

School Budget Cuts

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"These reductions seem very serious, of course, to the parents of the youngsters on the eighth grade basketball teams," says Cotton. "It is unfortunate that this is necessary."

"It was a very difficult task for me to reduce the total athletic program I have been building, but it had to be done. Before school started last fall, I had made the decision not to add assistant swimming coaches because of the district's financial condition."

Cotton stressed that the athletic cutbacks must be placed in perspective with the reductions being made in all departments.

Cotton said his cutbacks involve only about a \$12,000 reduction in athletic department expenditures. He was asked to trim \$10,000 when the budget was approved in November, but rising expense in the fall sports program required a \$12,000 reduction to balance the athletic budget.

"Athletics has more exposure to the community, and so these changes draw a quick response. But we should keep in mind that only \$12,000 is being trimmed from the athletic program while some \$390,000 is being reduced from all the other departments."

When the final budget was approved Nov. 16, Cotton was given \$79,000 by the school board to conduct his entire athletic program. This was a reduction of \$10,000 from the \$89,000 included in the tentative budget drawn up before the teachers settled.

Cotton had scheduled \$28,000 to conduct the fall sports program, but teacher pay hikes and increased fees for coaching, and other duties resulted in the fall program costing \$35,000.

The winter coaching assignments could not be made until after the teachers' contract was signed, adds Cotton. It was necessary to reduce the assignments be-

cause only \$44,000 was left for winter and spring sports.

SUBSTANTIAL budget reductions have been made in other departments, says Prisk, explaining that the \$400,000 in cuts are being made from the tentative budget.

"We must make reductions in many areas to pay for the salary hikes and to furnish free books and supplies."

"There were more severe cuts in other places than athletics."

The major cut was a \$78,000 reduction in capital outlay which includes a \$63,000 trim in purchase of new equipment and \$15,000 reduction in building improvements.

"We will not be purchasing any new equipment this year and will not be making the building improvements we should," Prisk adds.

THE DISTRICT has also eliminated all of its administrative interns at the secondary and elementary levels for a savings of \$48,000.

Another \$12,000 has been realized by reductions in travel and in-service training for teachers and administrators.

These cuts total about \$150,000, which leaves \$250,000 still to be trimmed. Much of the remaining cutbacks are expected in the payroll when the district reduces its elementary staff by 18 teachers.

The district has already reduced its vocal music consultant staff by one member, rescheduling the remaining 12 consultants to serve the schools.

Will Pave 9 Streets

FARMINGTON The Oakland County Board of County Road Commissioners has held a necessity hearing and is proceeding with plans to pave nine residential streets in the southeast area of Farmington Township.

The county has held its hearing and deemed it necessary to pave the following streets: Renvaler, Ontaga, St. Francis, Cowell, Independence, Sedalia, Emmett, Byron Ave. and Oxford.

The roads will be financed by special assessment with the county contributing 10% and homeowners 90%. Payments will be spread equally over 10 years with interest not to exceed 7% per year.

Paving plans will proceed unless petitions are submitted to the Road Commission containing signatures of 54% of the affected property owners requesting the project be discontinued. Jan. 23 is the deadline for submitting the petition.

Engineering plans call for construction of a six-inch concrete pavement, 27-feet wide with curbs and new enclosed storm sewers.

Farmington Calendar

LARKSHIRE ELEMENTARY PTA
Wednesday, Jan. 13, at 7:30 p.m., the Larkshire PTA will meet in Larkshire Elementary School. G. Donald Cowin will speak on sex education in Farmington elementary schools.

WORLD WAR I VETERANS
Thursday, Jan. 14, at 1 p.m., the Farmington Veterans of World War I will meet in the American Legion Hall at Lakeway and Grand River, Farmington. Coffee and cake will be served followed by the business meeting at 2 p.m. The bar racks meet the second Thursday of each month. All WWI vets are welcome to attend.

CAMPERS & HIKERS MEET
Sunday, Jan. 17, at 7:30 p.m., the Carefree Conestogas, a Farmington based chapter of the National Campers and Hikers Association, will hold its first winter meeting in St. John Lutheran Church at 2325 Gill Rd., Farmington. Anyone who enjoys camping and good fellowship is invited by Bob Hanes to attend.

