

# Untruths About Bussing Spread Through District

By SANDRA ARMBRUSTER

FARMINGTON

"The board has taken every reasonable action to be prepared for a decision on cross-district bussing. If necessary, we're going to fight, and we're going to fight in a legal manner."

Speaking was Farmington Schools Supt. Dr. Soderick J. Smith, charges leveled in rumors which have been circulating throughout the district.

"The board of education is opposed to cross-district bussing for the purpose of racial integration," continued Dr. Smith. "We are working to preserve the concept of community education for

Farmington schools and Farmington students."

FARMINGTON has "nothing to challenge because we haven't been told to do anything," explained Smith while expressing regret that some Farmington residents don't understand the board's position.

Specific charges leveled in the rumors include the purchase of 30 buses for cross-district bussing and the assignment of drivers and schedules for cross-district bussing.

"Absolutely false," stated Dr. Smith when asked about the rumors. "The only reference to the purchase of buses is in the first draft of the proposed 1972-1973 budget for the

replacement of a certain number of buses in our fleet which are now seven years old."

Smith said the district has a policy of replacing buses after seven years use. He added that about seven to 10 buses out of a fleet of 55 are scheduled to be replaced at a cost of \$9,000 per bus.

"WE HAVEN'T talked about or even considered cross-district bussing schedules," Smith continued.

"There is absolutely no basis to this rumor. The only bussing we've talked about is for our vocational and special education programs."

Byron Oliver, director of administrative services for

Farmington Schools, will remain with the district for at least one year, contrary to a rumor circulating in the Farmington area. According to the rumor, Oliver would retire at the end of this year on a \$20,000 per year pension.

"I've been thinking about it for next year, not this year," replied Oliver. "I'm not old enough to retire this year, and I haven't decided when I will."

When he does retire, Oliver will receive a pension from a state-wide pension plan, entirely separate from the Farmington district, which he has contributed to all during his employment. Oliver will then draw from the plan according to a percentage of his income.

# Reader Backs Millage Tax

EDITOR:

As a concerned parent with two - children in the Farmington high schools, I would like to point out some of the effects of the last millage tax.

There have been numerous budget cutbacks causing severe damage to our school system. Some of the damage includes reduction in library staff (three librarians for four junior high schools). Because of this, some schools are unable to order and process needed books. This has also resulted in curtailment of library and audio-visual services provided to teachers and students.

Junior high class size has expanded in some schools to 35 per teaching hour and to over 125 students per teaching hour in some high schools. There has been a reduction in administrative assistants in three junior highs resulting in less services to students, teachers and parents, plus a reduction in secretarial staff.

Instructional supplies budget was reduced \$1 per student (an enrollment of 1,600 students meant a reduction of \$1,600 in instructional supplies purchases). This reduction means that in some schools no new library books were purchased at all. Machines and instructional equipment are in need of repair and are wearing out or are worn out with no funds for replacement.

Reduction of custodial help has resulted in schools being cleaned every other day. Dirty schools lead to building deterioration and low morale for students and staff.

In the area of extra-curricular activities, field trips were eliminated. The above statements are facts. I urge Farmington voters to take these facts into consideration and not other side issues and vote "YES" for the millage on April 24.

Our board of education is asking 2.5 mills for only one year or seven cents for each hour your child spends in school. A small investment, indeed, when you consider this is the single most important tool you can provide for your child's future - his education.

MRS. CAROL KENNEDY

(Mrs. Kennedy is a member of the curriculum committee of the Citizens Advisory Council of Farmington Schools - editor.)

# Boarders Will Pay Own Way

There are two physically handicapped young adults living in a Farmington nursing home who are in need of a private home for residence. They are both able to pay room and board and are willing to provide whatever services they can to their host family, such as babysitting.

Looking for a family in the area willing to take them as boarders are William Brooks and Mary Lou Green. They are presently residents of Williamsburg Convalescent Home on Middle Belt just south of Grand River and may be reached at the nursing home.

