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It's All Over

A World Championship dream has been shattered...the North Farmington-West Bloomfield Pony All-Stars suffered their second loss to Newport News, 4-2, in 10 innings to be eliminated in the Pony World Series at Washington, Pa. The game was deadlocked, 1-1, after seven innings with Newport News scoring three times in the top of the 10th on an error, two singles, two stolen bases and a double.

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Youth Building?

Farmington Township Supervisor Earl Teeple is proposing a youth services building for the township and expects to bring it up to the township board soon.

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Lunch Is Over

The hot lunch program in Farmington schools is ended, and the employees will be laid off. A special meeting of the Farmington Board of Education made the decision, and we have the story on:

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Theater Lineup

Summer theater productions are winding up their performances and drama groups are beginning to announce their 1972-73 plans. For the plans announced by the Jewish Center Theater and the Hilberry Repertory, turn to

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THIS WEEK



Schools Review \$17.4 Million Budget

A \$17.4 million budget for the Farmington School District for 1972-73 will be submitted at a public hearing Aug. 29 at 8 p.m. in the board of education offices.

According to business manager William Prisk, the budget anticipates approximately a 12 per cent increase in expenditures over what was actually spent during the last fiscal year, with secondary and elementary instruction making up the bulk of the increase.

Revenues are shy approximately \$350,000 from meeting budgeted expenditures. The difference is to be made up with an anticipated surplus from last year's budget.

Additional aid from the state, up approximately \$550,000 from last year to \$5.9 million this year, is included in the revenues, along with approximately \$560,000 in additional local tax revenue.

The budget also includes a \$250,000 "contingency

fund," which is money promised under the state aid formula but not included in the budget.

"We haven't received the full amount of state aid for several years," Prisk said.

Prisk says he anticipates the usual sparse attendance at the budget hearing, which often attracts only a single spectator not representing a newspaper.

Schools Up Ante With Cash

YES Program Future Fuzzy

By MARY PADEN



AT WORK—Claire Orions interviews Jim Spencer for YES. (Evert photo)

In an attempt to encourage reluctant Farmington Township to contribute at least \$5,000 to the fledgling Youth Employment Service (YES), the Farmington school board passed a resolution Wednesday saying it will contribute \$7,000 in cash and in-kind services if the township will fork over \$5,000.

The \$7,000 pledged by the board at a special meeting is \$3,000 higher than its original pledge of \$4,750 in in-kind services (office space, phones, equipment, supplies.)

Supt. Roderick Smith recommended the board add \$3,000 in cash to the pledge.

THE FATE of YES now hangs on the legal opinion of the Township attorney on whether a township may legally support an employment agency. The opinion is scheduled for Monday's meeting — one day before YES's federal funding runs out.

The township has shelled out about \$27,000 this year for three programs jointly funded by it, the City of Farmington and the school district. The programs, all dealing with youth, are: Rap Line (drug program), Farmington Area Recreation Commission, and the Youth Assistance Program (probate court counseling).

Three township trustees on the seven-member board — Fred Lichman, David Slader and Earl Oppenheimer — recommended the funding at the last township meeting.

YES proponents have appeared twice before the township board, and each time the decision was postponed. The City of Farmington has pledged the \$2,375 requested of it and the North Farmington Kiwanis will give \$300.

Funds available from the Office of Economic Opportunity amount to \$550, and the Farmington Chamber of Commerce has pledged \$1,000 contingent upon the township's granting funding.

Earl Baumunk, temporary chairman of the YES steering committee, figures the program needs a budget of \$15,669 (\$10,044 for salaries of a director and secretary, \$3,000 for office space and \$2,625 in operating costs.)

If the township doesn't kick

in, the program will be at least \$4,174 short.

BAUMUNK, DIRECTOR of vocational education at Farmington schools, told the board that YES was conceived in his department, encouraged by the Chamber of Commerce and finally funded with excess Emergency Employment Act funds from the school district. The funds, which were granted last winter to government agencies to hire

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Punch Voting? Not This Year

Punch card voting for Farmington Township may be still just around the corner, but the corner is a little further away now.

Township Clerk Floyd Cairns, who was trying to get a new voting system into the township by the November election, has decided to put off the change until after the presidential vote, he told the Enterprise and Observer.

While he had some misgivings earlier about trying the new system during the heavy presidential vote, Cairns said the recent failure of the Redford Township primary vote, which was tabulated by a punch-card system, has made him decide to "lay low for a while" and retain the old machine vote system for the time being.

FOR REASONS still unexplained, the first time the Redford Township ballots were counted by a computer, the results were wrong. A

second run on a new program was certified by the canvassers.

Redford Township was the first town in southeast Michigan to use computer counting for elections, and their system performed flawlessly before the much-publicized Detroit system failure in August 1970.

Cairns was trying to get the new system in Farmington Township before November. He had said earlier, partly because he needed to purchase new machines for new precincts established after the new census showed an increased population.

He also was afraid the "bottom would drop out" of the used voting machine market after the November election.

He has borrowed 11 machines from Flint for the coming general election, he said, and is considering purchasing them permanently for the township.

How YES Serves The Unemployed

By MARY PADEN

A handsome teenager sat in the small office serving as Youth Employment Service (YES) headquarters in Farmington. He was waiting for Clair Orions, YES director, to help him get a job.

"I put in my application at one place, and they said they'd call me in a couple of days, but they didn't," he told her. "Did you call them back?" she asked.

"No," he said, as if the thought had never occurred to him.

MRS. ORIONS is an attractive woman with a background of counseling training and work for Farmington's Rap Line (drug program) and the Oakland University Continuum Center. She has been placing youths between the ages of 14 and 21 in jobs with local businesses for the past nine weeks.

Whether her job will continue after next Tuesday depends on whether the program can obtain about \$3,000 from Farmington Township or other sources.

"It was amazing to me to find what a great need there was for this type of program," she said. "I knew there was a need because I have three teenage girls, but I didn't know the need was so great."

YES gives priority to youths referred by the police, courts, funds, channeled through the school district and earmarked

for hiring the unemployed. The program was announced July 3, a press conference held July 7 and an article ran in the Farmington Enterprise & Observer July 8.

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MRS. ORIONS spends many mornings dropping in on local businessmen explaining the program and asking them to call her when they need an employee.

"I'm very impressed with their response," she said. "Some of them even say, 'Give me a kid with some problems and I'll try to help him work them out.'"

She asks less enthusiastic businessmen to recall their first job.

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GETTING A JOB through YES works like this:

The person seeking employment will call or drop in the office and fill out an application, including the type of job he wants. Mrs. Orions matches the applications with requests from employers as they come in.

She usually calls in four or five applicants and screens them, sending two or three to the employer.

"I just give them the employer's phone number and tell them to call," she said. "This is supposed to be a

There was the young man who borrowed a dime to call YES. He came into the office in cutoffs and a T-shirt because he had been kicked out of the house and didn't have any other clothes. Rap Line found him some clothes and YES helped him find a job, said Mrs. Orions.

"YOU THINK OF Farmington as an affluent area," she said. "But when you sit in this office and hear the problems and the need for money these kids have, you see it a different way."

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IN WORLD SERIES—The North Farmington-West Bloomfield team is playing in the 21st annual Pony League World Series in Washington, Pa. Here, third baseman John Slack tramps on third to force runner Bobby Colligan of Newport News in the fourth inning of the first game and fires to first. Story is on page 7A. (Photo courtesy of Washington (Pa.) Observer)