Principal urges teaching how to think, not just facts VOSS PARTICIPATED on a committee of teachers and principals that was formed in 1979 to study the need for teaching. Critical Thinking Stills in Walled Lake schools. Although the study was launched with National Collars, much of the work was done on lars, which has said. This month Voss conducted an inservice workshop at Walled Lake Western High School to teach 14 elementary instructors how to include higher level thinking skills in classroom activities. "Eighty percent of what you're caching will not be useful (to the students) when they graduate from high school, Voss said. The higher thinking skills — analysis, synthesis and evalution—probably comprise less than 10

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After decades of asking the same questions, elementary teachers now tearn they may be asking the wrong teart they may be asking the wrong.
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CRITICAL THINKING skills soon may become "the next educational bandwagon," Oss-said, "We'll all be jumping on." Supplemental classroom to supplemental control of the supplemental state they don't show the teacher how to teach the process (for critical thinking). Yous cautioned. Consequently, students likely will be dumbfounded when suddenly confronted with a question that requires them to evaluate, justify or interpret.

The critical thinking skills project is designed to develop student skills in processing information, reasoning and in making sound judgments," Voss noted in his introduction to the In-servicing.

TESTING THINKING skills is a par TESTING THINNING skills is a par-ticular problem at the upper level, Voss sald. Multiple choice and true/ false questions test knowlege and com-prehension, but to test whether a child is thinking about the material being taught requires an essay question. If the instructor has 200 students, testing

the instructor has 200 students, testing higher level thinking skills may be prohibitive.

In the course of its research the committee evaluated samples of social studies curriculum in grades 3-6. More than 90 percent of the learning objectives emphasized knowledge and comprehension. The higher thinking skills of analysis and evaluation nearly were non-existent among the social studies objectives.



IN OBSERVING 11 elementary classrooms, committee members discovered that discussion focused on lact recall and understanding, When polled, only 3 percent of the teachers said they did a very good job of providing opportunity for students to gractice higher three beautiful provided and a comprehensive for students to good job, and they did an adequate to good job.

Tower hearing set by council

Amateur radio operators will have one more opportunity to convince Farmington Hills Officials to change the city's height restrictions for antena towers at a public hearing scheduled not 7:30 p.m. Monday, April 30. Supporters and opponents of the proposed antenna height change will share a portion of the special city council meeting in April with residents opposing a proposed zone change at Franklin Fairway and 13 Mile, near Northwestern Highway.

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Farmington Hills City Council this week scheduled the special meeting because both issues are expected to be controversial and to draw large

Ham radio operators will be asking the council members to overturn a re-cent planning commission's recom-mended denial of a request to add an-

Residents from the most of the city's subdivisions, however, are opposed to the proposed height change. They maintain that the current procedure of allowing the zoning board of appeals to grant variances to extend antenna towere beyond 25 feet is the best option for neighbors who are allowed to supor neignoors who are allowed to sup-port or oppose the variance before it is granted.

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A big turnout is also expected when the council considers the planning commission's recommendation to rezone property at Franklin Fairway and 13 Mile from residential to office.

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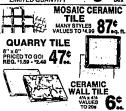
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