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**Propose To Construct New Elementary Classrooms, Make Improvement, Additions At Existing Schools**

This is the second in a series of articles to provide residents of the Farmington public school district with a better understanding of the problems which lie ahead in providing adequate educational facilities for youngsters of the area. Statistics and informational material have been provided by the School Board and members of the school administration. The series is designed to give an insight into the school problems prior to the time elections will be asked to go to the polls on March 4 to vote on the proposed \$4 million school bond issue and special school operation tax levy question.

Projected enrollment figures compiled for the Farmington School District through 1960 have strongly substantiated the need for a continuous school building program at least up to this time. More than likely the need for more and more classrooms and educational facilities in the area will continue far beyond this date if long-range population projections prove accurate.

Only as it is established by school officials, however, that a continuous new school building program will be needed in the years ahead but also that several improvements would be necessary on existing facilities. The School Board along with school administrators (this began the early part of the current school year) to outline a proposed program of action to at least partially satisfy both needs. The new building and improvement projects determined most necessary were established and the cost for undertaking these projects estimated to be approximately \$4 million.

**ELEMENTARY UNITS:**  
The largest major project in the proposed program is the erection of 42 additional elementary classrooms to be added in kindergarten rooms to be ready for occupancy by the opening of the 1958-59 school year. The cost for this portion of the program has been estimated at \$1,450,000.

That all of these rooms and more will be needed is borne out by statistics compiled by Miami Golen, elementary co-ordinator. There are now 2113 elementary students or 62 units attending classes on double sessions. To permit present students enrolled to attend school on a full/day basis next year, approximately 45 additional classrooms would be needed, she said. Completion of the new Kendallwood and William Grace site schools will provide an additional 22 classrooms. This means that there will still be need for 23 classrooms by next year without taking into consideration any increase in enrollment.

Projected enrollment figures indicate that enrollment in the elementary grades will be increased by 745 students next year over enrollment at the start of school this year. It is estimated that enrollment will have swollen another 848 students by the beginning of the 1958-59 school year. This means that enrollment in 1959 will be increased by 1593 students if projections prove correct.

Not all of the new elementary classrooms proposed to be erected with funds from the bond issue will provide additional space since it is intended that use of the small and inadequate Noble, German and Fairview classroom units be discontinued when these new classrooms are completed in 1958.

**JUNIOR HIGH**  
If the bond issue is approved, a major improvement and expansion project will be undertaken at the present Junior High School site on Thomas Street.

If the School Board's intent to raise the west eight room unit of the old portion of classrooms at the site which is considered a fire hazard and badly in need of major remodeling. New and enlarged facilities would then be constructed including general classrooms, a library, two art rooms, two science rooms and enlarged offices, clinic and consultation facilities. Also planned is the enlarging of the cafeteria and home-making units and the establishment of separate band and vocal music rooms. The old band house at the site is slated to be razed.

The proposed new unit which would be connected to the present gymnasium-classroom unit would provide 21 classrooms with nine classrooms to be lost by the razing proposed. An estimated \$550,000 will be needed to complete this project.

It is anticipated that by 1958 there will be 1228 students enrolled in grades 7 through 9 to be accommodated at the present junior high school and the new Kendallwood site junior high now under construction.

**SENIOR HIGH**  
At the Senior High School construction of a new wing including eight regular classrooms, a large arts and crafts room and a teachers lounge is proposed. Also proposed is the expansion of the school's shop department including the erection of an auto mechanics room and a drafting room. The present shop facilities will be converted into a large general shop room. Present facilities in the shop department are extremely inadequate and can not handle the large number of students seeking specialized training in the field, school officials pointed out.

Cost of the project proposed at the senior high has been estimated at \$550,000 also.

Projected figures set enrollment in grades 10 through 12 at 834 by the opening of school in 1958.

**OTHER PROJECTS**  
To provide a more rounded and better organized program of training for youngsters, it has been determined by school officials that a need exists for multi-purpose

rooms at all existing elementary units not having these facilities. The School Board thus set aside approximately \$450,000 from the proposed \$4 million bond issue for the addition of six such units into present buildings.

A nine room addition is proposed at the east Ten Mile School, including a kindergarten room, an estimated cost of \$300,000. It is proposed to use the added space which would be provided at this site for a new and enlarged book store, receiving room and rooms for the repair, maintenance and storage of school equipment.

In order to provide a standing reserve from which to draw for the purchase of additional school sites as they are determined to be needed, a sum of \$200,000 has been earmarked from the proposed bond issue for a site fund. Another \$20,000 has been set aside for miscellaneous alterations on existing school units and \$20,000 for outdoor athletic facilities at the senior high.

The remaining \$410,000 from the bond issue has been set aside for the purchase of equipment for the new school units proposed to be constructed and other contingencies.

**Meet To Discuss Plan Anniversary Card Party**

Mrs. Walter Gaertner, first vice-president of the Farmington Garden Club held a meeting for card party committee chairmen at her home on Power Road last Thursday, February 7.

Disaster relief was given victims in 500 Red Cross chapters in 44 states, District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Hawaii, Alaska, and Guam by the American Red Cross last year.

**Cub Pack 48 Has Banquet**

Over 300 Cub Scouts; parents and guests were in attendance at the Cub Pack 48 second annual Blue and Gold Banquet held at the Farmington Senior High cafeteria on Sunday afternoon, February 10.

A meal was served under the supervision of Mrs. Ralph Sheels, food committee chairman. Cubmaster Harry Kutsch served as master-of-ceremonies and introduced guests and families including Mr. Wells, Ottawa Scout District executive; Cy Baker, Scoutmaster of Troop 116, Mrs. Morris, representing the sponsoring Bond PTA, Mr. and Mrs. John Lauer and prospective member families.

The invocation was given by Paul Inman. A song fest was enjoyed, sparked by the barbershop quartet composed of Den Father, Charles Clark, Paul Miller, Bill Tilder and Dick Cuff with accompanist Miss JoAnn Tilder. Group singing was led by George Sirko. Brief addresses were given by Mr. Wells, Mr. Baker, Mrs. Morris, Mr. Dembrowski, assistant Cubmaster, and Mr. Marolo, assistant Scoutmaster of Troop 116. Programs were supplied by the program committee composed of Dick Cuff, chairman, Walter Dembrowski and Bill Tilder. They also arranged the after dinner festivities.

Mrs. Sheets was assisted by Mrs. Paul Miller, Pack secretary, and all Den Mothers in arranging the dinner.

**W.C.T.U. MEETING**

The Farmington Woman's Christian Temperance Union will hold its regular meeting on Tuesday, February 19, at 1:30 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Grace Button at 24600 Twelve Mile Road. All members are urged to be present.

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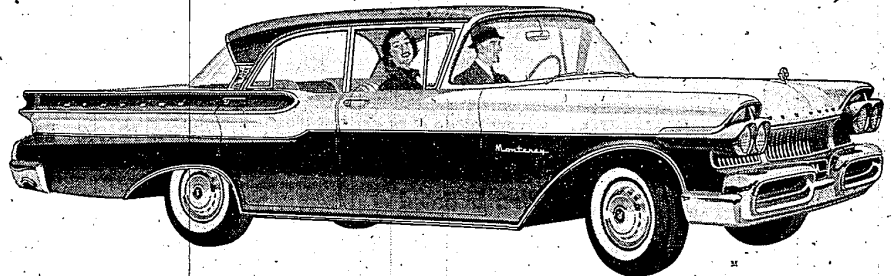
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