



GERMAN SCHOLARS — Mark Mitchell, Barbara Pape and Verda Gurol (from left) of North Farmington High won top state honors in the National German Contest recently.

Shown with their teacher, Mrs. Helen Morse (far right), they'll be honored today (May 15) at a special banquet in Ann Arbor. (Ever photo)

Schools Are Recycling Metal Lunch Trays

By MARTHA MAHAN

FARMINGTON
When Farmington Public Schools switched to pre-packaged meals last fall, they took on more of a headache than just winning the kids' acceptance.

What to do with 3,000-odd aluminum trays from which the children eat which are discarded each day. And in an ecology-minded society.

IT TOOK imagination, organization and lots of volunteer help, but Michael Howard, food service supervisor, and Mrs. Wallace Kourtjian of Earth Alive believe they have met the challenge.

Using five schools as testing sites, Mrs. Kourtjian secured the help of mothers who moved into the kitchens after lunch each day and supervised groups of enthusiastic sixth graders in scouring the trays shiny clean.

Each school stores the cleaned trays for one week. Other mother volunteers then transport them to a metal salvage concern in Dearborn where they are melted down for re-use.

EACH SCHOOL yields about 75 pounds of the trays, which are pure aluminum, Mrs. Kourtjian said. The weekly yield of all 20 schools participated, as Howard and Mrs. Kourtjian hope they will next

year, would be about 300 pounds.

The salvage firm pays six cents per pound for the aluminum, but its pickup charges would be nearly three times that amount. The cost problem has been overcome by the mothers who drove the trays to the dealer. Meanwhile, two or three local truckers have been lined up who are willing to take on the transportation task as a

voluntary public service.

If other efforts fail, Reynolds Aluminum Co. has offered to truck the trays for the schools. Reynolds has not yet established a recycling plant in Michigan, Mrs. Kourtjian explained, because cans used in this area contain only about five per cent aluminum. But it has volunteered to help Farmington in its voluntary recycling effort.

Principals, sixth graders

and mothers have all been most enthusiastic, Mrs. Kourtjian said, at the five schools where the experiment has been under way. Beech view, Alameda, Kenbrook, Highmeadow and Wooddale. "It gets the children involved," Mrs. Kourtjian said. "They're very excited about the project. And, important as well, it points up their awareness of the whole ecological problem."

Board OKs Second Loan For Operation

FARMINGTON
The Farmington Board of Education, at the suggestion of the Michigan Municipal

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"Parents were on the Family Life Education Committee which held many public meetings and solicited many opinions before recommending a program," he said.

Parents were invited to a public presentation of the proposed teacher guidelines and copies were made available to the community. A public hearing was held "where all who wanted to offer opinions on the guidelines were allowed to do so."

A district wide showing of all films used in the program was held and parents have been and will continue to be asked by their elementary principals to view the materials, including films, to be used in the program, Vagnozzi said.

"The reports of the preview programs held so far indicate

Finance Commission, voted Monday night to borrow \$2.5 million to carry the district through December 1971, when

property 1971 tax money will begin to flow in.

The board two weeks ago voted to borrow \$2 million in anticipation of taxes of the next fiscal year. This would have carried the schools through the current fiscal year, ending June 30, and permitted operations for the new fiscal year to begin.

Business Manager William Prisk estimated the district would need to take out a second loan in October.

Part of the squeeze was due to the state's delay in delivering state aid payments, Prisk said.

However, the regular June payment has now been received, he told the board Monday night, although he does not yet know whether the 40 per cent withdrawal from the February payment will come in.

Mothers Will March June 8

FARMINGTON

Two Farmington residents have been named area chairmen for the 1971 "Mothers' March Against Muscular Dystrophy" to be held from 5-9 p.m. on Tuesday, June 8.

Leading marchers in the northern part of Farmington will be Mrs. Marlene Nolan of 33875 Harlan and Mrs. Patricia Micallef of 30198 S. Stockton will lead marchers in the south half of Farmington. Proceeds from the march will support medical research and patient services for muscular dystrophy victims.

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Tinham Withdraws

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Glen A. Tinham of 22788 Manning has withdrawn as a candidate for the Farmington Board of Education, leaving a field of five in contention for the one seat open at the June 14 election.

Tinham would give no public explanation for his withdrawal but remarked that there is "plenty of talent" among the remaining five candidates. "I'm happy with them the way they are," he said. Candidates still in the running are Mrs. Elizabeth Brennan, Albert A. Dorian, David L. Kevellighan, Dr. Mervyn B. Ross and Charles Weston.

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