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## today's hot line

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### bulletin

#### Anti War Strike In Schools Nov. 3

Classes at Schoolcraft and Oakland Community Colleges and Stevenson High School in Livonia and Clarenceville High School may be empty or show a high absentee rate on the Nov. 3 national student strike for peace. Lee Artz, representative of the Student Mobilization Committee, said he has contacts at each of the schools who are working for the strike and organizing anti-war discussions to be held in the schools on that date. Regional anti-war demonstrations are scheduled for Nov. 6.

#### Talks At OCC

The Orchard Ridge campus of Oakland Community College will continue with classes while round-the-clock bargaining continues in an effort to arrive at a one-year faculty agreement. A temporary injunction, which has kept the college open for two weeks, was lifted by Circuit Judge Robert Templin. At the faculty's suggestion, the college will remain open while bargaining continues with state mediator Leo Cadwell.

#### Teachers Strike?

Whether Farmington teachers decide to strike will be decided this weekend. Friday night teachers met to vote on canceling the temporary contract which could mean a strike if settlement is not reached. A state mediator has been working with both sides, and board negotiators vow to bargain around the clock this weekend to reach a settlement.

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#### Defense Rests?

Letters to the editor this week include one defending Supervisor Earl Teeplees and another from Trustee Fred Lichtman defending himself against criticism by Judge Michael Hand. On the same page, Daniels Den discusses (speculates on) the development of the drill pickle.

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#### Read The OBSERVER and Know The Score



For exciting moments of the field action and behind the scenes reporting, read the OBSERVER SPORTS PAGES. Discover the newest high school football stars and the latest college contenders as they vie for state championships.



LSD SEIZED—Farmington Township detectives and patrolmen recently seized a large supply of LSD pills while conducting a raid in the township. Police report some 25,000 pills were seized with a market value on the street of

between \$1 and \$1.50 per pill. Police Chief Irving Yakes said the raid is part of a continuing crackdown on drug traffic in Farmington Township. (Evert photo)

## Is \$900,000 Increase Cause For School Joy?

By EMORY DANIELS

A person earning \$15,000 a year and receiving a \$900 raise in salary would not think in terms of being able to buy extra things for the home or family.

Instead, the wage-earner would realize the \$900 hike is a cost-of-living balancer, sufficient only to take care of such things as higher insurance premiums, food costs, utility expenses, etc.

Among the et ceteras of higher costs are increased taxes, which, for the home-owner, means higher house payments.

Thus, the wage-earner, who is also a taxpayer, could be conditioned to overlook a

\$900,000 increase in revenues for Farmington School District.

BUT WITH an operating budget of \$15.5 million, the increase in income of only \$900,000 means things are getting tough. There won't be any extra purchases because the increase of about six per cent has already been eaten up by higher costs.

The best test of an individual's prosperity often is what he places on the table to eat. Likewise, the best test of a school district's prosperity is what is placed in the classroom.

For the school year 1971-72, the district has budgeted \$150,870 less than it spent

during 1970-71 for the classroom.

The elementary classrooms will be the hardest hit with \$224,400 less being invested this year for the younger children than during the previous year.

That's a quarter of a million that won't be spent this year for elementary education. The elimination of counselors represents a "savings" of \$23,890.

The 15 elementary school buildings will be served by 17 principals, and this administrative reduction will pare \$18,550.

Another \$99,400 will be "saved" by reducing the number of directors and consultants. By closing down the libraries a few hours a week, library expenses have been reduced by \$73,350.

Schools can "have" money by buying fewer books and \$36,285 has been trimmed from last year's budget for books and supplies.

Schools can tighten their belts and have done so by knocking out \$224,400 worth of counselors, principals, consultants, directors, librarians, books and supplies.

ELEMENTARY enrollment is decreasing slightly at the present time, however, and so it is expected this drop will be reflected in spending.

For secondary education, the district will spend \$110,465 more than last year even though some secondary programs have been drastically reduced.

The district anticipates it will save almost \$20,000 in salaries by substituting teachers for substitute teachers, providing the regular teachers don't get sick more times than anticipated by the business manager.

A reduction in library services amounts to a "savings" of about \$260,000. Driver training and special assignments have been reduced by \$77,000, although this category is expected to be adjusted.

Secondary schools will spend \$70,000 less for books and supplies. The bulk of the \$110,465 increase will go for teachers salaries for which an extra \$192,790 has been budgeted.

For special education, \$40,000 more will be spent this year than during 1970-71. But \$6,000 less will be spent on summer school programs, \$10,000 less on adult education programs, and \$7,000 less on community services.

OF THE \$900,000 total increase in income, the budget

shows that \$523,800 will be spent on teacher salaries. (This is "an expression of faith" on paper only, because a contract has not yet been signed with teachers.)

Another \$224,265 extra will be spent for plant operation and maintenance, fixed charges, and capital outlay. Budgeted increases for these areas represent anticipated increased expenditures in the amounts of: \$17,405 more for plant operation; \$31,000 more for plant maintenance; \$177,600 more for fixed charges; and \$18,260 more for capital outlay.

This leaves only about \$130,000 to meet increased costs for transportation, administration, food services, health services and other areas.

