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Mediation Starts

A state mediator has been called in to negotiations for the Farmington School District, a practice which has become standard in the district. A status report on the teacher contracts is on:

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Crime Drops

Crime dropped for the month of July in several categories in the City of Farmington. A significant drop in burglaries was reported.

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Playwrights

A \$1,000 award is at stake for those writing the best Jewish play. To find out how you can get in on the competition turn to the amusement section.

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Movie Class

Film enthusiasts will have the opportunity to study classical films at Oakland Community College this fall. To get the details turn to the amusement section.

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Involvement

A Farmington rabbi concentrates on getting people involved in Co Abatt's story on

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No-Fault Insurance. Understand it and what it means to you? The age of the auto is far from past even with the gasoline shortage so join us today as we explore this complex new idea....

School Board Sets Tax Rate; County Allows More Millage

By DAN McCOSH

The Farmington school board has set the 1973-74 millage rate at 37.53, an increase of 0.7 mills over last year.

A budget hearing has been scheduled Sept. 4 at 7:30 p.m. in the school board of-

fice, Grand River and Powers Road.

The Oakland County Allocation Board added 1.2 mills to the school district allotment, money which formerly went to Farmington Township before it incorporated as a city.

Effect of the transfer is to raise the millage limitation for school operations by 1.2 mills. In addition, the school board decided to levy the 0.5 mills remaining of their total voted millage, bringing the total increase up to 1.7 additional mills.

The debt retirement mil-

lage was reduced from seven mills to six mills, leaving a net increase to the taxpayers of 0.7 mills, according to Business Manager William Prisk.

The increased millage is expected to yield \$273,000 in additional revenue to the dis-

trict, according to Prisk.

Additional state aid and local assessments are expected to bring the total revenue to \$18.8 million - up from \$16.9 million last year.

For the first time this year, the state is requiring a balanced budget submitted

by Nov. 1, before a final decision is reached on state aid.

While the anticipated revenue is increasing, the projected enrollment is declining - 400 fewer students are expected in the district this year.

Bikers Take A Long Trip

"Long hills -- they're the worst."

By DAN McCOSH

Slightly saddle-sore, four Farmington High School seniors have returned from a 1,400 mile bicycle trip, nearly circling Lake Michigan.

Terry Crawford, Joe Hansen, Steve Chabala and Richard Lilley, all neighbors in Farmington, peddled nearly continuously for 33 days to make the trip.

They started from the Lost Lake Boy Scout Camp in central Michigan, took a ferry across Lake Michigan, then headed north.

They bicycled through northern Wisconsin and all the way to Copper Harbor in the upper peninsula. Heading east, they crossed at the Mackinac bridge, then headed south along the coast of Lake Huron before returning home.

Neither the bikes nor the boys seemed badly worn af-

ter the trip, although Lilley said he gained 12 pounds.

They packed tents and sleeping bags, sleeping overnight at state park campsites.

At the beginning, they had one tent, which was advertised as "four man." "Maybe four" midjets," Hansen said. After the first night, a log notation in the diary kept by Lilley on the trip read "bugs and Steve's hairy legs" were both unbearable.

They bought a second tent, which leaked in the rain.

But they remarkably few rainy days, spending only one day on the road in the rain.

The longest day's trip was 101 miles, with most days closer to 60.

Traffic wasn't a problem in the sparsely-populated north, and they met other bicyclists along the way - at least one group was on the same route



FARMINGTON WAS a welcome sight after a 1,400 mile cycle trip for these four Farmington High seniors. From left: Joe Hansen,

Steve Chabala, Terry Crawford, and Richard Lilley. (Photo by Fran Evert)

but going the opposite direction. Another couple was pedd-

ing north from Ann Arbor, subsisting on nuts, fruits and vegetables, heading for the

Canadian Rockies. They said it was a one-way trip. The trip cost each participant about \$175, mainly for food, although campsites were \$3 a night.

Traveling through northern Wisconsin, they met a cyclist's worst obstacle. "Long hills-they're the worst - it takes you forever to get to the top."

They even met hostile in-

dians in the upper peninsula, being greeted with rude remarks as they peddled by.

A contrast was the hospitality of a camper who worked up the nerve to ask the four over to their campsite for a pork chop dinner. Uncounted pounds of baked beans and meat disappeared that night.

If nothing else, bicycling works up an appetite.



THE SUMMER READING program at the Farmington library ended with 229 children in grades 3 to 8 participating. Sandi Yelenky served refreshments at the last party of the

season before the young readers returned to school. The theme this year was "Travel the USA the Tall Tale Way." (Evert photo)

Albin Moves Headquarters

Albin Industries has moved to Farmington from Birmingham and now is located at 24288 Indoplex Circle. The firm is a retailer and wholesaler of copying products.

Both the Birmingham formerly located in Berkeley have transferred to the new location which is 75 per cent larger in size than the former facilities.

The Farmington space also has the ability to be doubled in size to accommodate growth, President H.C. Albin Jr. said.

During that time he was involved in non-graded schools, supervision of Mich-

Bond To Get New Principal

Farmington elementary schools will open with a new principal at Bond School, and four other principals reassigned.

Phillip Townsend, 32, former elementary principal and K-12 curriculum coordinator for St. Joseph, Mich., public schools, has been named principal at Bond.

He enters the Farmington system as a replacement for Mrs. Jean Ralph, former Flanders principal who moved to Arizona.

Other changes will transfer Weldon Petz from Forest to principal of Flanders, Walter Jablonski from Longacre to principal at Forest, Mildred Bennett from Wood Creek to principal at Longacre and Mel Blackman from Bond to principal at Wood Creek.

Townsend was a teacher in Pontiac before joining the St. Joseph school system and prior to that taught in Concord, Calif.

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PHILLIP TOWNSEND

igan State University student teachers and development of programs to improve curriculum in kindergarten through 12th grade.

He received his bachelor degree from the University of Michigan and his masters from Michigan State University. He has two daughters, aged eight and five.