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Ask 3.5 Mills For Schools

Farmington School District voters will be asked to approve an additional 3.5 mills for one year at a special election April 24.

Only Trustee Betty Brennan voted against the proposal at the board's Tuesday night meeting. Mrs. Brennan conceded that the millage was needed and that school funds are prudently spent, but said she could not vote to seek additional millage as long as sex education was retained in the schools.

The board also unanimously approved a resolution by Mrs. Brennan to seek increased exemption from property taxes for senior citizens.

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We Did It!

A "do-it-yourself" fad seems to be hitting Farmington Schools in light of the financial stress of the district. Fairview Elementary pupils wanted a media center and are now excited because they have one which they built themselves.

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Readers Speak Up

Our readers have opinions which are expressed inside in letters to the editor on such topics as the proposed Waldron Park in Farmington Township, the now defunct regional shopping center once proposed by HTK Corp., a need for safety devices near the new library and a letter of appreciation to police for services rendered.

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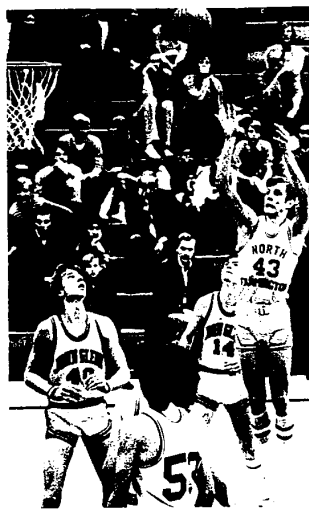
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UPSET -- The North Farmington Raiders pulled an upset over John Glenn, 64-61, to knock the Westland team from its first-place standings in the Northwestern Suburban League. The victory evened up the Raiders league record at 4-4 and left Glenn with a 5-3 league record. Releasing a short jumper is Jim Fredericks (43) of North. See game details on today's inside sports pages. (Observer photo)



BUCKET BRIGADE -- Buckets replace pupils in this Alameda Elementary School classroom where the roof leaks so badly the children had to be moved out. (Evert photo)

'Raindrops Keep Fallin' On Alameda Students

Fitting the kids into available space at Alameda Elementary School is like working a jigsaw puzzle.

It isn't because of a shortage in the number of rooms. It's just that the roof has become so deteriorated and so many ceilings leak that there aren't enough dry rooms to go around.

"WE'VE BEEN living with it and even kind of kidding about it," said Principal Gerald Morawski. "Like playing 'Raindrops Are Falling on Your Head' over the PA system and the kids keeping score on which rooms had the most leaks."

But recently, a combination of 26 fifth and sixth graders had to be moved from their regular classroom into the special education room because of the number of leaks and the nine special ed students moved into the leaky room where Morawski figured the smaller number could dodge the drops.

"We should have closed another room, but there just wasn't anywhere to put the pupils," he said.

"It's moving right down the line," Morawski said. "First it was Room 14, then 12, now 10 and Room 9 is starting to go. It looks like either a new roof or close the school."

THE SCHOOL was built in 1959 and has a flat roof with no pitch.

First the water settles, then the expansion and contraction in winter and summer do the roof no good.

Morawski said he went to the school one Saturday afternoon when the temperature was about 40 degrees and added about 18 more buckets to the 30 already there catching the leaks in one room.

One thing that troubles Morawski is that voting machines are stored in one of the leaky rooms. "We've got them covered with plastic sheets," he said, "but the dampness can't be doing them any good. And there's no place else to store them."

3 Are Appointed To Review Walks

Three residents were appointed Monday night by the Farmington Township Board to a citizens study committee to investigate the problems of installing sidewalks along main thoroughfares in the township.

The board also discussed forming a policy on whether community groups should use the township hall as a meeting place and received a request for \$10,400 from the Farmington Area Recreation Commission (FARC).

The sidewalk committee was authorized at the Jan. 24 meeting of the township board, and Monday night three trustees made appointments to the committee.

The seven-member study group, as suggested by Trustee Earl Oppenheimer, is being formed with one appointment being made by each member of the township board.