FLUORIDE TO EAGLE SCHOOL
Monday, Jan. 18, the fluoride program will move to Eagle Elementary School. With parental permission, students will receive a treatment of four applications for a \$6 fee.

SENIOR CITIZEN HOUSING
Tuesday, Jan. 19, at 8 p.m., the Farmington Township Road and Civic Association will meet in Power Junior High School. Charles Cook, Livonia's director of senior citizen housing, will discuss all phases of housing. There will be a question-answer period. The public is invited.

WOMAN'S HEALTH CLUB
Lose weight with group therapy every Thursday in Room 160F of Farmington Senior High School at 7:30 p.m.

Kilkka Plays With Kenyon

Ken Kilkka of Farmington will be playing this year on the Kenyon College Lords varsity basketball squad.

Kilkka, a 6-6, 193-pound, center-forward, attended North Farmington High School where he earned two basketball letters. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Kilkka.

Kenyon College is a liberal arts college founded in 1824. The college participates in 10 sports in the 14-team Ohio Athletic Conference.

AIR QUALITY MEETING

Tuesday, Jan. 19, at noon the League of Women Voters of West Bloomfield-Farmington will meet in the West Bloomfield Township Library to discuss air quality. Babysitting will be available in the West Bloomfield Baptist Church on Orchard Lake Rd. just north of the library.

BLUE STAR MOTHERS

Thursday, Jan. 21, at 1 p.m. the Farmington Chapter 49 of the Blue Star Mothers of America will conduct its regular business meeting in the home of Mrs. June Kuehler at 23020 Mayfield, Farmington.

COMMUNITY CONCERT BAND

Tuesday, Y. Jan. 26, at 8 p.m. the Farmington Community Concert Band will present a free concert in the auditorium of North Farmington High School. The band will appear for the first time in its new uniforms. The public is invited.

MARCH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are desperately needed for the March of Dimes 1971 drive for the City of Farmington in January. Persons wishing to help are urged to call Marian Wallace at 474-5007 or Diane Rose at 476-5007.

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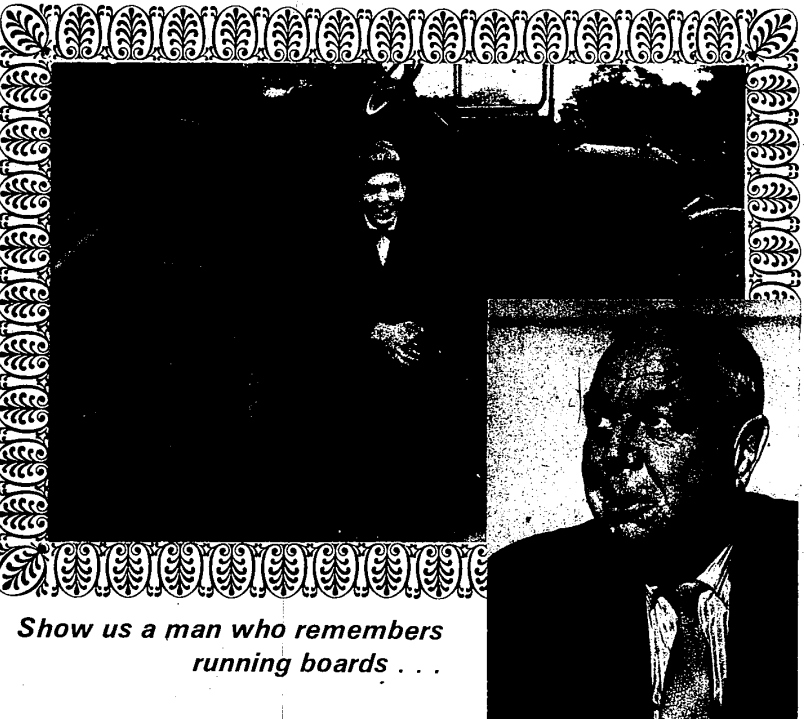
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