

24 Pre-Schoolers Get a 'Head Start' Here

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Twenty-four Farmington pre-schoolers had a chance to try a "Head Start" program for seven weeks at William Grace School. They liked school. And this fall when they appear in their regular kindergarten classes, they'll be a little better equipped to hold their own with classmates who have had richer experiences and more individual attention at home.

These are the four, five and six-year-olds who are getting a "Head Start" in their education. The program is part of the nation-wide Head Start Project financed jointly by the federal government and local

school districts. It is designed to save economically disadvantaged and culturally deprived children the experiences that other pre-schoolers get in nursery schools and in homes where parents are not as well equipped to help their children learn.

The program is part of a successful school experience has been \$4,005. The federal government has picked up 90 per cent of the tab—the fullest percentage possible under the amended Economic Opportunity Act of 1964.

Farmington Public Schools has put up the other \$675 from its operating budget. Farmington is one of nine Oak-

land County school districts participating in the program. Mrs. Stephanie Ruter is the pretty, patient lady the Head Starters have all learned to love this summer. She is their teacher and some of them were fortunate enough to return to her kindergarten class at William Grace this fall. The rest will carry the evidence of her work to other Farmington classrooms.

"I work as much on language skills as possible," said Mrs. Ruter. "At first the children didn't talk much, because many of them don't participate in real conversations at home. Verbalization for a child is important in the teaching of reading."

"Many of the children had never used crayons or scissors or paste before. The lack of these simple skills would have handicapped them in kindergarten and given them a late start."

Some children never catch up from a late start. They are the potential poor readers and drop-outs. The elimination of this chain of negative circumstances is one of the goals of Head Start.

Included in Farmington's Head Start budget is the cost of operating a school bus every morning for seven weeks. Many of the children live in other elementary areas beyond walking distance of William Grace and are picked up on a regular run each morning in time to start class at 8:45 a.m.

THE BUS HAS been used regularly for field trips to places like the airport, police and fire stations, the post office and the library. Twice it has delivered the tots to Botsford Hospital where the services of staff and equipment have been donated for complete physical check-ups and an immunization program for each child—smallpox, diphtheria, polio and tetanus pre-ventives.

Once the bus delivered the wide-eyed youngsters to the Krieger Supermarket in the Farmington Plaza where head dairy clerk Mrs. Gertrude Walsh took the group on a behind-the-scenes tour of the store.

They liked the big cold storage locker best where huge slabs of beef hung from hooks bigger than their arms.

They learned new words as they went up and down the store aisles with Mrs. Walsh, calling out the names of things. They learned that adults can be friendly and responsive and that they can talk to a little child.

THE LANGUAGE experience that Mrs. Ruter stressed was reinforced after each field trip as the children gathered around her the next morning and decided on what words to include in their "thank-you" letter. They learned about thank-yous and taking turns and helping.

Mrs. Ruter had the help of two skilled June high school graduates as paid aides. This kept the program to its aim of individual attention to the individual child's needs.

Both Perra Unger and Christine McKelvey are graduates of Farmington Senior High School. Perra will attend Mich-

igan State University this fall and expects to teach upon graduation. Christine will major in social work at Oakland University. They have functioned as extra arms, legs and voices for Mrs. Ruter. They have been extra pillars of security to the Head Starters.

AN ASTONISHING experience of all of the children was the field trip to Oakland County's School Center for a dental examination and fluoride treatments. None of them had ever been in a dentist's chair before. Most of the youngsters needed dental care.

Only a few had naturally sound teeth that had withstood the ravages of lack of care or improper diet. One child's upper front teeth were stumps of decay. They hurt at snack time.

With others from the group, this youngster will receive further dental attention—some of it donated by interested local professionals.

Community involvement is basic to the success of programs like Head Start. You have to care about your neighbor in a personal, positive way—enough to act.

Although Farmington's program had little advance publicity in the flurry of launching it on short notice and the complexities of identifying eligible district children, many community residents and professionals volunteered their services to local director Nick Abid.

VISITING teachers Mrs. Inez Winslow and Mrs. Joan Hickox who are skilled social workers spent many hours beyond the limits of their job interviewing and counseling families who could benefit by Head Start.

