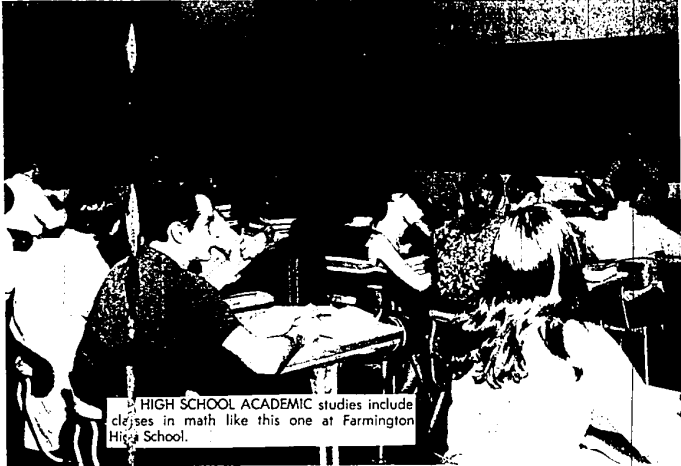




ELECTIVE COURSES are very important in the comprehensive high school. These students are making jewelry in an art class. Art is one of the elective courses in Farmington high schools.



HIGH SCHOOL ACADEMIC studies include classes in math like this one at Farmington High School.

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offered in American government. Under Michigan law, this is required.

The class includes a full cross section of the student body, which allows for exchanges of differing viewpoints on controversial issues.

In vocational education, both local schools rank high. With the addition of its new industrial arts wing by fall, 1967, Farmington High will offer an even more complete program.

About this Geiger comments, "Many courses as originally planned were too academic. We aren't just teaching the upper 10 per cent. Even textbooks are reflecting a more moderate approach."

"It is justifiable that much more be done for the occupation-bound student than the college-bound."

Local vocation programs might be offered as a refutation that today's schools are oriented for the academically talented.

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LABORATORY WORK is an integral part of the biology class in the comprehensive high school. Farmington High School student Bill Bailey transfers planaria as part of his biology class work.

## 'We Have Good Quality Schools', Says Harrison

Gerald V. Harrison, superintendent of Farmington schools, in speaking of Dr. James B. Conant's recommendations for the comprehensive high school, says, "It is good to have somebody who can look objectively at the quality of high schools and give us a long range view."

"Doing this, you set standards that are high in hopes that schools can pull themselves up by their bootstraps."

"In Farmington, we think we have a really high quality program."

And we are delighted that the Board of Education has seen fit to increase the vocational program. Each one of these youngsters is going to become a voting citizen. He needs the best education we can give him."

Harrison also has some thoughts on the financing of a public education.

"Local taxes have gotten to about the limit we can expect the public to stand. We're going to have to face constantly rising costs. They have been increasing 8-10 percent over the past five years and will continue to do so for the next five years."

"There has to be some money somewhere. I would like to see the return to the local community of some part of the federal income tax, to be locally managed by the boards of education."

"I am dissatisfied with most of the federal programs we are involved in—we can't really put

the money where the greatest priority is."

"And the local constituency is what has made American education great."

"I'm always an eternal optimist about the financing of better education. I think in the long haul a set-up such as Dr. Conant recommends might be accomplished."

## New Editor Named

Sue Shaughnessy, previously editor of the Farmington Observer, published on Wednesday, has been appointed editor of the consolidated Farmington Enterprise & Observer.

Publisher Philip H. Power made the appointment as part of the Observer Newspapers' move toward full-scale twice-a-week publication in Farmington.

Miss Shaughnessy will thus supervise production of Farmington news for both the Wednesday and Sunday editions.

Her office, along with the office of other Farmington news staff members, is in the Enterprise building at 23623 Farmington Rd.

Power said: "The advantages to the public of this change are clear. Persons submitting news stories will be able to deal with only one office instead of the previous two. And the reader will no longer have to see the same news story or

picture twice in the same week."

Tim Richard, former editor of the Farmington Enterprise, has been appointed managing editor of the Observer group's three Sunday papers—in Farmington, Livonia and Plymouth. His office is located in Plymouth.



SUE SHAUGHNESSY

mouth, where he handles regional news for the Sunday "B" section.

Miss Shaughnessy, 28, joined the Observer Newspapers in October 1964 as a reporter and moved into the Farmington editorship in 1965.

Born in Detroit, she graduated from Ladywood High School in Livonia, earned her bachelor's degree in English at the University of Detroit, and did graduate work in history at U. of D. and New York University.

She was on the public information staff of U. of D. from 1960-63 and the National Coffee Association in New York from 1963-64.

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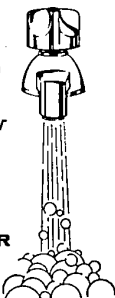
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