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SECTION C

Duplicate Bridge Club Plans MMP Game at Farmington YMCA

The Farmington Duplicate Club held its regular MMP GAMES Wednesday, November 25, at 8 p.m. The bridge games are played weekly at the Farmington YMCA, Grand River, near Drake Road. MMP games are the last Wednesday of each month. The next MMP game is December 30.

The N-S winners, under the new ACBL MMP awards were: First Place Betty and Jim Wilson, Farmington; second place, Myra and Gene Benson, Walled Lake; and third place, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Gordon, Livonia.

THE E-W WINNERS were: first place, James Haged, Dearborn, and Bob Nilson, Livonia; second place, Mary L. Sheehan and Phyllis Speaker, both of Detroit; and third place, Mary Ann and Ned Brodie, Orchard Lake.

A reminder of the special game coming on December 3. All proceeds will go to the

Farmington YMCA for curtains and small furnishings. Remember the starting time, 7:30, instead of our usual 8 p.m. time. The YMCA will be assisting and furnishing the refreshments. Be sure to be on time, so the teens are not kept out too late on a school night.

Master points will be awarded to winners on the new MMP schedule, and the over-all winners receive beautiful trophies in addition to MMPs won. Reservations are not necessary, but will be appreciated, so that we might better be prepared.

MRS. HILDA MURPHY, a well known bridge director will be assisting Rose Anderson at this game. Mrs. Murphy directs there is a Birmingham area and also has been a bridge teacher for several years. Mrs. Murphy is a member of the Southern Michigan Bridge Association.

Rose has the 1965 ACBL memberships for anyone needing to renew or who would like to take out membership.

Supt. Harrison Tells Changes in Bond Loan Fund

Superintendent Gerald V. Harrison presented information regarding legislative changes in the Public School Bond Loan Fund to the Board of Education at their November 23 meeting.

He stated that two significant amendments had been made. First, the limitation of \$100,000 which had been placed on the fund in 1955 at its inception was removed with no ceiling being placed on it. This means that the full faith and credit of the State of Michigan is behind any school bonds that are sold as "qualified bonds."

THE SECOND CHANGE, Harrison said, is that the rate of debt levy by local school districts required to be made before the district is eligible to borrow was lowered from 13 mills to 7.0 mills.

In the 1959-64 school year only two districts in Michigan borrowed from the State Bond Loan Fund. The estimate for the 1964-65 school year is that \$500,000 to \$700,000 will be borrowed.

Harrison suggested that the Board of Education study carefully the possible use of the State and as a means of providing more mills for operation without increasing the total millage for schools in the Farmington District.

Organizational Tea For Children's Ballet

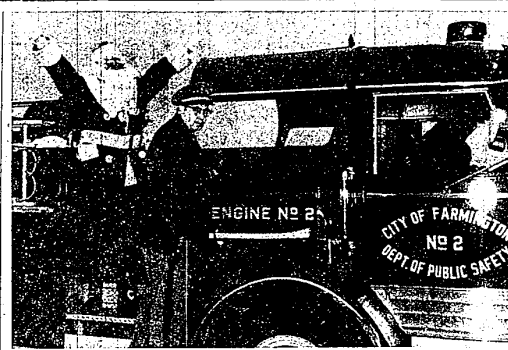
On Sunday, December 6, at 2 p.m., there will be an organizational tea for the Children's Ballet. The tea will be held at the Farmington School in Farmington for members and would be members of the Children's Ballet.

THE TEA provides seminars and workshop classes for students of classic and contemporary ballet and is actively interested in advancing the cultural arts of dance in the community.

Teachers members in the Village Nursery School, Mrs. William Krasner, Mrs. William Krasner, Mrs. Paul Panikoff, and Mrs. James Poole.

Ford Rittner is chairman of the Board of Directors. Other directors include Mrs. Walter W. Garrett, Mrs. Archibald Dolg, Jr., Miss Mary Spaulding, Mrs. Booth and Mr. Eugene Pulgini.

The Village Nursery School is located on 43 Mile Road (3185) between Middlebelt and Orchard Lake Road across from Glen Oaks.



SANTA CLAUS ARRIVED in Farmington last Friday afternoon for a pre-Christmas Eve visit with area youngsters. Santa landed in a helicopter on the Farmington High School athletic field and was driven over to the Farmington Plaza Shopping Center on a City of Farmington fire truck.

