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## today's hot line

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## bulletin

### Yates To Move

Benton Yates will leave as director of the education division of the Southeastern Michigan Council of Governments at the end of next week.

The former Livonia school superintendent will move to Oregon, where two of his sons reside. Yates has held the SEMCOG post for two years and was one of the first division heads to be appointed.

## what's inside

### Another Tax Vote?

An analysis of Monday's school election returns indicates that the millage proposal, and not sex education, was the most influential factor in determining the outcome of the race for the Farmington Board of Education. The mood of Farmington voters is analyzed with a look towards the next millage election.

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### 90 Miles Per Gallon

There's a couple in Farmington who own an economy model automobile which realizes 90 miles per gallon. A picture of the car and owners can be found inside along with our regular weekend features, Local News, Wood Creek Farms, Kendallwood Comments, At the Center, and the Farmington Community Calendar.

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### Rock In An Orchard

An unusual rock festival will be offered by a Farmington church this week. You can get details in our Church Section.

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**READY FOR CAMP** -- A large number of Farmington area youngsters were given free inoculations and physical exams recently as preparations for summer camps sponsored by the Farmington Area YMCA. The shots and exams were administered by a team of Detroit physicians from Henry Ford Hospital who volunteered their time on a Sunday afternoon to provide this necessary service. (Evert photo)

## Sallow Wins Labor Dispute

Farmington Township has lost a labor dispute which has gone to binding arbitration and now must post and fill the position of electrical inspector within the building department.

The decision by arbitrator M. David Keefe of Roseville states the present inspector, Rex Jernigan, will be relieved of the position and may not apply for it when posted.

**GLEN SALLOW**, who filed the grievance, will be allowed to apply for the electrical inspector's job and will be granted back pay if hired.

Any other building department employee working for the township prior to the appointment of Jernigan as inspector may also apply for the position.

Jernigan was appointed

electrical supervisor by Curtis Hall, supervisor when the vacancy existed, and confirmed by the township board.

**JERNIGAN** WAS appointed to fill the vacancy created Sept. 11, 1970 when George Crooks was ordered by the supervisor to retire because he might become seriously injured on the job because of his bad health.

Sallow had been serving the township as a part-time electrical inspector prior to Crook's forced retirement and hiring of Jernigan as replacement.

Sallow had been employed by the township intermittently to replace Crooks when he was on vacation or during an extended illness. His part-time status started in 1963 with the township and Sallow

has been working as an inspector for Northville since 1958 on a retainer basis.

Findings by the arbitrator showed Sallow had been receiving the same rate of pay as Crooks and was paying union dues even though he had not been receiving holiday pay or other fringe benefits.

Keefe said, "It appears that when the regular inspector retired, the ensuing vacancy was not posted as called for by the contract. Had this been done, the grievant undoubtedly would have bid. His grievance is evidence of his desire to pursue a claim."

Township Supervisor Earl Teeple declined comment except to say the position has been posted as ordered by the arbitrator.

Jernigan is presently employed as electrical inspector by the City of Farmington.

## Woes Feast On Money

Local government pressure for more county millage at the expense of the schools has earned bitter denunciation from Farmington School Supt. Roderick Smith, who predicted:

"We're never going to see a better day (as far as county millage is concerned). 'It's going always to continue.'"

**THE STATEMENT** came during an evening of financial gloom for the schools Monday during which the board learned:

That the electorate had turned down its request for increased millage.

That the district will lose about \$32,000 as a result of the County Tax Allocation Board decision to reduce school millage.

That insurance costs for next year may go up as much as 40 per cent, with a \$10,000 deductible clause per incident replacing the current \$100 deductible.

Underlining the unhappy forecasts, the money pinched trustees approved the low bid of National Bank of Detroit for a \$650,000 tax anticipation loan for operating expenses at a 2.66 per cent interest rate.

Dr. Smith was blunt in denouncing the county action which reduced Farmington's

school millage from 8.43 to 8.33 mills and that of West Bloomfield from 8.23 to 8.13 mills.

