

Lice trouble Farmington students

By JUDY OWEN

FARMINGTON — Nippling and using a fine-tooth comb are terms used to describe a compulsive study of insignificant details.

Parents of some area school children, however, have found out the original meaning of the terms — and the

details are most significant.

Their children have contracted head lice, external parasites which invade the scalp to multiply and cause itching.

Lice aren't particular. They don't care whether the head they choose belongs to someone who is rich or poor, clean or dirty.

THEY'LL MOVE into the home of even the most fastidious housekeeper and prepare to do battle with all but the most careful measures of laundering and other cleaning methods.

They can be transmitted easily from child to child through clothing as it hangs in a closet or through hats, scarves and combs which may be shared.

Pillows, bed linen and stuffed furniture, all can harbor the lice.

School officials believe that several cases which were recorded in one classroom developed after a girl's slumber party.

Joyce Pape, supervisor of public health nurses for the Oakland County Health Department, said 25-30 cases of head lice have been reported in the Farmington School District since September.

The department has sent literature about head lice to the parents through the schools, she said.

"I FEEL SORRY for parents caught in it because of the stigma

that goes along with it and the frustration in trying to stop it," she said.

"Any one can catch it," she said. "Keeping it is the whole crux of the thing."

She offered some advice to parents.

Check the hair, especially behind the ears, for white flakes which may indicate nits or loose eggs.

If the flakes are present, careful washing with Kwell shampoo, a prescription drug, or A-200, sold over the counter, is essential.

THE MUST BE accompanied by a thorough cleaning of bed linen, towels and pillows.

Linens must be changed daily and laundered in hot water.

Non-washable items including clothing should be drycleaned.

Mattresses, pillows and stuffed furniture must be thoroughly vacuumed each day.

Stuffed animals should be either washed or vacuumed.

As a further precaution, clothing worn by the infected child should be

separated from that of other children. In one classroom, coats are hung on the backs of children's chairs instead of in the classroom.

Hats and scarves should not be shared.

There should be separate combs for each family member.

Children should sleep in separate beds until the problem is brought under control, she said.

UNLESS DIRECTIONS are followed carefully the lice can recur, she said.

The health department offers free treatment. Children must be checked by health officials before they are allowed to return to the classroom.


Mrs. Pape said that the lice are parasites which can be visible.

They must have a source of blood to feed on within 24 hours after they are hatched or they will die, she said. They mature in about seven days and lay eggs called nits.


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Clarenceville untouched by Supreme Court ruling

A U.S. Supreme Court ruling giving students the right to know why they are being suspended from school and an appeal shouldn't have much impact in the Clarenceville School District.

The district, which includes parts of Livonia, Farmington Hills and Royal Oak Township, has had a formal policy since mid-1971 and an informal practice for many years before that doing just what the court said should be done.

SUPT. DAVID McDowell said stu-

dents are given "all due process and rights" and added that most Michigan pupils are given the same protection.

Clarenceville's rules on suspensions are part of a "student code of conduct" reviewed by the state department of education in 1971 without changes.

The court's ruling stressed that pupils must be told why they are being suspended and given the right of an appeal if they protest the action.

McDowell noted that not only are students told why they are suspended

but their parents are notified at the same time.

The superintendent said that before the formal rules were adopted more than three years ago the same practice was followed to give students due process.

Other than some specifics, McDowell sees no impact locally caused by the court ruling.

He said that "it is important for the court to review the problem from time to time so that students' rights are protected."

McDowell generally praised the court's ruling and its review of students' rights in other school-related cases.

He said the court's rulings bring about uniformity since there are different practices in different parts of the country.

McDowell feels the recent court decision "makes us better people" although there is some inconvenience and harder work for school officials.

The policy gives building principals the right to suspend a student up to 10 days. Any suspension longer than that must be made by the superintendent.

On any suspension, the principal must notify parents and tell them about the circumstances leading to the action.

The policy sets up a detailed procedure of hearings and appeals if students or parents object to the suspension.

Farmington U.S. funds to pay for DPW man

FARMINGTON—New federal funding will make it possible for the city to hire a new Department of Public Works employee.

The employee, who may be hired sometime next week, will receive more than \$13,000 including fringe benefits.

Only a temporary measure against unemployment, the new job is part of the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act, Title VI.

The city will be receiving the funds as a sub-agent, with Oakland County acting as the primary agent, and has no obligation to pay unemployment benefits once the funds cease.

"We have been informed by a representative of the Michigan Employment Security Commission that the city will have no obligation upon termination of the employee after the federal funds have run out to pay unemployment benefits, as this federal program is intended to be only a temporary employment program," said City Manager Robert F. Deadman.

The city will have no obligation to continue providing jobs after the program's 13 months duration.

"The federal government believes that by making funds available for

public service jobs for a specific, limited time and allowing local government flexibility in the use of these funds, it will be possible to quickly provide the maximum number of individuals with employment opportunities." Deadman said.

"This program is intended to be funded for 13 months to provide the maximum impact on the current economic situation."

"There is no obligation on the part of local government to continue providing jobs once the federal funding ceases."

Wibby elected chamber head

FARMINGTON — The board of directors of the chamber of commerce chose James Wibby as its new president Friday.

Wibby, who served as vice-president last year, is head of the Metropolitan National Bank of Farmington.

Filling the other officers' slots are vice president R. Peter Prokop, an attorney with the firm of Prokop, Biber, Gutman and Frankel; secretary Margaret Halava, of the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers; and treasurer Harry Wingerter, Bon Ton Shoppe owner.

Past president William Flattery will serve as an ex officio board member.

Elected to two-year terms on the chamber board are Ed Balden of Farmington Center Co., Robert Sales of Bob Saks Oldsmobile, Inc.; Gil Williams of White Motor Corp.; Prokop, Wibby and Wingerter.

Also on the board are John Anhus of the Botaford Inn, Earl Billing of Holiday Inn, Ralph Evert of Evert Photographic Service, Robert Smith of Beauchamp-Smith Associates, Robert Van Every of H.A. Smith Lumber and Supplies and Ms. Halava.

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