

School Board President Looks Ahead

By KENNETH PERRIN

FARMINGTON Education in Farmington enters the new year in an extremely strong position.

In the most important area, the relationship between staff and students, the thrill and excitement of learning is readily apparent to those who visit our schools.

There is, on the part of the staff, a strong feeling of moving ahead, a feeling of eagerness which we hope will extend itself to the students and to the community.

MAJOR IMPROVEMENTS are being made in facilities. We have seen, this past year, completion of media centers at Gill, Middlebelt, and Woodale schools.

Over half of our elementary schools are now equipped with this new type of facility which is proving so beneficial to students and teachers.

Our fifth junior high school will be completed in time for the new school year starting in September.

The relatively new technique of hiring construction managers has been used on these projects, resulting in substantial cost savings for the district.

A major staff changes took place in 1972. Dr. Roderick Smith, resigned, as superintendent. His replacement will probably be named in 1973. Marinus Van Ameyde, deputy superintendent, has been appointed acting superintendent in the interim.

Lewis Schulman, former principal of Harrison High School, has been appointed assistant superintendent of secondary education. He replaced Dr. Joseph Nicita, who resigned to become superintendent of another district.

Graham Lewis, formerly of the Pontiac school system, has been appointed director of special education to replace Dr. Ted Cuno, who resigned to become assistant superintendent in another district.

Dr. Joseph Chasson was named junior high principal and Miss Carolyn Plsek was named elementary school principal.

There ARE some challenges to be faced in 1973. As every year, finances will be a chief concern. A millage deduction last April almost led to further curtailments in the educational programs on top of several substantial earlier reductions. Only a dramatic increase in state aid to Farmington permitted reinstatement of these programs.

We are now preparing tentative budgets for the 1973-74 school year and it is already apparent that a five mill levy, which has just expired, will have to be renewed in 1973. The millage renewal election will probably be held in the spring.

The Roth decision has placed a cloud of confusion over the entire metropolitan area, and will continue to do so until the situation is finally resolved.

YOUR SCHOOL board has taken the position that we will oppose by all available means, any metropolitan busing plan which would include children of Farmington.

The most knowledgeable people we have talked with feel that, no matter what attitude any of the courts may take, there is no possibility of busing in 1973.

We are confident that the community, the staff and the school board, working together in a spirit of cooperation, will meet these challenges in 1973.

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Traffic Safety Is Concern Of 10 Mile School Parents

FARMINGTON "Frustration" was how the 10 Mile PTA labeled their efforts to get the Farmington Board of Education to take action on what they feel is a safety hazard to the children attending the school located at 32789 10 Mile.

A letter sent to Marinus Van Ameyde, acting superintendent, say the 10 Mile parents were "frustrated" because the issue has been

attending the school since the summer of 1972 but no action has been taken.

"EVERY TIME the matter is brought up, there is a flurry of studies to determine the extent of the problem, and then nothing," the letter said.

Among hazards listed were that children living north of the school must cross 10 Mile twice or four times daily, and that children living east of the school must cross Raphael, thereby being confronted with traffic turning off 10 Mile.

As a solution, the PTA suggested the implementation of an adult crossing guard to protect children crossing both 10 Mile and Raphael.

Van Ameyde, in response, has appointed a committee of administration officials to study the situation. They are to report back to the board at the next board meeting on Jan. 16 in the Dunckel Junior High School, 32800 12 Mile.

A controversial rezoning decision last January resulted in the resignation of David Goldman, Wood Creek attorney, and the firing of two administrators.

And in the fall, the state highway dept. announced it is buying right-of-way for the long-awaited Northwestern Highway, which will alter the future of the area.

An ecology fight in Quakertown was a victory for residents proud of the semi-wild land known locally as the "Quakertown Valley."

The township, after many hearings, voted to build a giant sewer arm on street right-of-way through Quakertown, with some added cost, but saving a long stretch of the wooded terrain.

Osgood Back In Navy

FARMINGTON Operations Specialist 2c William E. Osgood has returned to duty at the Navy's electronic training center, Dam Neck, Va., after a five day visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Richard E. Osgood, 32575 Nottingham Knoll, Farmington.

Osgood was trainer with the 1967-69 championship gymnastics team at North Farmington High School, where he graduated in 1969.

After training in radar and electronic warfare, he was assigned to the USS Dahlgren, a guided missile frigate which served in the Mediterranean and later was flagship of the NATO fleet in the Atlantic.

Osgood plans to attend Oakland Community College on his return to civilian life next August in preparation for studying veterinary medicine at Michigan State University.

1,000 Point

When Wayne State University senior forward Bob Solomon scored 19 points in WSU's 1972-73 basketball opener, he became the fourth Tartar eager to surpass the career 1,000-point mark. Charlie Primas (1290), George Duncan (1243) and George Brown (1044) preceded him.

None Larger

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