MAKING APPOINTMENTS were Oppenheimer, Supervisor Earl Teeple and Trustee Margaret Schaeffer.

Treasurer Thomas Nolan and Trustee Fred Lichtman were absent and unable to appoint committee members. Clerk Floyd Cairns and Trustee David Stader were unprepared to make appointments.

Stader was absent from the Jan. 24 meeting, and Cairns had been vacationing in Florida between Jan. 24 and Monday's meeting.

The other four committee members may be picked this week in time for an initial briefing session which Teeple hopes can be held this Saturday, Feb. 19.

The three residents appointed Monday were Jim Hildebrand, John Slosar and William Hatton.

MRS. SCHAEFFER nominated Hildebrand, 28260 Newcastle. Hildebrand, a seven-year resident of the township, is principal of Birney Junior High of Southfield Public Schools.

Oppenheimer nominated Slosar of 29030 Oak Pt. Dr. Slosar is a labor relations manager for Ford Motor Co., is vice president of the Colony Park Homeowners Association and a three-year resident of the township.

Hatton, a resident of Farmington Village co-op, is a chemist and past president of the Farmington Township Road and Civic Association. Hatton was an unsuccessful Democratic candidate for trustee in the last election. He was Teeple's nominee.

TEEPLES is preparing a packet of information to be presented to each of the seven committee members.

The folders will contain township ordinances concerning sidewalks, a township map, information about where sidewalks are now located and where they should be located, and a brief history of the board's actions on this subject.

Teeple has suggested that Marvin Rollins, a township resident and area developer, be appointed to the committee to represent the views of developers and builders.

Township Attorney Joseph T. Brennan informed trustees he is arranging a meeting with William Bowman and Harry Leiberman who have been appointed by area developers as spokesmen to present their views to the township.

Brennan has been authorized by the board to begin lawsuits against developers who have failed to meet ordinance requirements for sidewalks for subdivisions along mile roads.

Oppenheimer feels the study committee on sidewalks is valuable because the group would have the time to investigate and evaluate all problems of enforcing the township sidewalk ordinance and would be able to hold public meetings to exchange ideas.

IN OTHER action, the board instructed Teeple to formulate a policy to control whether and which community groups should use the township hall as a meeting place.

The need for a policy was prompted by a request of the Farmington Artists Club to hold its meetings in the police conference room of the township hall.

It was decided a policy was needed before a precedent was set in allowing a community group to use the township hall for meetings.

How Jr. High Parents Endure

Dr. Israel Woronoff, professor of educational psychology at Eastern Michigan University, will speak on "Survival Techniques for Parents of Junior High School Students" on Thursday, Feb. 24, at 8 p.m. in the Farmington Senior High School auditorium.

His talk is being sponsored jointly by the Farmington Board of Education, the Farmington Area Council of PTAs and various local elementary PTAs.

THIS MEETING is offered admission-free as a community service with contributions coming from local PTA groups to defray costs.

Parents of junior high students and those with upper elementary grade children are especially invited to attend.

Dr. Woronoff is a specialist in the area of child and adolescent development. He has been at Eastern Michigan University since 1956, advancing to his present position in 1962.

His education was gained at the University of Michigan; an AB in psychology in 1949; a master's degree in sociology in 1952; and a PhD in education in 1954.

ACCORDING to Mrs. Allan Sittnick, council program chairman, reason for this presentation is two-fold: The Board of Education, PTA Council and local units



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feel junior high age is a challenging one and any insight into it is desirable.

Secondly, by pooling their resources PTAs are able to avail themselves of a distinguished speaker whom they could not support individually.

She adds, "We are fortunate that we can have an authority such as Dr. Woronoff be with us. We believe he is a most informative speaker and, as his speech title indicates injects a sense of humor."

Dr. Woronoff is a member of Phi Kappa Phi, Phi Sigma, is listed in "American Men of Science" and "Who's Who in Midwest."

He has numerous publications to his credit in psychoanalytic theory, child and adolescent development and race relations.