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PINNED—A Detroit resident was seriously injured when pinned under a truck which rolled over near Grand River and Purdue, at the end of the I-96 expressway, on Wednesday night, Jan. 27. Driver of the truck was J. C. Shelton, owner of Shelton's Service Station at 5 Mile and Beech, says he was cut off by a vehicle which did not stop. Shelton lost control of the large tow-truck and it rolled over a couple of times.

landing on his passenger, Karl B. Pakkula, 35, of Detroit. Farmington Township police and volunteer firemen worked feverishly to free Pakkula who received first aid from the ambulance crew until he was unpinned. Pakkula is now in intensive care at Botsford Hospital with a badly crushed right leg, severe head and face cuts, and stomach damage. (Ralph Evert photos)

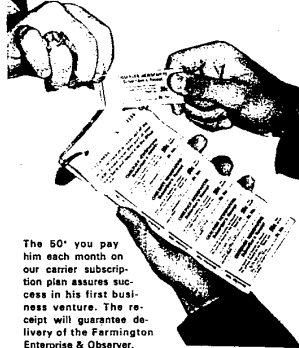


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FLE Hearings Are Scheduled

How schools should teach the perils of missing drugs and other hazardous substances will begin a series of five public meetings with the Farmington Board of Education.

PROPOSED sex education and minority understanding curricula will be taken up at the final four meetings. A public hearing on a projected drug abuse program will be held Monday (Feb. 1) at Farmington High School, 32000 Shawwassee, at 8 p.m.

An open school board discussion of the same topic a week ago drew only about 50 persons, half of them members of the school staff. Details of a recommended sex education program will be explained to the board at an open study session Feb. 15 and will be followed by a public hearing March 1. Both meetings will be at Farmington High beginning at 8 p.m.

The suggested course in minority understanding will be detailed at the board's regular open business meeting March 8 with a public hearing March 15. Both sessions will be at the Board of Education offices, 32500 Shawwassee, also at 8 p.m.

THE BOARD also has accepted an invitation to hold

its Feb. 22 regular meeting at Shawwassee School, 30415 Shawwassee, instead of at the board offices.

Mrs. Eleanor Coffin, chairman of the Shawwassee Parents for Outdoor Education, extended the invitation and requested an opportunity to report on the outdoor education program recently conducted for the school's students at the Proud Lake Center.

In other actions Monday night the board agreed: To pay negotiations for the schools in 1969-70 union contract bargaining at a rate of \$1,500 for LeRoy Barman, and \$750 each for Joseph Nicita and James Lanigan.

To extend an official invitation to editors of the three high school newspapers to attend board meetings "so that matters directly affecting student life" can be covered.

By MARTHA MAHAN

Charging "failure to live up to its promises," the Farmington Board of Education has withdrawn from the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG). The unanimous decision came as a surprise.

THE FARMINGTON board was one of SEMCOG's earliest supporters and withdrawal, just five days before the group's annual meeting, is regarded as a slap in the face.

"I wasn't expecting such a vote," said Benton Yates, SEMCOG's educational director. Supt. Roderick Smith apparently wasn't expecting it, either. Just a few days earlier he had written Farmington Township Supervisor Earl Tegples asking his influence to keep the township in SEMCOG and saying the schools intended to extend membership another year. Tegples disclosed.

Tegples said he had "tossed SEMCOG's bill (for 1971 dues) in the wastebasket." The City of Farmington also is a SEMCOG member. Even Trustee Aldo Vagnozzi, who emphasized he "very much favors the areawide concept," said "there comes a point where there has to be re-examination in view of results."

Particularly in education, SEMCOG has fallen short of its promises," he declared.

TRUSTEE RICHARD PETERS, the board's SEM-

COG delegate, said he "relished the opportunity to avoid" the annual meeting.

Chief complaint of the school people was that educational concerns are brushed aside by a membership heavily loaded toward county, city and township government and school proposals too frequently are voted down.

"Voting, in essence, is done by bloc and the education bloc doesn't always come out with the long end of the stick," said Trustee Gary L. Lichtman, a former board alternate to SEMCOG and now a delegate from the Oakland Intermediate School District board.

"Several things have suffered resounding defeat," he said. "I never come away from meetings with anything of any value."

VAGNOZZI SAID the agenda for Saturday's annual meeting "did not appear to have any item directly con-

cerned with the schools," and Lichtman culled the program "about 28 or 30 pages of gobbledygook."

Vagnozzi suggested that the board might wish to postpone action for two weeks, giving Peters the opportunity to attend the annual meeting and return to the board with a recommendation.

But Peters said he didn't think this would change his opinion that the board should withdraw, and Vagnozzi didn't pursue the point.

Yates insisted board member charges weren't "quite true." "The census services were especially pertinent to the schools in projections of growth, and so on," Yates said.

FOUR PARTS of a six-point program offered by school people were approved last year, Yates continued. The schools have "proper" representation on the executive board, he said, and there

are "more school representatives voting at a general meeting than any other bloc."

A task force "has considered" a school bloc proposal that SEMCOG limit school memberships to county intermediate districts which could pass along information to local districts. Yates said, and it will be discussed Saturday.

A recommendation "has not been finalized," however, and the question will have to go before the general membership in May, he continued. "Probably local boards will remain but will be represented more by intermediate districts," he said.

Yates also pointed out that SEMCOG recently has gained four new school district members: Huron and Romulus in Wayne County, Chippewa Valley in Macomb, and Yale in St. Clair. However, Dearborn schools announced this week it is pulling out.

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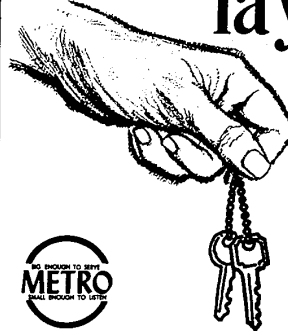
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