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### late news

## Roth Upheld; Delays Seen

The full Sixth Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals ruled as expected Tuesday that Detroit public schools are segregated and that a cross-district busing plan is needed to bring about effective desegregation.

The court, in a 6-3 decision, further upheld an earlier order that all 52 suburbs involved in a metropolitan desegregation plan should be given the opportunity to be heard in court before such a plan is put in operation.

The decision in effect keeps the case where it stood Dec. 8 when a three-man appeals court panel unanimously affirmed the original cross-district busing order of U.S. Judge Stephen Roth but ordered additional testimony from suburban districts before its implementation.

However, attorneys linked to the case called it "extremely unlikely" that cross-district busing would go into effect next fall, both because of the time necessary for the taking of suburban testimony and because of the likelihood of an appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court.

Judge Harry Phillips, writing for the majority in the 131-page decision, said:

"The district judge's finding that no Detroit-only plan can achieve desegregation of the Detroit public school system points up another substantial distinction between this case and the classical segregation."

"The state controls the instrumentality whose action is necessary to remedy the harmful effects of the state acts. There can be little doubt that a federal court has both the power and the duty to effect a feasible desegregation plan."

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A new emphasis on adults is featured this summer at the Farmington Community Center. For a partial listing of the new courses offered, see:

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# Makinen, Lichtman Win Swinging Board Balance

By DAN MCCOSH

The first liberal majority in recent history will have a chance to elect the Farmington School board president in July.

The lightest turnout in recent history, 2,879 voters, elected Emma Makinen with 1,762 votes and Gary Lichtman, with 1,135.

Rev. Hugh Stewart was third with 1,049, incumbent president Kenneth Perrin was fourth with 957, and Carl Licht had 611. Hartley Thornton, who announced his withdrawal before the election, received 43.

There were 7,300 voters last year. Stewart graciously suffered the worst kind of election-eve anguish when an unofficial precinct total incorrectly posted on the chalkboard at the board of education office listed him the winner over Lichtman for about 10 minutes before the results were added in the back room.

He was being congratulated for a two-vote vic-

tory over Lichtman — a margin so narrow everyone was checking the arithmetic — when the actual results were brought in and the mistake was corrected.

Victor Mrs. Makinen credited her strong showing, far ahead of the rest of the field, to "my friends," as she termed her workers — mainly from the PTA groups she has been very active with.

Lichtman saw the results as an expression of "a desire for a more open board," as well-wishers crowded around him.

Perrin admitted he was slightly relieved over the end of his sometimes stormy four-year term.

"My wife and I decided before I ran I couldn't really lose — now I have more time for the family," he said.

The low turnout reflected people "very turned off by this election," he said, adding "they feel the board has become too political."

He also referred to "groups out working for this

result," including the PTA people behind Makinen and the Farmington Education Assn.

Roger Allen, FEA head, said his group had endorsed Lichtman and Makinen, but had decided not to publicize it.

He indicated the FEA distributed the endorsements to their members and campaigned door-to-door the day of the election. He estimated about 200 Farmington teachers reside in the district, along with several hundred more teachers in other districts.

After years in the minority, liberals now are in the majority. Trustees Ronald Emmitt, Kathryn Stirling and Elizabeth Brennan the survivors of the old conservatives.

Dr. Mervyn Ross, a trustee who spoke out against politicking on the school board last Friday, indicated he felt the roles wouldn't be reversed.

"Now we should be able to talk to each other, at least," he said.

"We'll have to see," Perrin said.



GRADUATING -- Sue Henderson, of Farmington High, tried a little time-honored

"senior art" on her car. (Photo by Fran Evert)

## An Old, Old Library Has First Birthday

By RICH MCCULLEN

The Farmington Library on 12 Mile Road held its first birthday Saturday, representing the peak of more than 30 years of joint library cooperation between city and township.

The Farmington Friends of the Library celebrated the first year, in the modern structure with music, shows for children, a birthday cake and presentation of a hand-sculpted copper elm tree as a gift from the Friends.

The new building is even more impressive when compared to the library's first home in the vestibule of old township hall, according to Mary Allison, library board

secretary and active library supporter since about 1950.

Mrs. Allison, who was secretary of the Friends of the Library almost from the start of that organization prior to becoming a township representative on the board in 1958, has compiled an outline of the history of library service in the Farmington district in connection with the birthday celebration.