Pictured on the fire truck is Lt. Al Vandell of the Farmington City Public Safety Department. Sgt. Jay Harrison of the City Police Dept. was the driver of the fire truck. An enthusiastic crowd of youngsters was on hand to greet Santa on his Farmington visit.

Bids Too High, Larkshire Plans Delayed Again

Plans for getting Larkshire Elementary School under construction in time to be finished for the beginning of the 1965-66 school year were delayed last week when bids were opened and the cost found to be more than \$500,000 over the original budget for the school.

Bids for the construction of the school to be built south of Ten Mile Road near Truck Road had been opened at a special meeting of the Board of Education on November 19. The bids, which had been turned over to the architect, Lion Smith & Co., for recommendations, were discussed at the regular meeting of the Board on November 23.

THE TWO LOW BIDS for general construction were Wal-Mart Construction Company, base bid \$427,574, less alternate No. 1, \$19,990, plus a 2 per cent management fee, total \$415,735; and Armstead Construction Company, base bid \$425,650, less alternate No. 1, \$8,250, plus a 10 per cent management fee, total \$419,150.

Low bid on the mechanical contract was \$161,220 by Zen-Laigre Company; electrical contract low bidder was Gillis Electric Company, \$82,450; and the low bid for kitchen equipment was \$32,379 by Canton City Company.

Total bids for the construction were \$569,628, less \$1,540 for a mechanical alternate, making a total of \$568,088 against the original cost estimate of \$690,000.

AFTER DISCUSSION, board members instructed the architect to study the plans for possible economies to bring the cost down to the \$500,000 figure, and report to them at the next meeting which was set for December 7.

It was pointed out that if the jobs had not been delayed, new bids taken, construction would be delayed by several weeks.

In separate action, the board authorized the administration to go ahead and advertise for bids on the furniture and equipment to be needed at the school, so that there would be no delays in that department once the school construction is started.

Wm. Grace PTA Hears Teachers And Consultants

The November meeting of the William Grace PTA was held last Tuesday, November 24. An informative program was presented by the special education teachers and consultants who serve the school.

Miss Minnie Ziekle, Director of Farmington Elementary Education, spoke briefly on the services provided by the consultants teachers and introduced:

Miss Margaret Raeside, Music Consultant; Miss Doris Wiers, Art Consultant; Miss Agnes Bowie, Librarian.

EACH TEACHER THEN gave a talk on her work, with emphasis on the amount and type of work which is being done at William Grace School at the present time. As Miss Ziekle pointed out, it is the work of these teachers, in close cooperation with the regular classroom teachers, which provides Farmington children with the best education possible to day.

TO COMPLETE THE program, Dr. Robert Saracino from the Oakland County Department of Health showed a movie on the successful fluoridation program in Grand Rapids.

Dr. Saracino answered questions from the audience about the topical fluoridation program which is given at William Grace and about the water fluoridation program which is used in some communities.

Because of the Christmas holidays, there will be no December meeting for the William Grace PTA. An announcement of the January meeting will be made at a later date.

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Botsford Hosp. Offers Teachers, Scholarships

A proposal by the Botsford Hospital administration was approved "in principle" by the Farmington Board of Education on November 23.

The proposal made by the hospital is that of a structured training situation in conjunction with the school district's cooperative training program.

As outlined by Earl Baumunk, coordinator of the program, students attend school in the mornings and work on the job in the afternoons. One class hour each day must be a "work related" course. In instances where regular classroom teachers are not equipped to give instruction in specialized fields, Michigan Department of Public the vocational division of the instruction can issue special instruction certificates to qualified instructors.

THE PROPOSAL of the Botsford Hospital as given by Seymour Cantor, personnel director, is to release employees the necessary amount of time for the formal training of students in hospital related courses.

The hospital proposes that inasmuch as the trainers' regular salary would continue to be paid by the hospital and since their duties at this time would include the assignment of training co-op students, that the money for the training time be payable to the hospital, but retained by the Board of Education until the end of the school year.

AT THIS TIME, as a reinvestment in the community, the hospital would make the money in each training year available for scholarships to Farmington students who upon graduation enroll in formal Botsford Hospital training courses such as nursing, dietary training, medical records training, etc.

The hospital has requested 24 co-op students for the next semester in their dietary department alone.

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