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YOUR HOMETOWN NEWSPAPER

today's hot line

what's inside

Another First

Farmington has another first—the first snorkel tube in the state. A picture of this unique firefighting equipment and what it does can be found inside.

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A Rat Writes

We get lots of letters from lots of different people. This week we got a letter from a rat plus the view of a planner in Farmington Township.

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Ferretting Out Junk

The special Farmington Township trash pickup has left Section 36 and Monday efforts will begin in the area north of 9 Mile. You can find what day the trucks will be by your house by referring to the map inside.

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Tailored Program

The Plymouth Symphony opens a new season tonight and Conductor Wayne Dunlap seems to have come up with a musical program tailored for the soloist. What's on the program and who's the soloist?

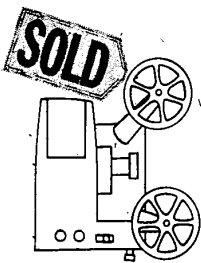
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The Moratorium

Schoolcraft College instructors supporting the Oct. 15 anti-war moratorium say they're not really "canceling" classes that day—they're just teaching by another method. The story, the full schedule and Oakland Community College's plans are told inside.

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Record School Budget Up For Approval Monday Night

More money for instruction accounts for most of a \$2.3 million increase from last year in the proposed 1969-70 operating budget for the Farmington School District.

The largest in the district's history, was announced at a public hearing recently.

The school board will vote on the proposal Monday night at its regular meeting, although the fiscal year began July 1.

THE AMOUNT proposed for instruction alone is more than \$10 million, only \$1 million less than the total expenditures for the district in 1968-69.

Of \$2.3 million increase proposed, \$1.6 million is for instruction. Teachers' salaries

are by far the largest item in the instruction budget.

The next largest increase school administrators have proposed is in plant operation and maintenance. About \$400,000 more than that spent during 1968-69 has been recommended for this year.

The total amount spent for operation and maintenance in 1968-69 was \$1.4 million, compared to the proposed figure of \$1.8 million for this year.

ONLY ONE category shows a decrease. Attendance service has been cut about \$5,000 by combining jobs.

District officials estimate receipts will be \$1.9 million more than the past year. Local property taxes, they predict, will produce \$1.3

million more revenue than in 1968-69.

Of the total estimated revenue of \$12.9 million, local property taxes are projected to account for \$7.3 million. Last year, \$6 million was collected by local taxes.

State aid is expected to pay for most of the remainder of the proposed budget. State aid has been estimated at \$5 million, up about \$600,000 from last year.

1-City Hearings Fill Calendar

A full slate of educational meetings has been scheduled during October on the question of consolidation to be voted upon Nov. 4.

Monday, the Joint Study Committee will conduct a hearing for Quakertown residents in the First Presbyterian Church on Farmington Rd., north of 11 Mile Rd.

The meeting, which begins at 8 p.m., will see Gerald Ellsworth speaking in favor of consolidation and Richard Habicht against with Bob Orrians moderating.

On Tuesday, Oct. 14, the Farmington Township Road Association will conduct a hearing in Power Junior High School beginning at 8 p.m.

John Allen will speak against consolidation. Ellsworth will speak in favor. In addition, Irving Rozian will be present to answer questions from the audience. Rozian is a member of the State Boundary Commission. Also, township charter commission candidates have been invited.

The next evening, on Oct. 15, the Joint Study Committee will hold a hearing on consolidation for city residents. The meeting will begin at 8 p.m. in Farmington Junior High. Debating will be Allen and Dr. John Richardson with Fred Lichtman moderating.

On Oct. 22, the Joint Study Committee will conduct its second township hearing. The meeting will begin at 8 p.m. in O.E. Dunckel Junior High. Lichtman and Allen will debate with Richardson moderating.

On Monday, Oct. 13, the Briar Hill association will sponsor a consolidation meeting starting at 8 p.m. in the Orchard Methodist Church. Paul Dietz will be the speaker.

On Tuesday, Oct. 14, Dietz will address the Farmington Lions Club in Botsford Inn at 7:30 p.m. On Oct. 20, the Farmington Business & Professional Women will hold a consolidation meeting in the Elks Club starting at 8:15 p.m.

On Oct. 22, Russ Gilbert will talk on the benefits of consolidation at a noon meeting at the Senior Citizens Drop In Center, Masonic Temple.

Smith Likes 1-City

Dr. Roderick J. Smith, superintendent of the Farmington School District, this week announced his personal support for the concept of a single government for the Farmington Area.

"The relationship of a school district to the involved municipalities is indirect but, nevertheless, an extremely important one," said Dr. Smith.

"The success of community wide projects and the general image of a community is often measured by cooperative attitude and working relationship between them."

DR. SMITH added that although school districts are independent from municipalities, "it might be said that school districts have been the father or model of the single government concept."

"The amount of territory to include has been debated by the electorate and it operates with autonomy to carry out its specific responsibilities."

"It would be difficult and certainly inefficient for a single school or several groups of schools to operate independently to serve one basic community."



OPERATION TEXTBOOK — Mrs. Jessie Corliss, PTA president, and Walter Jablonski, principal of Longacre Elementary School, prepare donated textbooks for a long trip to Sierra Leone, Africa. The school project resulted from a call for help from a former student teacher now working with the Peace Corps.

(Evert photo)

Off To Africa

Textbooks To Travel



DR. RODERICK J. SMITH

Longacre School will collect textbooks on Oct. 14, 15 and 16 for a long-distance teaching project.

Principal Walter Jablonski and his staff are responding to a call for help from Gayle Smith, now a Peace Corps volunteer in Sierra Leone, Africa.

Last year, Miss Smith, a 1968 graduate of Farmington High School, was a student teacher at Longacre. This year, handicapped by a severe shortage of textbooks, she is helping to educate the small fry of

faraway Africa.

In response to her letter describing an extreme shortage of books to work with, fellow faculty members at Longacre put their heads together and found some answers.

PTA President Mrs. Jessie Corliss knew of some fire-damaged books at Mason School in Redford. Mason's principal, Vernon Knight, cooperated by making them available.

Longacre pupils and members of the community are asked to bring books suitable for

elementary reading to the school on the dates listed.

According to Jablonski, one frustration of this experiment in neighborliness is the post office protocol involved. Books must be packed in boxes not to exceed 11 pounds in weight.

With so many books to send, this restriction makes the mailing job difficult. Suggestions from anyone accustomed to dealing with such packaging problems will be appreciated.

FACING A BUSY YEAR — There are three new faces around the Farmington School Board table this year. From left standing are Kenneth F. Perrin, trustee; John M. Washburn III, treasurer; Mrs. Patricia M. Smith, trustee; Richard Frankel, trustee. Seated are Aldo Vagnozzi, secretary; Richard H. Peters, president; and Gay L. Lichtman, vice president. Perrin, Vagnozzi, and Frankel were elected to the board in June, and Mrs. Smith was appointed to complete the term vacated by Dr. Sanford Bloomberg when he moved out of state.

