

# Schools Will Upgrade Jr. High Curriculum

FARMINGTON Enthusiastic approval has

been given by the Farmington school board for curriculum improvement at junior high schools.

After a year of evaluation by the Coordinating Committee for Junior High Study, four steps were outlined to carry out the results of their findings.

**STEP I** WOULD provide leadership training for department chairmen and principals. This would be accomplished during January of 1971.

**STEP II**, to be carried out over approximately two months, would require teachers to work out performance recommendations to help them achieve the goals set forth in the study. Subject matter specialists

from the Oakland Intermediate School District and individuals on the Farmington staff would be called upon to assist the teachers in achievement of these goals.

**STEP III** would be accomplished in the next school year. An inter-school advisory committee would be formed to work toward program development. Such development should be reflected in next year's budget to insure the desired curriculum improvement.

**STEP IV** is visualized as an ongoing process to continue indefinitely. Once teachers are trained to approach their teaching roles with the concept of constant re-evaluation in mind, there should be continued forward movement.

Therefore pupils as a group are not achieving up to their abilities.

• There are many alternatives to curriculum patterns currently in use which promise of improving curriculum. • Teachers, administrators, parents, and students involved in this study accept from what they have gained in knowledge, research and experience that a strategy for curriculum improvement which focuses upon teacher attitude and classroom methods will bring measurable improvement in pupil achievement.

• Any efforts toward curriculum improvement should involve parents, teachers, administrators, and pupils.

The Farmington Historical Society held its annual Christmas Party in the home of Mrs. Vayle Lorion on 12 Mile Rd. on Dec. 9.

The beautiful antique furnished home is 130 years old and has been kept in perfect condition by the Lorions. When you enter the massive front door in the foyer, you are instantly impressed by a very wide winding stairway. It is like entering the past back to 1840.

AT THE rear of the home the untrimmed Christmas tree waited for the members to decorate it with homemade strings of cranberries and paper loops in a family room with a very bright fire in a wood burning stove.

We gradually migrated to the enormous dining room with the largest table you've ever seen, laden with all kinds of goodies. Then we gathered around the lovely baby grand piano to sing Christmas carols beautifully played by Peg Schreiber.

It was a wonderful evening for all of us. I am sure we all will remember it for a long time to come. Anyone wishing to join the Historical Society may do so by contacting V. O. Bates 474-5294 or Louis Gilson 476-2783.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Haenke of Power Rd. announce the birth of daughter Dana Eileen on Nov. 9 in Providence Hospital, Southfield. Weight was seven pounds and 11 ounces. This is the Haenkes' first child.

## local news

By MARIE LONG GR-4-3114

RONALD PARDEE, former Farmington resident, flew from Denver to spend a few days with his mother, Mrs. Margaret Woods of Hayden Ave.

Ronald is combining business with his visit with relatives in this area. He is associated with Secrist Manufacturing Co. of Denver and is manager and teaches data processing. His wife and family were unable to accompany him.

Mrs. Lorna King of Hayden, Ariz., and her sister Mrs. Lois Van Tongern of Vancouver, Wash., are visiting their mother Mrs. Gladys Bell of Grand River Ave. for a few days. They are also visiting their brothers Douglas and Ronald.

Mrs. Bell was moved home from Brent General in Detroit to Pontiac General for diagnostic purposes.

MRS. MABEL Burgess of Peppermill Rd. is currently attending the wedding of her grandson, David Devore, to Miss Bonnie Seppa of Wakefield. Both are students of Michigan State University. Mabel will spend a week at Wakefield visiting relatives at their winter lodge. Mrs. Burgess is a member of the Pioneer Golden Age Club of Farmington.

Seventy-five members of the Senior Citizens Social Club enjoyed a delicious dinner served by the Order of the Eastern Star ladies in the

Masonic Temple Dec. 10. The member was given a litter bag tables were decorated for the containing small gifts. Cards holiday season. Each followed the dinner.

### HAVE YOU TRIED TO GET A CAB IN FARMINGTON LATELY??

STAR CAB COMPANY believes that Farmington needs more and better taxi service. It has applied for authority to pick up passengers in Farmington but has been denied this right by the Farmington City Council on the recommendation of City Manager Dinan because Empire now has three "bond plates", although operating only 1 or 2 cabs, and RED & YELLOW has eleven bond plates. This means that only 14 taxis are authorized to pick up passengers in Farmington.

STAR CAB has six taxis in operation in Novi and its service would be readily available to Farmington if it were authorized by the issuance of bond plates to its cabs. Its 24-hour availability would add to much needed service to Farmington.

STAR CAB needs your support. Won't you write to or call City Manager Dinan at the Farmington City Hall and urge him to reconsider his recommendation to the Council so that STAR CAB may have the authority to operate taxis in Farmington. THOMAS F. MACALUSO, Owner STAR CAB COMPANY 41711 ASPEN DRIVE NOVI, MICHIGAN TELEPHONE 349-3304

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THE FOUR-STEP program is an outgrowth of conclusions reached by the Coordinating Committee and the Board of Education Curriculum Committee. In their judgment:

• Teachers could utilize educational methods, materials and content to a greater extent for maximum educational opportunity and achievement.

• Both students and teachers are less than satisfied with the junior high program.

• Average scholastic aptitude of Farmington junior high youth is considerably higher than their achievement in reading and arithmetic as measured by the standardized testing program.

URGENCY was expressed by the Coordinating Committee, its Augmented Committee and the entire staff to move forward as quickly as possible with the indicated steps.

All segments of involved personnel likewise supported a strategy that would assure accountability for performance at all levels of professional responsibility.

Before these evaluation results were presented for board approval, the Curriculum Committee of the board had an opportunity to meet with the Coordinating Committee for an in-depth analysis of the surveys and processes conducted over the past year which had led up to them.

## PTA Hears Rideout Talk On Rap Line

FARMINGTON Wooddale PTA heard the Rev. Ralph Rideout describe the objectives of Farmington's Rap Line at their meeting Tuesday evening.

Rev. Rideout is the director of Farmington Area Advisory Council which works with youth toward solution of their problems.

"It's a weird world," he began his informal talk, "when a man in Houston can talk to one on the moon but

has difficulty conversing with his wife or child across the dining room table."

THE GIST of Rideout's message was that the generation gap is a communication gap, and both sides would

genuinely like to be heard. But do both sides want to listen?

### Season's Greetings

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## Will Judge On Dec. 21

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The committee asks residents and merchants to leave all display lights on until about 9:30 p.m. on Dec. 21 so that no exterior displays will be omitted from the judging.

Award winners in both residential and commercial categories will be notified on Dec. 22.

The committee urges residents to drive through the business and residential areas of the city and view the many Christmas displays.

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