

# Sports cuts generate reaction from parents

**By DIANE HUBEL**  
**FARMINGTON** — The high schools in the Farmington School district will be maintaining their variety football, and baseball programs but will be eliminating the reserve teams in both sports during the 1974-75 school year.

John Cotton, director of athletics for the district, outlined his proposed cuts for the athletic department at the meeting of the school board Tuesday night.

Following the July 30 millage defeat the school board decided to cut back the athletic program by one third.

Cotton said he tried to maintain some sports for each season when determining which sports should be deleted and which should be maintained.

**THE DISTRICT** was short in the area of girls sports, Cotton said, so the athletic department made only minor modifications in that area.

One sport, girls volleyball, was deleted, and a proposed addition, basketball, will be postponed until more funds are available.

The other sports which were maintained are: varsity football, cross country, varsity and reserve basketball, varsity wrestling, swimming varsity baseball and track, for the high school boys.

High school girls swimming, tennis, gymnastics and softball and junior high football, basketball, wrestling, and track will also be maintained.

In junior high sports, only one team of combined 8th and 9th graders will be maintained, rather than two teams, one for each grade as it has been in the past.

The programs that have been deleted are, reserve football, golf, boys gymnastics, reserve wrestling, boys tennis, reserve baseball, and girls volleyball, in the high schools, and one team of football, basketball, wrestling, and track in the junior highs.

The cross country team in the junior highs will also be eliminated.

**COTTON SAID** he is still \$6,000 short of what of what he needs to balance his budget.

He said the athletic department decided not to eliminate the GAA or the intramural programs, hoping that some students would turn to them, if their sport was cancelled.

He said the department decided not to eliminate the entire junior high program because they believe it is an important program in the junior high education, and not just a feeder for the high school sports programs.

He said the department also considered, cost per student, spectator interest, and transportation costs when determining which programs to maintain.

Parents and students attending the board meeting, which was held at Farmington Sr. High, protested the elimination of the golf and gymnastics programs.

Parents supporting both sports indicated that they were sports which could be played by any boy, regardless of his size.

A businessman in the community offered to underwrite the costs of the golf program until the boys on the golf team could raise the funds to continue it themselves.

The offer was turned down by the board.

**BOARD TRUSTEE** Dr. Mervyn Ross said, "Three years ago this board was in the same position we find ourselves in now."

At that time we saw the disruption which was caused when we stood firm on some items and changed on others. This board has been most reasonable in attempting to understand the needs of the community, we have not cut from solely from any one area.

"We are faced with decisions that affect every child in the district."

"Some of our decisions may affect one of your children more than it does another. Give us a chance to evaluate all the children and let us do the most with what we have."

"It is a very uncomfortable position that the board is in right now, and we appreciate the input from the community."

That open study session on the budget will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 10, at 8:30, at Harrison High school.



## Schools back in business

North Farmington High School teachers, Doug MacQueen, and Ted Still, help junior Laura Paul register for this year's classes. The three high schools in Farmington are among the few in the area to use the college type registration. Under the system the students are al-

lowed to make up their own schedules, as they do in the colleges. Under the traditional system the class schedules are drawn up by an administrator, or in some cases by a computer.

## Zoning case goes to trial

**FARMINGTON HILLS**—Charles Bellmore, an area businessman who has been charged with the improper use of a residential zoning ordinance stood mute at his arraignment in 47th District Court, Thursday, Sept. 5.

Bellmore is allegedly attempting to establish a lawn sprinkling business in a garage behind a house on Waldron street.

Residents of Waldron who wish to maintain their residential zoning recently spent a day picketing in front of the house which has been purchased by Bellmore.

The residents called the city's zoning department after workmen attempted to construct an eight foot fence around the property about a month ago.

The zoning department conducted an investigation and served Bellmore with a summons to appear in 47th District Court.

The residents say Bellmore is attempting to convert the garage behind the house for industrial use connected with his lawn sprinkling company.