Although both are confined to wheelchairs, they are able to do many things by themselves. A family interested in extra income by taking in boarders may call Williamsburg and ask for Miss Green or Brooks.

# Daniels Den

By EMORY DANIELS

This weekend will test the responsibility and maturity of Farmington residents as voters and citizens.

There is a millage question on the ballot Monday and Saturday, Sunday and Monday will see a lot of rumors and mistrusts being spread throughout the community by some of the forces which oppose the tax request.

A RALLY has been planned for Saturday and Sunday, and sound trucks will be driving throughout neighborhood, blaring out messages aimed at scaring residents into voting "NO" Monday.

The test will be whether Farmington residents are capable of voting on the basis of facts after carefully weighing the issues or if many will change their minds at the last moment and vote against the millage because of emotional appeals.

There are voters, of course, who oppose the millage for honorable reasons and could not fairly be described as irresponsible. There are, however, elements in the community who would oppose any school millage and have already demonstrated their determination to undermine public education in Farmington.

These anti-millage forces are fully aware that today's edition is the last one before Monday's balloting. They know they are free to spread mistrusts without fear of rebuttal from the press which can independently check out rumors.

This force of opposition has purposely remained silent to date, waiting for the papers to go to press. But the voices will be heard today, tomorrow and Monday.

WE HAVE attempted to curb some rumors which have been spreading. The rumors came to our attention, were checked out, and reported in today's edition. But the next edition will be Wednesday, and you'll be voting Monday.

If their message is important, why have these particular foes waited so long to speak? If these pied pipers can stand the test of truth, why have they refused to present their arguments earlier in the campaign to the voters?

If you become alarmed by rumors or sound truck messages, there is a step

available. Call the school district's Hotline night or day at 477-7492, contact one of the board members listed in the phone book, or any of the persons listed as millage backers in advertisements in today's edition. One might be your neighbor.

Regardless of your position on the millage, vote Monday. If you feel you must vote "no," do so, but make your decision on the basis of fact instead of fear because of scare tactics employed by prophets of doom.

Last-minute rumors can be checked out and truth determined. But you must make the effort. You are the voter. Will you be swayed by facts and information made public for the past several weeks or by statements withheld purposely until this weekend?

This newspaper has gone to press and now it's up to you. Are you up to it?

# Visit a House of God

**Judson Baptist Church**  
28301 Middlebelt Rd., Farmington  
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Rev. Fred G. Ferris, Pastor  
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Bible School 9:45 a.m. Evening Gospel Hour 7 p.m.  
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ALL SERVICES IN ENGLISH  
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SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:00 a.m.  
ADULT BIBLE STUDY (Nurses) 9:15 a.m.  
WORSHIP SERVICE (Nurses) 10:15 a.m.  
Parsonage GR 6-0497  
Church Office GR 4-6880  
Carl H. Schultz, Minister

**CLARENCEVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
20300 Middlebelt Rd.  
Livonia, Michigan  
9:00 a.m. Worship Service  
10:15 a.m. Church School  
11:15 a.m. Worship Service  
6:30 p.m. Youth Groups  
7:30 p.m. The Evening Service  
Wednesday 7:30 p.m. Prayer Service  
GR 4-3563 ELISIE A. JOHNS, Minister GR 4-6902

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The Rev. John Osgood Hark, Rector  
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Office GR 4-6573

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353-2648  
Sunday  
10 a.m. Sunday School  
11 a.m. Morning Worship  
6 p.m. Eve. Worship  
Wednesday  
7:30 p.m. Bible Study  
G. E. Montgomery, Minister

**Emmanuel LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
Laher Rd. n. 9 Mile. EL 7-1848  
Church School 9:30  
Service of Worship 10:45  
Rev. Donald W. Muehlbeck, Pastor  
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26165 Farmington Rd.  
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9:30 & 11:05 a.m.  
George W. Ramsey  
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Call Ann Ryder for information  
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Church Rd. 6-0225 Detroit  
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