

Hospital eyes school in expansion program

By MAURIE WALKER

Edgewood Elementary School, 21225 St. Francis, Farmington Hills, whose halls and classrooms have for 55 years echoed with the voices of children, may be heading for a new "career."

School Superintendent David McDowell said Botsford Hospital administrators have expressed interest in the school as part of the hospital's expansion program.

"I, along with Edward Saliz, Clarenceville business manager, met recently with Dr. Al Zeigler and Gerson Cooper of Botsford to discuss the administration's interest in Edgewood School," McDowell said.

The hospital is on Grand River, north of Eight Mile, close to the former school.

"We learned they plan to increase the floor space of the hospital from the present 200,000 square feet to 300,000 square feet."

"Their plan is to increase in phases rather than all at once. What they are looking for is more space for offices, health and out-patient services," he said.

McDowell told the school board that Botsford officials wanted some commitment from Clarenceville so they might include Edgewood in their long-range planning.

"They could use some space immediately. However, their long-range timetable would allow the district to continue to use Edgewood 2-3 years, should the board arrive at a decision that it would be feasible and wise to sell Edgewood," McDowell added.

Cooper, who attended Thursday's school board meeting to discuss the issue, said the hospital would like to

lease or buy the building.

"We could use the building immediately since we primarily are seeking administrative and business community teaching resources," he said.

Cooper said there would be little changes needed in the building should the hospital take it over.

"We are willing to go along with whatever agreement we can come to with the school district. We would be willing to lease just part of the school if that is agreeable," Cooper said.

McDowell stressed that no immediate decision was expected by the board. "No one expects the board to make a

decision of this magnitude without a great deal of study," McDowell said.

He told the board declining enrollment was a factor to consider.

"Enrollment projections lead me to believe that in the 1980-81 school year, Botsford and Grandview Elementary schools could easily house and educate all of the district's elementary students. The enrollment projections through 1983-84 indicate extra space will be available in these two buildings."

Estimated savings to the district should Edgewood be sold, was put at \$142,000 per year.

Catchy phrase pays

Do you have a way with words? By coming up with the best slogan for the 1979 Farmington Founders Festival, you could win a \$25 U.S. Savings Bond, widespread use of the slogan and a place of honor in the festival parade on Saturday, July 28.

Festival general chairman Gary Miramonti said the contest is open to any Farmington or Farmington Hills resident, or any student attending high school or college classes in either city. Slogans are limited to 10 words, but an entrant can submit more than one suggestion.

All entries become the property of the Farmington Founders Festival Committee and must be postmarked by Monday, April 2. Entries should be mailed to: Founders Festival Contest, c/o Farmington Chamber of Commerce, 23715 Farmington Rd., Farm-

ington 48024. Entries can also be hand delivered to the chamber office no later than 4 p.m. Monday, April 2.

The committee will judge the entries and its decision is final. Members of the committee and their families are ineligible.

The winner of last year's slogan contest was 9-year-old Matthew Feller, a student at Woodcreek Elementary School. His slogan was: "Farmington is a treasury of beautiful people, places and sights."

This year marks the 15th season for the celebration shared by the two cities. The communitywide festivities will take place July 25-29.

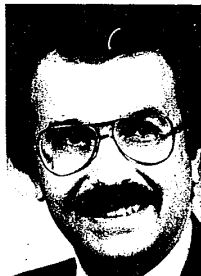
IN THE NEAR future, the committee will announce a general public meeting that will offer residents an opportunity to present suggestions for 1979 festival activities. Help is needed in fund raising, event planning and publicity.

Anyone interested in working on the 15th annual Farmington Founders Festival should contact the Farmington Area Chamber of Commerce office at 474-3440.



Heads center

Federal Mogul Corp. Chairman Thomas F. Russell has been named chairman of the board of trustees of Maple Grove, a health care facility being proposed by Henry Ford Hospital for the treatment of alcoholism.



New audit V-P

Dominic Monastiere of Farmington Hills has been named vice president of auditing of Michigan National Corp. A graduate of the Detroit Institute of Technology, he joined Michigan National in 1976 and became director of auditing last spring.

Students make honors list

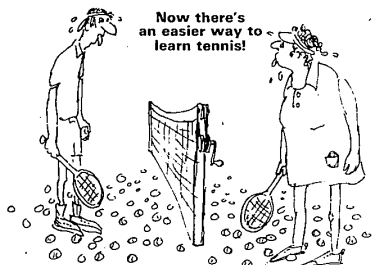
Several local residents studying at Ferris State College were named to the academic honors list for achieving scholastic excellence during the fall quarter.

They are Dennis Bona, Linda Hamel, Kevin Leddy, Vivian Lookie, Jamie May

and Julie Moore of Farmington. Also honored from Farmington were John Muller Jr., Daniel Parente, Donald Tyler and Kim Watzke.

From Farmington Hills, Peggy Poupour and Cherie Trevisan were named to the dean's list.

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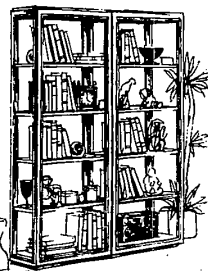
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