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Following an autopsy by Oakland County medical authorities, Farmington Township police have ruled out violence in the death of Marty Cecora, whose body was found in a field last Friday. Read the details on

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Sports Fund Grows

Leaders in the drive to raise \$50,000 to save high school athletic programs are optimistic now with \$23,000 in cash and pledges. They'll meet tonight in Harrison School. All plans are on

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More Bussing

While folks in the south are protesting the use of school busses, Farmington parents have taken a different view. They want more bussing. Read their complaints on

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New System

If you frequent the library you'll find a new system in use now that will help you and speed up the exchange of books. Details are on

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Pretty Crafty

But not in an ordinary sense are the decorative items a Farmington woman will be teaching others to make in Livonia. Find a few samples in today's Woman's Section.

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Community Seeks 14 Jobs In New Emergency Program

Farmington local governments have asked for funds to create 14 new jobs under the terms of the Federal Emergency Employment Act. The applications were placed Tuesday afternoon with the Oakland County officials in order to beat the Sept. 8 deadline. They now will be expedited to the regional government office in Chicago where they are to be processed not later than next week.

Of the applications, eight came from Farmington Township where Supervisor Earl Teeple asked for two employees to work in the water department, a mechanic and three men for the Department of Public Works.

"Oakland County has been given \$2.5 million," City Manager John Dinan pointed out. "If they have the money we sure could use the men."

"But under the rules, we must use special cases. The men must be unemployed, unskilled, and preference must be given to Vietnam veterans. These were the only categories we had for unskilled help."

Dinan isn't too optimistic that the requests will be granted.

"We were checking over the entire situation with Oakland

County officials," Dinan said, "and we figured that if all eligible communities made application under the act, it would average about four jobs per community."

"I don't believe all the eligible communities will meet the deadline," he went on. "So some areas may get more than four jobs."

All areas above that figure can apply directly, and it was under this section of the act that the City of Livonia already has received close to a quarter of a million dollars.

Editorial

Why S'craft Deserves Your Boost At Polls

It's not mere boosterism to say that Schoolcraft College is getting better, bigger and more important every day. It's a fact of suburban life, and it's a matter of state education policy.

That's why the two-year community college is asking for one more mill of the property tax at the Sept. 13 election, and we believe voters should be delighted to vote "yes."

A HALF-MILL would increase the college's bonding authority for phase II of its capital construction program. The college has no more bonding authority, and any new programs beyond those already authorized will be impossible without this half-mill.

The other half-mill would be basically for operations, mostly to staff and run the buildings in the phase II program. Only a small part of this half-mill would be used to run existing buildings.

The college on Haggerty Road was built to house 5,000 students a decade ago, and it now needs to expand to house the 14,000 expected to be there by the early 1980s.

True, new construction is increasing the property tax base, and that will help the financial picture. But as a matter of state policy, community colleges, which now accept 55 per cent of Michigan's freshmen and sophomores, will have their burdens increased to 80 per cent as the universities specialize more in junior-senior education and post-graduate work.

THE MONEY will be well spent. As college President C. Nelson Grote puts it, "Schoolcraft is like a train. It has the engine (administration and structure), the track (the land) and many cars (buildings). Now we need more cars."

The taxpayer need only visit the campus himself. It's attractive, to be sure, but you won't find any frills.

There is some legal question about whether the half-mill operating levy would be for only 20 years or in perpetuity. College officials, however, are being fair and square with the public when they say they think it's for perpetuity. There's nothing wrong with that—all city charters are written that way.

THOSE CONCERNED about the economic recession can be assured of this: By voting "yes" they will raise Schoolcraft's authority by one mill, but it won't all be levied at once. The administration plans to ask for only 0.23 of a mill for capital improvement this year, and nothing on the operating millage. It will be several years before the full mill is needed.