Regularly employed consultants in the schools who were off for the summer came back without pay to share their skills with the children. Mrs. Margaret Reside enriched the

music program with regular sessions. Miss Dorothy Wiese asked the magic of her art skills. Speech consultant Mrs. Florence Sharp volunteered her services and worked closely with Mrs. Ruter to improve the youngster's speech habits.

DENTAL HEALTH specialists Mrs. Lil Gillespie and Mrs. Irene Marion taught the children how to brush their teeth regularly and properly. Neighborhood parents without children in the program like Mrs. Sharr Richardson, Mrs. Mary Sherry and Mrs. Marion Gregory volunteered to help in the classroom and on field trips.

Mrs. Joann Doyle, who loves kindergartners, made the refreshments for the party the final day of Head Start, Aug. 13.

As much as they could, mothers of the Head Starters became involved in the program, too. Some of them accompanied the children on field trips. Many of them visited school for a food-tasting session in which Public Health Nurse Mrs. Jane Mack volunteered her guidance on foods and nutrition.

MRS. NICK ABID drove children for extra dental care at hours when the school bus was not available. "We sincerely appreciate the help of all of these people who have contributed to the success of this first Head Start class in

Farmington," said Mrs. Ruter. Mr. Abid reiterated his thanks. Abid's interest in the Head Start program was an outgrowth of the unique pre-kindergarten story hours he initiated at William Grace School three years ago. The effectiveness of orientation and work with pre-kindergartners to launch them on a successful school experience is apparent in this program according to Abid.

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DAVID BAYLE, 5, and Jayme Prince 5, prove a strong fellow's muscles come in handy to stir the cookie batter at one of the "new-experience" sessions in Farmington's Head Start project.

LEGAL NOTICES

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
The Board of Education of Farmington Public School District, Farmington, Michigan will receive sealed bids for the construction and completion of Fairview Elementary School, Farmington, Michigan, until 8:00 P.M., E.S.T., Wednesday, September 1, 1965, at the office of the Board of Education, 32200 Shawwassee, Farmington, Michigan and which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

Separate proposals will be received as follows:
Base Bid "A"—
GENERAL CONSTRUCTION
Base Bid "B"—
MECHANICAL WORK
Base Bid "C"—
ELECTRICAL WORK

Proposals must be on forms furnished by the Architect and be accompanied by a Bid Bond or certified check in the amount of five per cent (5%) of the Proposal submitted.

Plans and Specifications may be obtained on or after Wednesday, August 11, 1965, at the office of the Architect, Linn Smith Associates, Inc., 694 South Adams Road, Birmingham, Michigan.

A check in the following amounts must be submitted as a deposit for the following scheduled distribution of plans and specifications, same to be refunded upon return of all

plans and specifications in good condition within ten (10) days of the opening of bids:
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Base Bid "B"—Mechanical Work: One (1) Set \$25.00
Base Bid "C"—Electrical Work: One (1) Set \$25.00
Additional sets of bidding documents, if ordered, will be furnished the prime bidders upon payment of the cost of reproduction. These may be returned but no refund will be made for the return of such sets.

Accepted bidders will be required to furnish satisfactory Performance Bond, and Labor and Material Bond, each in the amount of 100 per cent of the Contract, the total cost of which shall be paid by the accepted bidder.

All proposals submitted shall remain firm for a period of thirty (30) days after official opening of bids.

The Board of Education reserves the right to reject any or all bids in whole or in part, and to waive any informalities therein.

Board of Education
Farmington Public School District
Farmington, Michigan
Mrs. Barbara Ann Brown
Secretary
Aug. 11, 18

PUBLIC HEARING

Thursday, August 26, 1965
8 p.m.
at Farmington Township Hall
31555 W. Eleven Mile Road

Persons who may be interested are invited to participate in a discussion of the following proposed zoning change:

It is proposed that the following described properties be rezoned from present RC Multiple Residence District to RC-1 Multiple Residence District:

Part of the West 1/2 of Section 35 beginning at the center of said Section; thence North 0 degrees 18' 30" East 594.53 feet; thence North 75 degrees 51' West 337.48 feet; thence South 10.40 degrees 10.40 feet; thence North 75 degrees 51' West 184.63 feet; thence South 0 degrees 11' West 870.97 feet; thence North 89 degrees 57' 10" West 344.22 feet; thence South 0 degrees 22' West 567.90 feet; thence South 89 degrees 48' East 1330.37 feet; thence North 0 degrees 12' East 560.15 feet to the point of beginning.

