asked him for this month's Observer collection receipt. And he's just finished explaining that he forgot to ask for one. And she's just said to him that the reverse of that receipt is equal to its face value toward an Observer When Aid and that she only needs two more to place a free 15-word ad for the month. Furniture they never use any more. And he's just said: "It makes sense!"

And it does, doesn't it?

# Necessity For School Tax Outlined By Superintendent

"It's not a threat but the fact is that over a million dollars worth of school services and programs will have to be cut if the millage proposal isn't approved," says Supt. of Schools Roderick J. Smith.

His bleak prediction is backed up with facts that show a 4.5 mill increase (\$4.50 per \$1,000 equalized valuation) is sorely needed in order for the school system to maintain its present level of educational programs.

If approval is not given, reductions in programs and services equal to the revenue, \$1,445,630, which the proposal would bring, would have to be made.

THE BOARD OF Education has pinpointed operations that will be reduced or deleted in the event the millage increase is not passed. Careful study and review has been given each one:

Elimination of all interscholastic athletics would cut \$70,000. Reduction of all extra-curricular music activities would cut \$9,800. Fifty per cent reduction of elementary art and music—\$135,000.

Reduction of administrative and supervisory services—\$70,000. Transportation only for those 1 1/2 miles from school—\$55,000.

Reduction of counseling services in secondary schools—\$41,000.

Elimination of elementary counseling program—\$26,000.

Reduction of library services—\$47,000. Reduction of teaching staff by 43 teachers—\$588,000.

Reduction of teaching supplies—\$30,000.

Reduction of maintenance services and supplies—\$250,000.

Capital fund replacements and improvements—\$50,000.

TEACHERS, administrators and school board members who determined these specific cuts first examined the proposed program and budget for the 1971-72 school year.

They established these guidelines: all cuts are undesirable if money is available, they urge that nothing be cut from the proposed program; whatever cuts were made should be spread throughout the district so that no one group of students would suffer more than any other group; and every attempt should be made to maintain the part of the program in which most of the students are involved.

The board of education made the final decisions regarding the proposed cuts. Probably, the most obvious question is "why, who or what?" is responsible for the fix the school system finds itself in?

According to a special "question and answer" sheet prepared by the board of education, teachers and administrators on the need for a millage increase (available at the Administrative Offices, 32500 Shiawassee):

"The operation of a large and growing school district is caught in two gigantic traps. One is the ever-increasing spiral of increased cost for the same items, and the second is

the proportional decline in state aid under the present formula enacted by the State Legislature. A few years ago, the state aid provided approximately 60 per cent of our revenue, and currently it is approximately 40 per cent."

"The board of education has the responsibility of providing the best education possible with the money available. The board felt that it would be unfair to the taxpayers not to let them know what kind of an educational program can be provided without the additional revenue."

It's the students who will suffer in the end, says Dr. Smith.

## Attendant Is Victor

An intruder armed with a sawed-off shotgun was grappled with and subdued by a gas station attendant Saturday, May 29, who held the suspect until Farmington Township Police arrived to make the arrest.

Stanley Kaszuba of Farmington wrestled with the armed robbery suspect and kept the man pinned but came away from the scuffle with a blackened eye and minor injuries.

Robert Branch, 16, of Farmington, was working with Kaszuba at the time and grabbed a rifle in the station during the scuffle and held the suspect under arms until police arrived.

Township Police Chief Irving Yakes states Peter Z. Cashero, 22 of 15036 Forrer, Detroit, was arrested at 1:05 a.m. May 29 and has been charged with assault with intent to rob.

According to police reports, Cashero pulled the shotgun on Branch inside the station and ordered him into the back room. While Kaszuba was headed for the back room he grabbed for the shotgun and the struggle ensued.

Both Kaszuba and Cashero were taken to Botsford General Hospital and treated for injuries.

Cashero stood mute when arraigned before Farmington District Judge Michael J. Hand and was released on \$1,000 cash bond to await pre-trial examination.



