

School Surplus Turns To \$97,600 Deficit

By MARTHA MAHAN

FARMINGTON
The Farmington School District, which began last year with a \$707,000 surplus, wound up with a \$97,600 deficit.

The final audited figure was just \$2,000 greater than Business Manager William

Prisk had estimated in April and which the school board used to plead its case for more millage at elections in June and August.

"The public should be made aware that the figures used by the board in presenting its needs for more millage are here for them to review, computed by a reputable auditing firm and the figures we are using in our report to the state," Prisk said. "Here's the proof."

"WITH THE DIFFICULTY this community experienced in so many figures flying around in the past months," commented Trustee Mervyn Ross, "I would urge people to refer to these statistics before any future figures are erratically dispersed."

The audit, prepared by the

firm of Plante and Moran, showed total revenues for the year ending June 30 as \$14.7 million and expenditures totaling \$15.7, for a \$805,000 deficit. Use of the previous year's \$707,000 surplus reduced the final deficit to \$97,600.

Loss of \$157,400 in total state contributions accounted for the biggest decline in expected income. The biggest slice was \$105,000 in basic state aid which the state "arbitrarily decided to reduce last December when it was too late to go back and readjust our budget to handle it," Prisk said.

"We'd have wound up with a surplus if the state aid had come through," he said.

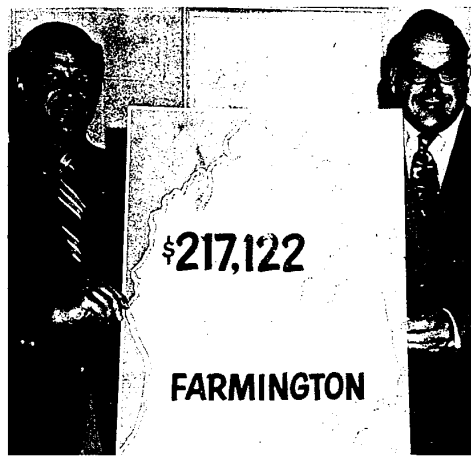
LARGEST OVER-EXPENDITURES from budget calculations were in substitute teacher costs and for educational supplies. Substitute teachers pay ran \$41,000 more than the budget allowed and educational supplies topped budget estimates by \$16,800.

"We're caught on substitute teachers," Prisk said. "If a teacher calls in sick, there has to be a replacement, and there's just no way to figure."

"Some teachers also take advantage of sick days provided for in their union contract when they aren't truly sick," Prisk speculated. Because last year was the first when schools had to provide free supplies, there was no basis on which to judge what their costs would be, he said.

The audit shows the \$14.7 million in total revenue as derived from \$8.94 million from local sources, \$5.43 million from state sources, \$11,100 from federal sources and \$332,000 from other school districts.

The \$15.5 in expenditures was dispensed: \$450,000 for instruction; \$45,000 for administration; \$5,400 for health service; \$349,400 for transportation; \$1,78 million for plant operation; \$446,000 for plant maintenance; \$495,000 in fixed charges such as insurance premiums, etc.; \$77,000 for capital outlay; \$18,000 for community services; \$3,200 to other school districts; \$23,400 for revolving funds; and \$43,500 for subsidizing food services.



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GOOD DRIVERS from Farmington will be refunded a total of \$217,122 when more than 12,000 local motorists get car insurance rebates from the Automobile Club of Michigan. AAA manager Edward Pasco (left) and one of the first persons to get a refund, Ed Baldin, show what the refund will mean in Farmington. The refund begins with policies expiring after Aug. 31; statewide the rebates will total \$14 million. (Ever photo)

School Boss To Tell All

A state-of-the-schools meeting will be held at North Farmington High School and report on new course offerings in the high schools.

The board, at its last meeting, also accepted the resignation of Jack Cyr, assistant principal at Dunckel Junior High, who will become assistant principal of the senior-junior high school at Boyne City.

Walter Scobie was reappointed an administrative assistant temporarily to replace Cyr at Dunckel until the job is filled. Scobie, an administrative assistant last year, returned as a counselor this year under the district's economy budget.

INCREASED TUITION rates for non-resident students have been set tentatively at \$38 per year for elementary pupils and \$50 per year for

secondary students. Business Manager William Prisk told the board. They compare with last year's \$33 for elementary and \$37 for secondary students.

Establishment of firm tuition rates awaits the Legislature's final determination of state aid, Prisk said.

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Musicale To Usher In Season

Music and serious discussion will initiate the Farmington Musicale, an affiliate of the National Federation of Music Clubs.

The group's first meeting, on Wednesday, Sept. 22 at 12:30 p.m., at the Farmington Community Center, features a piano performance by new president, Eleanor Skillman.

Here is the complete schedule of events for Farmington Community Center Week:

SATURDAY, SEPT. 11 - Bus trip to Marshall, to attend the historic home tour. Bus leaves the Center at 8 a.m., returns at 6 p.m. Cost of bus is \$4.50. Tour: \$3.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 12 - Rheingold Male Chorus on the hillside behind the Community Center. 3:30 p.m. No charge. Bring a blanket or chair to sit on.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 15 - Benefit luncheon and fashion show. Meadowbrook Country Club. Fashions by Walters of Livonia. 12:30 p.m. Donation: \$5. Call for reservations.

SEPT. 15-17 - Top of the Tee Golf Range will donate 50 per cent of their net profit for these three days to the center. Located on 14 Mile Rd. west of Orchard Lake Rd.

SEPT. 18 - Fabric-Go-Round. 24077 Orchard Lake Rd. will contribute 20 per cent of their gross profit to the center.

SEPT. 18-17 - Registration for fall classes at the Center will be from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Examples of arts and crafts which will be taught will be on display. As many instructors as possible will be present Thursday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

She's Freshman

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Elaine K. Holowed, 33402 Huntleigh Drive, has enrolled as a freshman at Niagara University. There are 710 members in the class.

Soccer Star

Art Demling, standout performer on Michigan State's 1970 soccer team, was a member of the U.S. Pan American team that competed at Cali, Colombia.

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