

# Board OKs science, grammar books

FARMINGTON—Students in the district may be working with eight new textbooks, two new workbooks and a new elementary science program if the school board authorizes buying the books they approved Tuesday night.

Among the new books will be two complementary science books with a lab manual, an American government text, two geometry texts, a trigonometry book, a combination trigonometry and algebra II book and a grammar workbook for elementary students.

Some of the texts would be used only as classroom sets and library copies. Staff members urging adoption of the texts assured board members that the district would not have to buy the books on a per-pupil basis, thereby saving money.

The board is expected to authorize purchase of the books later.

Supt. Marjorie Van Arneyde praised the community for its passage of the four-mill proposal April 29.

"ONLY BECAUSE of the confidence of the community are we able to improve our curriculum in meaningful ways," he said.

Assistant Supt. Lewis Schulman said this year's request for textbooks was going to be different.

"This time we are going to present the books and ask the board to purchase them," he said humorously.

After listening to the presentations,

board president Gary Lichtman asked whether each teacher would use the text.

"With these books priced at \$7.25 per unit, is there someone who doesn't use this text? And if so, will we be buying these books and then they won't be used?" he asked.

THE GOVERNMENT books would be used only as a guide, Schulman said, because many teachers prefer to loan on programs which don't neces-

sarily emphasize books.

Texts usually are ordered by the number of students who will be taking the course, plus 10 per cent of that number.

"A couple of weeks ago this board received a kind of windfall. This community says yes, and now they expect the board and members of the staff to accept responsibility," Lichtman said.

"I would hate to see a class not use a text we'd buy for it," said board

vice president William Cortis. In the case of the secondary science program, where two adoptions were proposed, he would like to limit some of the orders to classroom sets.

Harrison High School will use a new geometry book and a combination algebra and trigonometry text approved Tuesday by the board.

FARMINGTON HIGH will have a new geometry book, different from Harrison's, but will use the same combination book. They will use a new trigonometry book for advanced students.

North Farmington High School urged the adoption of an old Algebra II book, but a new edition of it, as the older editions are no longer available.

Norman Dickson, assistant principal of North Farmington High School, recommended the board adopt a new American government text which would be used by 1,400 students next year. The program would cost \$2,400. The board would only have to order 700 books for the district because the course would be taught by semesters.

Elementary schools will use a new grammar book as a supplement to the books they already use. Workbooks would be used, but Assistant Supt. Larry Freedman said the cost wouldn't be as great as in previous years.

"THESE BOOKS will not necessarily be consumed on a regular basis. There would never be a restriction on a teacher not to let the book be consumed," he said.

## John Wesley College holds an open house

John Wesley College will hold two sessions of open house where off campus studies are held in this area in the University Hills Christian Center on Farmington Road, north of I-66. The sessions will begin at 3:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 29. The evening session will be a repeat of the afternoon session.

The open house will run under the theme, "John Wesley College: What Does That Mean To You?" attempting to inform guests what the college has to offer to residents in this community.

The off-campus center in Farmington acts as a metropolitan guidance center and contains one of the college's Early Learning Centers. It offers off-campus classes, has an adult degree program, a travel study program where students may "experience education" and has been active in community involvement.

ONE OF THE MOST far reaching activities of community involvement the local campus has undertaken recently was a senior citizen conference.

Out of this came an on-going arts and crafts program for seniors, when it was determined that the group preferred creative rather than sedentary activities. It is sponsored jointly by the Michigan Arts Council, the Farmington Community Arts Council and the Farmington Artists Foundation.

The upcoming open house will lead off with a multi media presentation and be followed with informal presentations from financial and campus advisers, career counselors and pre-school instructors.

Guests will be invited to seek both general and specific information.

Guests who are interested in the travel study programs will be invited to visit the Unger, a custom made camper bus used in the travel study programs, which will be on the grounds throughout the open house hours.

## Resident receives state PTA award

FARMINGTON—Dorcas Tupper recently received an honorable mention for the PTA Member of the Year Award from the Michigan Congress of Parents and Teachers (MCPT).

One of the highest honors awarded by the MCPT is its general membership award, the award is given "To a person who has given of themselves unselfishly and tirelessly to better conditions for children and youth through PTA activities."

The Farmington Area PTA Council recognized Mrs. Tupper for her primary role in the "Coffee and Comments" millage programs earlier this year.

She is the wife of Farmington councilman Richard Tupper and has served in the PTA for 15 years. She is a life member of the Farmington Jaycee Auxiliary.

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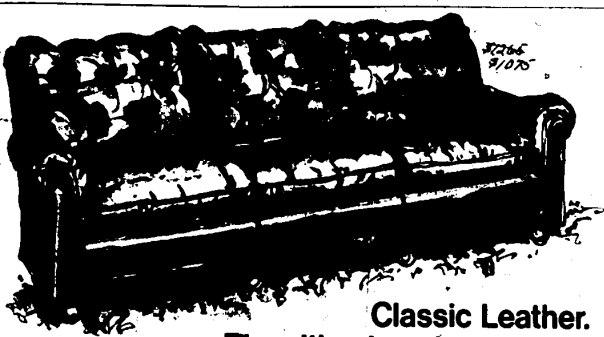
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