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is in the elementary schools because parents and teachers there are the ones who will carry it on through high school and then out into the community after they graduate," Martin says.
Farmington is one of the first districts in the state to use mainly the metric measurement method in the

Schools stress metrics

classroom. According to Martin, the program has been well received by parents and teachers. There have been few problems teaching the new system and students seem to accept it and want to learn more about metrics.

TO PREPARE the metrics program, the district and committee have sponsored a number of voluntary after school training sessions.

The first session in metrics was a district-wide program in which metrics specialists from Eastern Michigan University lectured and gave demonstrations to all teachers.

During a half-day workshop, three secondary math teachers taught elementary teachers metric programs, methods and terminology.

"I believe the vast majority of Farmington teachers feel very comfortable with metrics," says Lanigan. "And they have taken a real interest in the program. Here at Larkshire, for example, as at many of the other schools, we have a metrics day and week where everyone thinks and works just with metrics. It's quite an experience for the students and they really enjoy it. Most want to have more next year."

In September 1973, the state school board decided that something should be done to have students learn more about metrics, so they set June 1976 as the target date in which to have metrics the predominant method of measurement in all school systems within the state.

IN MARCH 1974, the Farmington metric education committee set a timetable and hoped to accomplish its goal of having only metrics taught in grades K-3 and the dual system in grades 4-12.

At present, the district is ahead of schedule and the committee feels this is a good indication of the interest in metrics.

"There has been enough interest in metrics by the teachers to keep us going on schedule. With our in-service training sessions and help from the metric specialists we have reached almost everyone in the district," says Martin. "Our goal now is to reach the

community and teach them about metrics, especially the residents who don't have kids in school."

The district also is considering classes for adults in metric education. It has been discussing the possibility of using the PTA and current adult education programs for teaching and spreading information about metrics to the community.

"We are trying to set up some type of community involvement program to get materials and concepts to parents," continues Lanigan. "Parents really appreciate our metric program in the schools and want to learn more about it. When a student comes home, he can trade off metric information with his parents. That way everyone benefits."

"THE KIDS seem really pleased with metrics. They are always measuring the classrooms, halls and everything they can. Some get a real kick out of it when they go home and tell their moms what they found out that day about metrics. When they see mom didn't know about that, they really get excited and want to learn more," says Lanigan.

Mrs. Hewes said all elementary students are exposed to metrics and are getting good at it. "As teachers work with the students on metrics and they are able to touch some of the metric equipment we have available in the schools, students are beginning to grasp metric concepts. They are weighing themselves and starting to think metric."

She also has put together special metric supplementary units for math teachers in grade K-3 in the district to use because most math books are not metric oriented.

The district is continually looking to purchase new materials to help change over to metrics. Since most books in the district are about three to four years old, both Martin and Lanigan believe the next set of books ordered will be predominantly metric.

"Presently, elementary students are preparing and studying for the change-over to metric math books," says Lanigan. "We are working well ahead of our timetable and I don't see why we can't—within the next few years—completely change over to metrics in all grade levels. K-12. But since students must live with the outside world, I guess we always will have to teach them both methods, for the time being."



Larkshire Elementary School principal James A. Lanigan, who directs the metric education program in grades K-6, discusses the possibilities of metric conversion in the United States. (Staff photo by Harry Mauthe)

Two residents are midshipmen

Two Farmington area residents have been appointed midshipmen under the Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps College Program at the University of Michigan.

Neil A. Sandler and Kevin M. Bush were selected for the program on the basis of scholastic aptitude, high grades, character references, leadership potential and physical qualifications. They will receive military instruction in addition to their regular academic studies.

After graduating, both will be commissioned as either a Navy ensign or Marine Corps second lieutenant. Bush is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Bush, 2124 Birchwood St. Sandler is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Sandler of 26700 Madison Court.

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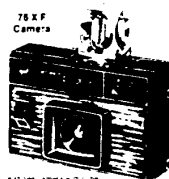
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