



CARNIVAL fun during the Founders Festival will be provided by the South Acres Chapter, Women's American ORT (Organization for Rehabilitation Through Training) near the Plaza shopping center. Mrs. Michael Rice, ORT president, and Mrs. Stuart Bas and Miss Gill Aaronson prepare balloons for the carnival which will feature rides for the younger children. (Observer photo by Fran Evert)

School Board Will Finance Special Education Program

By JAN WILLIAMS
FARMINGTON
The Farmington Board of Education has unanimously approved a \$344,000 adjustment to the 1973-74 tentative budget for special education and reading support services. Special education will get \$134,000 and reading support services, \$210,000.

Additional funds for the special education program will provide for the hiring of 56 additional staff—25 special education teachers and 31 aides. The district now has 79 teachers and 21 aides.

More than \$1 million out of the district's tentative \$18 million total budget had previously been set aside for special education.

The total projected cost for the program was \$2,100,000. Oakland County will make a \$335,000 reimbursement and \$1,177,000, or 75 per cent of the total cost, is anticipated from the State Dept. of Education. The state also will provide a 15 per cent reimbursement for reading support services.

Trustee Kathryn Stirling earlier suggested adjustment to the budget be contingent on funds from the state. "This is a good program, but we could come out \$1 million short at the end of the year. The state doesn't always come through with what it promises."

Trustee Elizabeth Brennan agreed, saying the amount to come from the district is staggering. "We have a legal and moral obligation to operate within our budget."

Trustee Gary Lichtman stressed the need to hire additional staff now, because they may not be available later in the year. "I believe the State Dept.

Schools To Study Cable Television

By JAN WILLIAMS
FARMINGTON
Farmington School Supt. Marinos VanAmeyde has urged the school board to seriously consider the possibility of using cable television for educational purposes.

"Cable television is here and it is available now," VanAmeyde said at Tuesday night's board meeting. "But Farmington may not find an opportunity to be involved for five years or longer."

Cable television must also be maintained by franchise, which is usually offered in 20 to 30 year periods, VanAmeyde said. It is not yet clear how such a franchise

board, to be broadcast. However, VanAmeyde stressed if the concept is initiated 60 per cent of cable TV time should be devoted to educational uses and 40 per cent to public use.

According to VanAmeyde, it is required by state law that one per cent be devoted to educational uses. He said the FCC (Federal Communications Commission) has set aside a channel for educational purposes.

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Fatals High In June

BLOOMFIELD HILLS
Some 88 persons have been killed by traffic accidents in Oakland County during the first six months of this year. This represents more than the number of traffic fatalities in the county for the same period in 1972, according to the Traffic Improve-

ment Assn. (TIA) of Oakland County, headquartered in Bloomfield Hills.

Nineteen of these fatalities occurred in June, making this the worst month for traffic deaths since January 1972, when 21 persons were killed.

Deaths during February and March of 1973 were also considerably higher than the three-year averages for each of these months.

Statewide, 211 traffic deaths were reported for June, bringing the statewide toll for the first six months of 1973 to 1,042. This represents a five per cent increase over the 993 deaths for the first half of 1972.

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3 Students Are Honored

FARMINGTON
Three Farmington students at Ferris State College have been honored for scholastic excellence during the spring quarter by being named to the academic honors list. Honored were Christine M.



Hebson, 35745 Johnstown Road; James E. Mitchell, 32273 Queensboro, and Kathy L. Souder, 35942 Quakertown. To be named to the list, a student must earn at least a 2.25 average from a possible four points.

Howard Alperin has been named general sales manager of the Magnetic Video Corp's Audio Division, Farmington. Recently associated with the Alshire International in Cal., as a national sales manager, he also spent six years with the Sunset Division of Liberty/UA in Cal.

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