SUBDUES INTRUDER -- Stanley Kaszuba of Farmington received a black eye and was hospitalized with minor injuries resulting from a scuffle with a man attempting an armed robbery, according to Farmington Township Police Chief Irving Yakes. Kaszuba subdued the suspect until police arrived at the Gulf Station at 29024 Grand River, Farmington. Kaszuba was on duty when the suspect entered with a sawed-off shotgun which went off, blowing a hole through a wall, during the scuffle says Yakes. (Evert photo)

## Past Addicts Preach Jesus Is Their Bag

By MARTHA MAHAN Six young adults, who through belief in Christ, brought their message to students at Dunckel Junior High School in Farmington Wednesday.

The group, which is at

tached to no organized religion now, has made similar appearances at public schools in West Bloomfield, Oak Park, Livonia and Detroit.

"We checked into their background for several weeks before agreeing to their request to appear," said Jack Cyr, assistant principal at Dunckel. "We learned not only that they had appeared at schools in these other cities but had, in some cases, been invited back as many as three times."

Before the speakers made their presentation, Cyr said, the students were told what the program was about and any student who did not wish to remain for it was free to leave and go to a study hall.

The six speakers divided into three "teams" of two each and appeared before a total of 20 classes, Cyr said. In all cases, the teacher was on hand throughout.

THE SIX speakers ranged in age from about 19 to 30, Cyr added.

"All were on dope and say they got off it through God's help," Cyr said. "They are sincere. No matter how hard we scratched, we could find only sincerity."

## \$20,000 Is Still Needed By Center

The Farmington Community Center has raised \$20,000 but still needs another \$20,000 in either cash or services to continue current programs during the next year.

The Center has raised the first \$15,000 from benefits, a flea market and geranium sale and other special events but would like community-wide support.

Besides capital improvements, the Center must also meet fixed costs such as \$3,000 a year for insurance premiums.

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"I THINK it is important for persons to realize that we are doing our best to maintain ourselves but it is important for us to also have wide community support to continue," says Walter McCoy, fund-raising chairman for the Center.

"Although we are not in the same league as the Birmingham Community Center or the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, these organizations are raising in the neighborhood of \$80-100,000 this year."

"We would like to make it clear to the people of Farmington that any amount they wish to give, even \$1, would be appreciated and would give us the broad base community support we need and want."

ONE OF THE largest needs of the Center is a new furnace before fall to meet state law requirements. This renovation will cost almost \$4,000.

Another need is to install heat and new electrical circuits in the dining room porch.

"We need the space for our senior citizen groups and many classes and activities," says Mrs. Alberta Taylor, the Center's executive director.

"We badly need a larger room for ballet classes. If we could put a good floor on this porch, it would be ideal. The porch improvements would cost about \$700."

Mrs. Taylor adds that new carpeting is needed for the dining room, the upper hall and sewing room because "the carpeting is so worn it is not only an eyesore but we are afraid worms may catch their heels and trip."

BECAUSE hundreds of adults and children use the Center each week, carpets get worn and dirty, walls need repainting and floors need refinishing. Much of this work can be done by volunteers.

A civic club in Farmington is now considering organizing work crews to paint and repair the outside of the building, do

## Tax Forums Being Held

The five candidates for one four-year term on the Farmington Board of Education will be special guests Monday, June 7, in the cafeteria of O.E. Dunckel Junior High at 32300 W. 12 Mile Rd., Farmington.

Albert A. Darian, David L. Kevellighan, Mrs. Elizabeth Brennan, Dr. Mervyn Ross, and Charles Westen will speak and answer questions at the candidates' forum co-sponsored by the Farmington PTA Council and West Bloomfield-Farmington League of Women Voters.

Other meetings have been scheduled to discuss the 4.5 mills (\$4.50 per \$1,000 equalized valuation) being requested by the district.

On Tuesday, June 8, the Franklin Valley Homeowners Association will hold a millage meeting at 8:30 p.m. in St. Coleman Catholic Church at 32500 Middle Bell, Farmington.

The North Farmington High School millage forum for which the public is invited is set for 6 p.m. Wednesday, June 9, in the high school at 32900 W. 12 Mile Rd. Speakers will be Dr. Roderick J. Smith, superintendent of schools, and Ronald Emanuel, trustee.

Another millage meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 10, at 8 p.m. in Farmington Senior High at 32000 Shiawassee. Speakers will be Dr. Smith and John Washburn III, school board president.