

'Wireless' Used To Assist Deaf

FARMINGTON have been equipped with wireless microphones and the children with individual receiving units to give these children a better signal to noise ratio.

CHILDREN selected for the project are in regular classrooms in nineteen school districts. They have hearing losses ranging from 25 to 60 decibels in the better ear. Some wear hearing aids, some do not.

"These are not deaf children," Dr. Larry Paul, director of the project, emphasizes. "There is not one of them that can't hear conversational speech. However, there is no way to be certain they understand this speech."

The nature of their hearing loss is akin to the problems of hearing common among people in their seventies. They hear parts of words. The high frequency consonant sounds at the end of words are lost. This is accentuated by noise and distance factors found in regular classrooms.

"Hearing aids do not solve all the problems because they amplify indiscriminately. The wireless microphone - receiver system we are testing increases the signal without simultaneously increasing the noises."

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AIRLINE STEWARDESSES from United Air Lines were flown into Farmington from the company's California office to be on hand for Shawassee Elementary School's "career day." Hostess Marsha Scheelane (at blackboard) explains some of the duties stewardesses perform aboard an airplane. (Evert photo)

Readers Write Booster For Teeples Scolds The Press

EDITOR: Farmington Township has itself a supervisor!

On Sept. 23, three citizens of our subdivision met with Earl Teeples to discuss three typewritten recommendations our association's committee. He was willing to come out to our subdivision on a Saturday morning and get everything settled at once. The meeting lasted 90 minutes and I've never seen so much action by a public official in my life.

THE ARGUING and haggling with the County Road Commission is over, because Teeples meets every Tuesday morning with road commissioners.

Any problem you bring to Teeples' attention, he whips around to his typewriter and it goes in the proper file. He has weekly meetings with department heads and he keeps tabs on the progress. In spite of great opposition by the township board, he is accomplishing great things.

Another example occurred on Oct. 9 when our sub's beautification chairman and I met with homeowners to discuss a project involving adjoining school property. On Oct. 12 at 8 a.m., Teeples checked the site with us and told us the road in question was not the county's responsibility but the school's. After the 30-minute meeting was over, we knew whom to contact.

That day, he wrote a letter to Farmington schools asking them to fill the checkbooks and keep maintaining the roadway. It sure is great to have a supervisor who cooperates.

HOW ABOUT the election fiasco of August 1970, when the most eminently qualified candidate for trustee couldn't be voted for - remember the locked levers? It is the responsibility of the township clerk to conduct national, state and local elections properly.

Will we fall for that nonsense again? No, everyone I've talked to says they'll stop working properly.

There is nothing wrong with board members having different opinions, but their main purpose should be conducting the township business in an orderly fashion.

THE TROUBLE with newsmen is you're right years behind the public. We're not interested in the petty, stiff stuff you're printing. Give us the business conducted and accomplishments and aims of the board. Let's have some adult reporting, to adults. The general public's intelligence is highly underrated by newsmen.

And let's hope the township board starts behaving in an adult manner, not opposing the supervisor for the sake of opposition. Remember, you're all in there by the vote of the people and, if my memory is correct, the supervisor received more votes than anyone.

MILDRED MONDELLA
Farmington

Gardeners Appreciate

EDITOR: It is with great pride and appreciation that Hill and Dale Garden Club of Farmington accepts the gift of \$200 from the Farmington Township Road and Civic Association. This generous gift is to be used for garden therapy with children in special education classes of Farmington Schools.

The children range in age from five to 16 and include orthopedic, mentally retarded, physically handicapped and emotionally disturbed students.

The 100 members all play an important part in this very special project. Some are member-teachers who give their time and effort by making bi-monthly visits to the 20 special education classrooms with projects adapted to the handicapped child. Others donate and gather materials to be used, while others assemble and package the projects in preparation for the learning activity.

We all give a very special thank-you to members of Farmington Township Road & Civic Association for this generous gift and for recognizing this worthwhile work.

HILL & DALE GARDEN CLUB
Of Farmington

Pre-Schoolers Getting Help

FARMINGTON A pre-kindergarten program for all pre-schoolers in the Longacre Elementary School attendance area will be started soon for parents and youngsters.

The program, based on volunteer help, will be Jan. 12, 12 with training sessions for mothers from 10-11 a.m. each day.

Mothers wishing their children to attend the first session in January must register by Dec. 10. The sessions for children will be held once a week from 10 a.m. to noon on either Tuesday or Wednesday beginning Feb. 1. Parents wanting to register or volunteer their help should call the school.

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Thanks Police For Service

EDITOR: I would like the opportunity to publicly praise the Farmington Township police department and the Oakland County animal shelter.

Having need of both organizations when I was bitten by a sifay dog, I want to compliment them on their promptness, efficiency, and courtesy!

"Thank you" especially to two officers, whose names I unfortunately do not know - one who answered the call at the Wrigley's parking lot and the other who returned my bilfold (which had slipped out of my purse in the police car).

"Thank you" also to the kind woman who called my family to inform them why I was delayed and to the girls in the beauty shop who called the police.

Nowadays when all we read is criticism, I feel it is encouraging to be reminded that there are a great many fine people in our community.

Also, a word of advice to animal lovers - if you are trying to rescue a frightened animal - wear gloves!

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