"A year ago the county and township asked us to reduce taxes and we reduced one mill but neither of them did," Dr. Smith said. "This year they demanded more millage from the county and basically they can get that only from the schools. They have the same advantage in assessments, they gave the full benefit of an increased tax base. But they have taken from the schools the increased millage we have enjoyed for some time."

"We're at the mercy of a seven member committee of which four are either county employees or appointed by county employees," he added. "We're never going to see a better day. It's going always to continue."

"They have the same right to go to the people and ask for more money but no one forces them to do it," the superintendent continued. "I think it's time people began stomping a little bit and began calling county officials and saying they don't like it."

**TRUSTEE RICHARD PETERS** reported that Task Force 2B, a group composed of

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**MRS. SMITH RETIRES** -- Mrs. Laura Smith, retiring as principal of Cloverdale Elementary School of Farmington Schools, bids farewell to a few of her students. (from left) Mark Hodge, Beth Mitchell, Kim Chapman and Roger Tyler. She was honored for her 11 years

service by the Cloverdale PTA June 13 and given an engraved silver bowl, a money tree and a scroll. She had taught earlier at Bond and Eagle elementary schools and had previously taught in Port Huron, Roseville and Detroit. (Evert photo)

## Winning Trustee Has Not Voted

An examination of public records reveals that the newest trustee of the Farmington Board of Education, Mrs. Elizabeth Brennan of 22965 Drake, has not voted in a school election for the past 10 years not counting Monday's balloting.

Mrs. Brennan, elected to a four-year term Monday, had not voted in an election conducted by Farmington Schools since June 12, 1961.

The time before that, Mrs. Brennan voted in a school election on June 9, 1958. She did vote in Monday's election.

Although the winning candidate has not voted in school elections since 1961, her citizenship record is exemplary in municipal elections. Mrs. Brennan has voted in all elections conducted by the City of Farmington since 1966.

During the campaign, Mrs. Brennan had stated she would vote no on the 4.5 mill request on Monday's ballot even though she had always supported millage in the past.



**MRS. ELIZABETH BRENNAN**

Since 1961, the last time Mrs. Brennan voted in a school election, Farmington Schools has had six millage proposals on the ballot -- in 1962, 1964, 1965, 1966, 1967 and 1968.

Mrs. Brennan is also secretary-treasurer of Our Lady of Sorrows School Board and a life-time resident of Farmington.

## Federal Grant Received By City For Police

The City of Farmington has been awarded a \$28,000 federal grant to completely modernize its radio-communication system.

The total program will cost \$37,300 with the city responsible for its share of \$9,300.

**WHEN INSTALLED** in about six months, the city will have the only police department in Oakland County with radio equipment as sophisticated and effective as the system the grant will provide.

Public Safety Director Robert Deadman said the grant was approved June 10 by the Michigan Office of Criminal Justice Programs. The monies come from funds provided by the U.S. Law Enforcement Assistance Act which is part of the Safe Streets legislation.

The new radio console will allow the department to communicate with all surrounding police departments on a car-to-car basis, says Deadman.

**THE SYSTEM** will modernize the city's dispatch control setup and allow the dispatcher to record

incoming telephone messages and all radio transmissions.

**The equipment provides for multi-frequency dispatching or using more than one frequency at one time.**

All auxiliary equipment such as burglar alarms, information holding and monitoring equipment will be more accessible to the dispatcher, Deadman adds, because they will be built into the console.

**THE NEW** console also a "car status light" which indicates when any of the department's equipment, including patrol cars, is out of service.

The grant also provides for pocket mobile radios which will be carried by all on-duty officers. "The new system will improve our communication ability by 100 per cent," says Deadman.

The city is now operating a traffic safety bureau which was organized and is being operated from funds supplied by a federal grant and is also participating in a legal advisor program funded by the federal government.

## EXCITING



### IDEA!

Women and want ads go together. The ladies love the money they can make with Observer Want Ads. That's why it's time to remind them again this month to save the Observer carrier collection receipt their husbands receive when they pay for this month's hometown newspaper. The receipt is worth its face value toward an Observer Want Ad. And if you have your coupons from April and May, put them together with June's and you'll have a totally FREE want ad! What could be more exciting than that?