It is a history which goes back much further than the tiny room in township hall. The first record of public library service dates back to 1881, when a sort of unofficial circulation service was apparently carried on by Farmington teachers.

"Teachers hand carried books from school to people who were interested in reading," Mrs. Allison reports. "It wasn't much, but they called themselves a library."

The 1908 state constitution provided for the establishment of libraries in each city and township in Michigan, with the funds to be supplied from penal fines collected in each city or county. It didn't mean much to Farmington with its sparse, law-abiding population, however, and records from 1913 show only \$2.11 collected from that source.

The year 1913 was still a big one for book lovers, however, marking the first township library support — \$500 annually to be shared with the cemetery, the cemetery having first priority.

However much that was, Mrs. Allison reports, it was not enough to hire a librarian. The library got its first space in township hall that

year, and subsisted on volunteer help.

Records show the library moved shortly thereafter to a Baptist church in Farmington, where the 800-volume collection was stored until it moved back to the new wing in township hall in 1915.

According to a 1959 article in the Farmington Enterprise, the library stayed in that location until 1938, when its unpaid librarian of 25 years, Mary A. Kennedy, died.

Miss Kennedy had been the backbone of the library, and when she died it closed until city and township officials worked out a plan for joint support. It was under that plan that the first trained and paid librarian, Florence Leach, came on the scene.

In the early '50s, two bequests helped get the library out of its tight quarters

Seniors at the three Farmington public high schools painted their cars, put on their caps and took the week to celebrate four years' of school.

All the formal ceremonies were held at Ford Auditorium in Detroit. Harrison led off Sunday evening, followed by Farmington High Tuesday and North Farmington planned for Wednesday.

Harrison had 430 graduates walk across the stage after hearing former Harrison principal Lewis Schulman, now asst. superintendent for secondary education.

Supt. Marvyn Van Ameyde and School Board President Kenneth Perrin handed out the diplomas.

Farmington graduated 500, and heard Richard Headlee, president of Hamilton International Corp., Farmington.

Ronald Emmitt represented the board of education at the ceremony.

North Farmington, with 401 graduating, heard Jack Seibold, associate director of admissions at Michigan State University, with Aldo Vagnozzi representing the board.

At least one thing is new this year, according to Supt. Van Ameyde.

College recruiters have been showing up in large numbers, actively recruiting students who were fighting each other to get into a college just a few months ago.

Although it may have been a coincidence, there were also a large number of "noisy party" complaints at the police station over the weekend.

## 'Park' Concert Series Opens

The opening concert of the "Sunday In The Park" concert series of the Farmington Community Band starts Sunday, June 17, at 3 p.m., in the amphitheatre at the Farmington Community Center.

"We expect to concentrate our concert schedule this summer at the Community Center, except for the Founder's Festival," William Conroy, publicity chairman said.

The series in the tree-shrouded bandstand behind the community center building at 10 Mile and Farmington Rd. is free.

"It's an attempt to recreate the spirit of the old-time community band concerts," Conroy said.

## 2 Are Killed In I-696 Crash

A head-on crash on I-696 Friday night which killed Victor Telep, South Lyon, and Charles A. Heffler, 2422 Creekside, Farmington, brought the traffic toll to 12 in one of the worst years ever in Farmington Township.

Heffler's car crossed over the median strip on an emergency turnaround lane, near Orchard Lake, then turned the wrong way against oncoming traffic, according to Farmington Township police reports.

Seconds later, Telep's vehicle hit head-on, and both men were killed instantly.

A third car, driven by Bruce R. Koch, of Farmington, was knocked into the

guard rail, but no one in the car was seriously injured.

Services for Heffler, 51, were held Tuesday at Heene's Sundquist Funeral Home and at St. Clare Catholic Church, Farmington. Burial was in Hamilton, Ohio.

Heffler had recently been appointed extra ordinary ministry of the eucharist at St. Clare's, a rare honor for a layman which allowed him to serve communion.

A member of the Farmington Elks, he was a field auditor for the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co.

He was captain of the usher club at his church, and chairman of the archdiocese fund drive.

He served in the Air Force in World War II.



FATAL CRASH -- This is the remains of one of the cars involved in the fatal crash on I-696 Friday. (Photo by Ralph Evert)



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