

Farmington Will Cut Teaching Staff By 10%

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FARMINGTON
The Farmington Board of Education voted Monday to cut its teaching staff for 1971-72 by nearly 10% under this year's roster.

THE BOARD said the schools' tight money outlook dictated the decision to withhold contract renewals for 71-72 school year.

"Every possible effort will be made to provide sufficient revenue so that this action might be rescinded and the educational program continued at a level similar to that in September, 1970," a board statement said.

A spokesman for the teachers' union declared he'd "better see a proportionate reduction of administrators by the next board meeting or there are going to be some public questions 'why'."

The cut would save the district about \$640,000, one member said. It also would mean increased class sizes, board members and Roger Allen, executive director of the Farmington Education Association (FEA) agreed.

But Allen said it also would weaken elementary art, music and physical education programs and drastically curtail remedial reading programs in both elementary and junior high schools.

IN ANSWER to a question from the audience, Trustee Kenneth Perrin said the board has not yet decided whether to seek increased millage "although the financial situation looks like we're going to have to go that route."

THE CUT would affect 41 secondary teachers, 30 elementary teachers and transfer two junior high administrative assistants to classroom teaching.

Allen said the cut would eliminate four elementary art consultants, four remedial reading teachers and "substantially reduce" the number of elementary physical education instructors and librarians.

The latter, Allen said, would be special education teachers whose seniority permitted them to "bump" secondary teachers with fewer years of experience.

I see no proportional cuts in custodians, secretaries and administrators," Allen said, "and if the board is going to have a credible position it is going to have to make cuts across the board."

Among money-saving suggestions put forth by the FEA, Allen said, was not to replace three elementary principals who will be gone from the system next year and to divide their duties among the administrative staffs of three other elementary schools.



EAGLE PRINCIPALS -- Fifth and sixth graders of Mrs. Marian McCracken's class at Eagle Elementary School in Farmington gave their annual operetta for members of the school community March 2. Three featured

roles in Victor Herbert's "The Fortune Teller" were played by: (from left) Tom Bain, Richard Bookwalter and Diane Morell. Assisting the cast as piano accompanist was Mrs. Delight King. (Ever photo)

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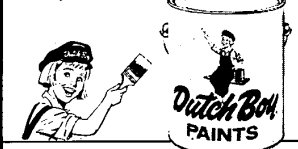
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Petz Addresses Cub Pack 111

FARMINGTON
Weldon Petz, renowned Civil War expert from Farmington, shared choice portions of Lincolniana with Farmington Cub Scouts and their parents at the annual blue and gold banquet for Farmington Cub Scout Pack 111.

A group of 200 persons along with scouting exhibits filled the fellowship hall of Nardin Park Methodist Church.

THE NUMEROUS achievement awards earned by pack members was highlighted when Bill Capolongo was accepted into Boy Scout Troop 48 by Assistant Scoutmaster Larry Sharp.

Welcomed as new members of Pack 111 were Carl Lofquist, Kevin Dugan and Christopher Reardon. Mike Conell, Craig Edwards and Ray Chalmers became Webelos.

Twenty-five adult leaders, headed by Cubmaster Bert Sisson, received awards for efforts in guiding the eight dens in the 60 member pack.

THE NEW pack charter was presented to Committee Chairman Bob Chipman by Neighborhood Commissioner Bob Child. Special recognition was given Mr. and Mrs. Peter King who were chairmen of the banquet.

Another highlight was presentation of a plaque announcing a gift to the Farmington District Library of copies of Carl Sandburg's "Prairie Years."

The book, one in a three-book biography of Lincoln, was donated in honor of Petz who is recognized as Michigan's leading authority on Lincoln.

Cubs and their dads recently enjoyed a day of ice fishing at Kent Lake. One hundred boys are planning a trip to Cobo Hall to watch the Detroit Pistons play the Milwaukee Bucks on March 5.

Lightly Trip During City Dance Classes
Invitations to parties, perhaps a wedding coming up and you feel your dancing ability needs a stimulating? The Livonia Dept. of Parks and Recreation can help with its spring ballroom lessons.

Classes will be held on Friday evenings with the first session on April 2 at the Senior Citizens Adult Evening Center, 19218 Farmington Road.

From 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., American steps will be offered including fox-trot, swing, merengue as well as requests. At 8:30 p.m., Latin American style including cha-cha and rumba will be offered.

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