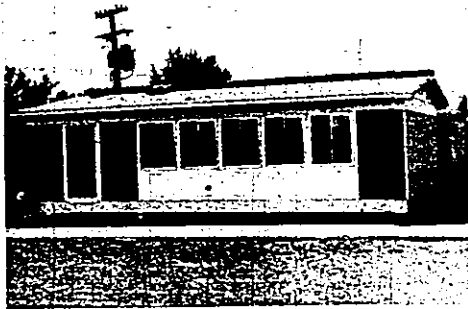




This portable unit, installed at a cost of \$10,808, will alleviate crowded conditions for Shiawassee Elementary pupils.

Farmington Expands, 'Contracts'

Power Junior High School, ready to receive 698 seventh, eighth, and ninth grade students this fall, is the embodiment of contemporary design. It ideally answers spatial requirements while maintaining a surprising compactness of physical arrangement.

"Key to the achievement of this concept," according to architects Linn Smith, Demlene, Adams Inc., "was the placement of the gymnasium, band, and vocal classrooms (which require high ceilings for appropriate volume) in the center of the school then grouping remaining academic spaces in two surrounding floors. The resulting loop corridor provides the shortest possible travel distances between all spaces and excellent relationships between the individual academic disciplines."

The loop style of the corridor allowed stairways to be designed in two groups of two each with terminal lobbies which gained impact by borrowing the space normally required for stairs.

Externally, an attractive metal fascia, and windows set within two-story projecting bands of brick provide unifying elements. Some bands have windows on both floors, some on only one, resulting in a unique visual experience.

Access to the site is available from two sides permitting easy separation of vehicular traffic with bus loading docks as an added convenience.

Within the 80,488 square foot area are 13 academic classrooms, library, administrative and counseling offices, four science rooms, cafeteria-study hall, kitchen, gymnasium and locker rooms, one room each for art, shop, drafting, two for music and home economics, a faculty room and a boiler room.

Cost per square foot was \$17.79 with a total cost of \$1,206,536 on a 32-acre site purchased in September, 1965 for \$61,200.



Another new facade has been added to Farmington school buildings. The fourth junior high will house 638 youngsters during its first year.

To accommodate Farmington High School students while their addition is still under construction, six portable classrooms have been acquired. Four are in use at Shiawassee Elementary School also. The units contain their own heat, air conditioning, carpeting, drapes, desks, chairs, and blackboards. At Shiawassee, they will be equipped with their own toilet facilities thus becoming self-contained schoolrooms for all-day use. All of the units may be used later to relieve crowding when and where it may occur.

With the school population now at 16,100 and continuing to spiral at the rate of about 900 yearly, it is foreseen that the new high school now in the advanced planning stage, two more elementary schools, and a fifth junior high will be needed by 1972.

Now staffing the district are 714 teachers, as compared to 652 who held positions last September. A total of 109 student teachers were placed in classrooms during the past year. Involved in this program were Central Michigan, Michigan State, Wayne State, Kalamazoo, Michigan, and Western Universities and the University of Detroit. Central Michigan University assigned a teaching coordinator "on campus" to work directly with student teachers in an advisory capacity.

A lively recruiting program is carried on throughout the year to attract promising new teachers to the district. This assures a fresh, vital, and resolute approach to the educational future of Farmington.



Board members inspect the vocal music room at Power with its three tiers for seating and two-story height for proper acoustics.



Gary L. Lichtman, newest member of the Board of Education, examines a power saw in the industrial arts unit at Farmington's newest educational facility.



Spacious proportions of Power gymnasium are apparent here as the Board of Education holds a pre-opening day inspection tour. The mammoth room will accommodate four practice basketball sessions at one time.