College district taxpayers needn't worry that they are subsidizing non-resident students. Non-residents are paying an adequate tuition premium to attend Schoolcraft. Besides, 40 per cent of Schoolcraft's operating support comes from the state, and all Michigan taxpayers kick into that fund.

There are all sorts of back-to-school bargains in today's paper, but this one is the best.

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CHECKING TO SEE what room they were assigned to, and who their new classmates will be, are these Observerland youngsters who reported back to school this week. Trading dirty

tennis shoes for shiny loafers, most of Observerland's students ended summer vacations and began school Wednesday.

Teachers Return Under Old Pact

By MARTHA MAHAN terminated by either party on Farmington teachers, still without a 1971-72 contract. Still unresolved are salary returned to their classrooms and other major economic this week under an agreement clauses, according to which calls for immediate negotiators for both the board enforcement of clauses of education and the Farmington Education Assn. already resolved by (FEA) which represents the last year's pact on unsettled items.

The agreement may be MAJOR SCHOOL district

concession is a pledge to provide a 45-day notice of any layoff prior to the end of the school year, said Leroy Bartman, chief board negotiator.

An agreement on class size reduces the overall pupil-teacher average per building from 29.1 to 29.1, Bartman said, but the reduction will not mean any increase in the

number of teachers hired. Another agreement calls for the hiring of two system-wide department chairmen, one for counselors and the other for social workers, said Roger Allen, FEA executive director. This will be an addition to the roster of department chairmen.

The two key items in the Continued on Page 5A

5 Able Voices For SC Board

Editorial

Schoolcraft Community College will enter its second decade with a turnover of five seats on its eight-member board. One reason is the new application of the "one-man, one-vote" rule of law; the other is the retirement of five experienced trustees.

And so the college of 6,000 pupils will need particularly able board members as it gets ready to expand and meet the changing needs of suburbia.

Voters, therefore, should choose carefully when they go to the polls Monday, Sept. 13, in their local school election precincts. Five candidates will be elected on an at-large basis—three for six-year terms and two for two-year terms.

Observer Newspapers has interviewed the 16 active candidates and makes these recommendations:

SIX-YEAR TERM

Leroy C. Bennett is far and away the best candidate in the field. Bennett, of Plymouth, served on the board with distinction in the past (1963-67) and is on the board of the college's foundation; his experience is sorely needed on the reappointed board. Chairman of the math-science department at a junior high school in Livonia, Bennett is a knowledgeable and humane man. Moreover, he is the only candidate with a full grasp of Schoolcraft's need for leadership in the arts.

Rosina Raymond was one of the committee members who helped organize the college and has maintained her interest in it. Mrs. Raymond, of Livonia, is a Ph.D. candidate who has taught at the college level herself. Her civic work is great. Our enthusiasm for her candidacy is based more on her wisdom and fairness than on the specific need for a

woman on the board.

Arch Vallier, a veteran of eight years on the Plymouth City Commission, has the business and engineering background to help Schoolcraft as it expands its vocational offerings, and he knows community college construction well. Moreover, the completely honest and forthright Vallier is opposed to secret meetings—and he would be a refreshing change on the Schoolcraft board.

TWO-YEAR TERM

Dr. Gerald L. Cox of Garden City is a business education department head for the Detroit public schools. He has been doing his homework on Schoolcraft affairs well. Runnerup in the 1963 election, Dr. Cox now deserves a chance on the board.

Paul Kadish, of Livonia, is in the insurance business and is knowledgeable in the field of industrial relations. A distinctly liberal but reasonable man, Kadish, best known for his work in local Democratic politics, has also taken a strong interest in Schoolcraft affairs at many levels.

Two other candidates could also be considered for two-year terms. Mary Dumas is a hard worker in Livonia school affairs and Republican politics, and she asks a lot of detailed questions. Ron Mardiros has a depth of experience in Democratic politics, the Livonia charter commission and as Livonia city assessor, although his strong interest in Schoolcraft is comparatively recent.

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