Part of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 36 beginning at a point distant South 89 degrees 31' 20" East 430.95 feet and South 0 degrees 15' 10" East 387.34 feet from at center of said Section; thence South 89 degrees 31' 20" East 866.56 feet; thence South 0 degrees 15' 10" East 261.10 feet; thence North 89 degrees 43' 10" West 240.40 feet; thence South 0 degrees 40' 40" East 690 feet; thence North 89 degrees 43' 10" East 219.54 feet; thence South 0 degrees 40' 40" East 25 feet; thence North 89 degrees 43' 10" West 862.58 feet; thence North 0 degrees 15' 10" West 146.14 feet to the point of beginning, except that part located in allered plat in Grand River Farms.

It is proposed to rezone from RC Multiple Residence District to RC-2 Multiple Residence District the following described properties located in the Township of Farmington, Oakland County, Michigan:

Part of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 10 beginning at the North 1/4 corner; thence West 219.54 feet; thence North 0 degrees 15' 20" West 640 feet; thence North 89 degrees 55' East 219.54 feet; thence South 0 degrees 15' 20" West 640 feet to the point of beginning, also that part of the West 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 lying South of Kendallwood No. 3 Subdivision, excluding the East 818 feet thereof.

Part of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 7 beginning at the Northeast Section Corner; thence South 89 degrees 31' 20" East 687.8 feet; thence South 89 degrees 20' West 860 feet; thence North 687.8 feet to the North line of said Section; thence Easterly along said North Section line to the point of beginning.

Part of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 11 beginning at a point distant South 89 degrees 31' 20" East 1599.45 feet; thence North 89 degrees 31' 20" East 690 feet; thence South 0 degrees 09' 50' West 34 feet; thence North 89 degrees 50' 10" West 224.34 feet; thence North 0 degrees 11' 50' East 314 feet; thence North 89 degrees 30' 10" West 10 feet; thence North 0 degrees 11' 50' East 621.50 feet; thence North 0 degrees 50' East 300 feet; thence North 0 degrees 11' 50' East 715 feet; thence North 89 degrees 58' 50' East 623.45 feet to the point of beginning, except the East 200 feet of this description.

All that part of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 15 lying North of 1496 freeway presently zoned RC Multiple Residence District.

of said Section 3; thence South 13' West on Section line 1,340.0 feet; thence North 89 degrees 47' West 750.0 feet; thence North 0 degrees 13' East 581.17 feet; thence North 89 degrees 47' West 809.92 feet; thence North 0 degrees 5' East 1361.59 feet to the North line of said Section 3; thence North 89 degrees 58' East on the Section line 1362.67 feet to point of beginning.

It is proposed to rezone from RC Multiple Residence District to RC-3 Multiple Residence District the following described properties located in the Township of Farmington, Oakland County, Michigan:

Part of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 14 of Section 38 beginning at a point distant South 89 degrees 31' 20" East 430.95 feet and South 0 degrees 15' 10" East 387.34 feet from at center of said Section; thence South 89 degrees 31' 20" East 866.56 feet; thence South 0 degrees 15' 10" East 261.10 feet; thence North 89 degrees 43' 10" West 240.40 feet; thence South 0 degrees 40' 40" East 690 feet; thence North 89 degrees 43' 10" East 219.54 feet; thence South 0 degrees 40' 40" East 25 feet; thence North 89 degrees 43' 10" West 862.58 feet; thence North 0 degrees 15' 10" West 146.14 feet to the point of beginning, except that part located in allered plat in Grand River Farms.

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Tentative text and maps may be observed at the Township Hall on any business day between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

JAMES M. SKILLMAN,
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Planning Commission
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