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All High Schools Beginning College-Style Registration

"College style" registration, an experiment last year at Harrison High, will be introduced in all Farmington high schools this fall, according to Lewis Shulman, assistant superintendent in charge of secondary education.

"A prime requisite for a good school year is a calm, orderly beginning," Shulman said, describing the success last year of the new-style registration at Harrison.

The old system meant all returning high school students had turned in their schedule requests the previous spring, to be sorted out by a computer. "It was a real mess," Shulman said.

The new system, which will be followed by all high school students this year, involves students "building" their own schedule a class at a time in a central registration hall.

The old system sometimes meant 1,200 schedule

changes had to be handled each fall, Shulman said.

The result was that at least a week went by before teachers were sure of their students and students were sure of their classes.

"Now they start off teaching," Shulman said.

What is "college registration" like?

A returning high school student is required to pick up a "registration packet" now at his own school.

Wednesday, Sept. 5, the student goes to the gym according to a time schedule issued with the packet.

Armed with a schedule which includes his required courses at a preferred time, the student goes to the registration "stations" set up in the gym.

When he gets to the "course selection station," he signs up for the course he wants at the time he wants it, and is told immediately whether there is space for him.

One side effect is that the student can select a teacher.

"This was one area which worried us at first,"

Shulman said.

"I didn't want to be running a teacher popularity contest. As it worked out, most teachers were pleasantly surprised at how much in demand they were."

After the experiment last year at Harrison, some unexpected benefits materialized.

For instance, with students scheduling their own study halls and more accurate class lists, skips from study halls declined considerably.

Teachers also reported a much better student attitude toward school and teachers, Shulman said.

"They chose this class; therefore, they wanted to be here. Because of this, attendance has improved."

7 Contend For 3 Seats On Council

The filing of seven candidates for three vacant seats on the Farmington City Council has insured a lively race.

August Barbrick, 3374 Shulte, on-time candidate for county commissioner, added his name to the list at the last minute Friday, as did John McElroy, 32215 Valley View Circle.

Wilbur Purdy, 3601 Lansbury; William Garden, 23525 Prospect; and William Hartsock, 23040 Manning, were other new candidates, contending with incumbents Dr. John Richardson and Richard Tupper.

Interest was added to the contest when Frederick Seibert did not file for re-election to his council seat.

Explaining "It's time for someone else," Seibert ended his 10-year association with local politics.

Teachers Want Fall Contract

By DAN McCOSH

Contract negotiations between the Farmington Education Assn. and the Farmington school district are going smoothly, but major issues are yet to be resolved, according to Roger Allen, executive director of the FEA.

"We intend to have a contract before school opens, that is what we are aiming at," Allen said. "I'm not sure what the other side is thinking."

He indicated two major areas of disagreement: the seniority system of filling teacher assignments, and class size.

He said teachers were pushing for a seniority sys-

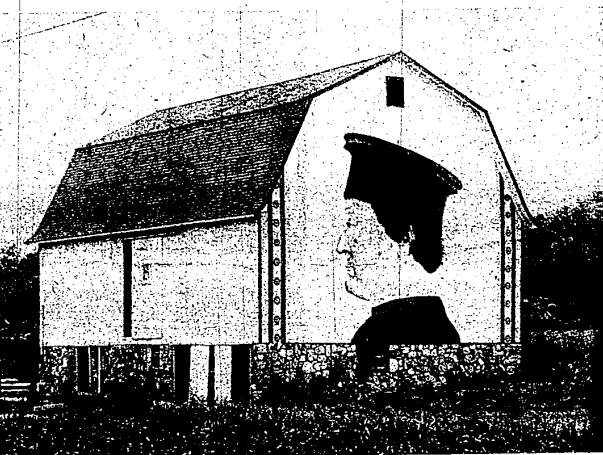
tem on the filling of vacancies, but the administration was not anxious to start the practice.

"We want a better class-size figure," they are going the other way," Allen added.

He said they were "far apart" on economic issues, but there had been little discussion of money as yet.

"We are negotiating for Farmington only," he said, when questioned about reported plans of the MEA to apply area-wide pressure during negotiations.

He added "the strategy might change" if many Oakland County school districts were without contracts when school opens in the fall.



Mystery Artist

A MYSTERIOUS artist recently duplicated the classic Duke of Urbino originally painted by Piero della Francesca, on the side of a barn on Haggerty Rd. between 12 and 13 Mile Roads, Farmington Hills, which also is famous for a Mona Lisa on another barn, adds to its

collection of barn paintings, but Angelo Barbers, the owner of the barn, refused to identify the artist. He says the painter prefers to remain anonymous, although the Mail Pouch Tobacco Co. was definitely ruled out. (Evert photo)

City Sewer Separation Needs Federal Funds

By DAN McCOSH

The City of Farmington is getting in line for federal

money to finance the separation of storm and sanitary sewers in the older part of the city.

Estimated at \$1.9 million, it will be one of the most costly municipal projects to be undertaken by the city in recent times.

Proposed is the construction of more than five miles of new storm sewer and approximately 3 1/2 miles of new sanitary sewer. It would also involve 40,000 square yards of street repair.

Financing is expected to be paid 80 per cent by the state and federal government, with \$371,900 to be financed locally through a 30-year revenue bond.

The system will save an estimated \$18,000 a year now paid to Detroit for processing the excess sewer water in the current system - a savings expected to partially offset the cost of the system, according to City Manager Robert Deadman.

The council authorized applying for a grant through the Federal Water Pollution Control Acts.

Deadman held out little hope for immediate approval, however:

"We believe this project will not be funded for the next two or three years, unless the federal government appropriates considerably more money for water pollution problems in the state than are now being appropriated."

The city is now served directly and indirectly by a combined sanitary and storm sewer system, with the exception of a small portion west of Drake Road served by Oakland County, said David Jones, DFW superintendent.

The city's main combination system gathers most of the city's sewage, including sanitary, and has three overflow connectors to the Rouge River for relief during storms and malfunction.

He also indicated serious backups of sewage into homes connected to the combined sewer system have resulted from excessive inflow and infiltration during several severe storms in the past two years.

The city's only practical method of eliminating the pollution effects of by-passed and spilled sewage into the upper branch of the Rouge is to change the sewage system to separate sanitary and separate storm sewer systems," Jones added.

Legion Hall Party Raided

A raid Friday evening at the American Legion Hall, 31775 Grand River, resulted in the arrest of Jeffrey R. Krause, Farmington, on charges of operating a bar without a license, according to Farmington police.

Legion hall owners called in the police after they discovered an alleged "wed-

ding" was actually an open party where beer was being sold to minors.

Robert Deadman, Farmington police chief, and Capt. Daniel Byrnes, closed down the party after about 150 youths aged 14-21 had gathered.

Krause was allegedly charging \$2 "for all the beer you can drink."



DAVE HILL AND CHUCK WILLIAMS (from left) display their Moose Patrol emblem while setting up camp at the national Boy Scout Jamboree in Pennsylvania. Both are members of Troop 179 from Farmington. Hill is patrol leader.