MANY OF the residents who were picketing the house showed up in court on Thursday for the arraignment but arrived after it had been completed.

According to zoning officials Bellmore did not attend the arraignment himself, but sent his attorney on his behalf. The residents claim that Bellmore has already had telephones installed in the garage and is accepting orders for lawn sprinklers.

Should Bellmore be found guilty he can be fined as much as \$500 a day for every day he was in violation of the zoning ordinance.

Another neighbor said workmen have been working on the garage for the past month but have not made any improvements on the house itself.

Workmen were back at the house working after the arraignment, Thursday, according to the neighbors.

The trial date has tentatively been set for Sept. 19.

## m.m.memos

"I got most of the stuff on your list," announced my daughter who had volunteered to go grocery shopping.

"But I couldn't find any pan sags. What are they, anyway?"

That item on the grocery list I had prepared didn't sound familiar, so I looked.

"That's powdered sugar," I told her. "See, it says Pow Sugs. I wanted two boxes."

On another occasion, she came back with one item not crossed off the list.

"I couldn't read it," she said, "so I went around the store looking for what it might be." She thought of tinned tuna, winged cars, maybe rinsed cans.

It turned out to be canned corn. Extremely simple to read, I thought.

My family maintains I should have gone into medicine—I can match any physician in the matter of illegible handwriting.

When I'm away from home and send them postcards they thank me properly but I'm sure they don't try to read them.

Somewhere back there I should have learned to write. I guess, or taken a course in shorthand.

Since I didn't, we're stuck with strange notations and grocery lists that include chess or, collage ch, gr pep, brd and q wat. It's a wonder we ever have anything edible in the cupboard.

—Margaret Miller

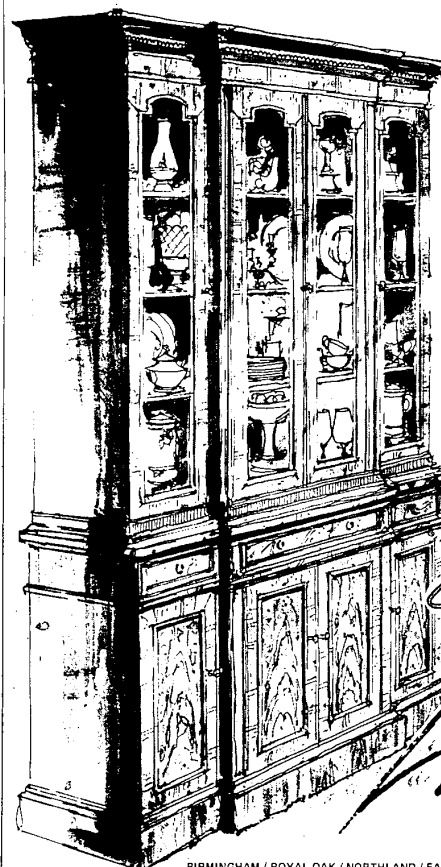
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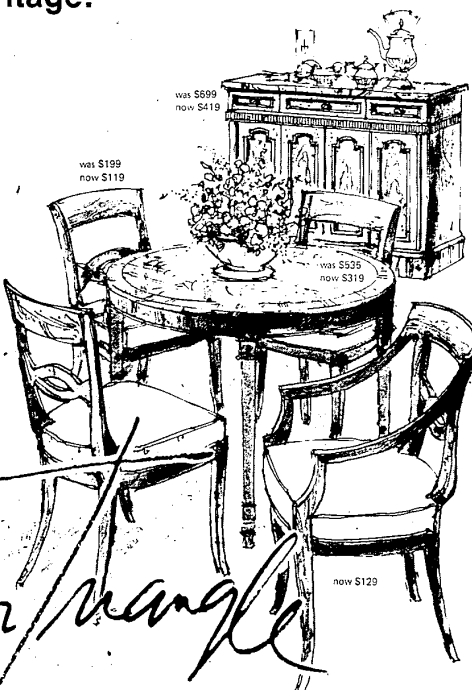
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