Because the \$130,000 is not sufficient, other cuts became necessary. Such as the decision by the school board not to subsidize the food service program any longer so that \$45,570 can be expended elsewhere.

The board has also decided the bookstore will be self-sufficient and will not underwrite this operation to the tune of \$23,400 as it did this past year.

IF \$900,000 additional income seems like a windfall,

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#### School Board Meeting Spots Are Told

Locations for the next six regular meetings of the Farmington Board of Education have been announced by Dr. Roderick J. Smith, superintendent of Farmington Public Schools.

All meetings begin at 8 p.m. The public is invited to attend when the board meets: Oct. 5 at North Farmington High School, 2500 W. 13 Mile Rd.; Oct. 19 at Shawasssee Elementary School, 30415 Shawasssee; Nov. 2 at Harrison High School, 29995 Twelve Mile Rd.; Nov. 16 at Longacre Elementary School, 34850 Arundel; Dec. 7 at East Junior High School, 25000 Middle Belt; Dec. 21, at Larkshire Elementary School, 23800 Tuck Rd.

Newly-built additions at Shawasssee, Longacre and Larkshire will be open to public perusal when the board meets in those schools on the above dates.

## Bus Rumor Circulates

By EMORY DANIELS

The rumor mill began spinning full-speed Wednesday in Farmington in the wake of a decision by Federal District Judge Stephen Roth that there is segregation in Detroit public schools.

Starting Wednesday, rumors began to spread in several elementary school attendance areas in Farmington that the next day students would be bussed to Pontiac.

The false reports were accompanied with a warning to keep children home from school the next day to prevent them from being bussed.

DR. RODERICK J. SMITH, superintendent of Farmington schools, emphatically stated Thursday:

"There is no immediate implication from the judge's decision. There are no plans to bus either children out of Farmington or into Farmington from outside school districts."

Starting 4 p.m. Wednesday, Smith said, the school administration building began receiving "an abnormal" number of calls from parents asking about the rumors.

THE RUMORS apparently are being passed from parent to parent, Smith added, and could have been started from two meetings being held Monday night when scarce tactics were used.

Wednesday night a car with a loudspeaker was driving through neighborhoods west of Little Bell and north of Nine Mile Rd., encouraging parents to keep their children out of school Thursday because pupils would be bussed to Pontiac.

Some parents are being over-agitated by these very false and malicious rumors," Smith said.

"Farmington Public School District is a government agency and we are subject to the laws of the state and laws of the federal government

which are interpreted and administered by the State Board of Education.

"There will be no change in the Farmington procedure until we are directed to do so by the State Board of Education. Judge Roth's decision mentions no suburb directly and specifically does not name Farmington, and there are no immediate implications from the judge's decision."

Smith reported school absenteeism was "relatively normal" district-wide or Thursday. He added that all the county school associations have been alerted and are studying Roth's decision.

IN ANOTHER development, Mrs. Irene McCabe was in Farmington Thursday morning to meet with parents in the home of Mrs. Joyce Hennick of Birchwood St. Farmington. Mrs. McCabe is spokesman for NAG, a group opposing bussing in Pontiac and which now is seeking statewide support.

Mrs. Hennick said the meeting was to inform those attending about NAG's platform and basis for being formed. The meeting was attended by Farmington residents, she reports, as well as persons from Southfield, Garden City, Westland and Livonia.

During the 2½ hour session, she added, Mrs. McCabe urged statewide support for NAG efforts to oppose bussing school children for racial integration in the schools.

"She was here simply to spread the word on what NAG hopes to accomplish," Mrs. Hennick said. "I was very impressed by Mrs. McCabe. She is cool, sensible, quite practical, responsible and very intelligent."

Since the rumors began circulating before Mrs. McCabe met in Farmington, there apparently is no relationship between the meeting and rumors.

### Editorial

## No Reason For Hysteria

Many good people are becoming unnecessarily stirred up at the thought of children being bussed between school districts to achieve racial integration.

There is no reason for alarm, even if you oppose such bussing. Federal Judge Stephen Roth so far has ruled only as a point of law that Detroit's schools are segregated. He has not ruled whether the suburbs will even be a party to the case, let alone that they will be affected. Moreover, it is certain that whatever decision he makes will be appealed to higher courts.

We offer these suggestions:

DON'T BE upset. The court processes alone will take many months, if not years, to go through.

DON'T BOYCOTT your schools by keeping your children home. It won't cut off any state aid and only disrupt your children's education.

DON'T LISTEN to extremists. All sorts of frightened, uninformed people are coming out of the woodwork, hoping to reap a lot of political glory by organizing anti-bussing meetings. They are trying to exploit your emotions. Ignore them.

DON'T PAY attention to anonymous pamphlets or circulars.

LISTEN to your school board attorney. He's the man who will learn just exactly what the court situation is and he's the man best qualified to explain it.

WATCH YOUR hometown newspaper. We will report exactly what happens — fully, unemotionally and as carefully as humanly possible.

Working out the bussing issue — on which many people have strong and differing feelings — through the proper legal channels will take time. Hysteria, rumors and mass meetings will accomplish little now, and they run the risk of seriously hurting our school system in the process.

Let's handle this difficult situation the way we should — as adults.

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