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Schools Get \$96,000 Program Grant

Official approval came last week from the State Board of Education for a federal grant of \$96,000 to finance a program of language skills for 300 elementary and high school students in the community.

Purpose of the grant is to improve the school experiences of children who are educationally and economically deprived.

Some 500 students at-

tending both public and parochial schools in the area will be served directly by the five-point plan. Superintendent of Schools Gerald V. Harrison said that he was "delighted" that the application had been approved. Formal application for the funds was made in August and approval was expected prior to the opening of school.

The funds came under Title I of the Elementary-Secondary Education Act of 1965, but required approval of the State Board of Education.

Farmington is one of 146 school districts in the state to benefit from the federal program. A total of \$800,000 has been allocated throughout the state.

A five-point program is planned under the project. The overall project includes services to deprived children and their teachers at elementary, junior high and senior high levels.

The program seeks to "improve the children's experiences by providing them with human and material resources designed to improve their language skills, foster greater interest in the total school program, and enhance and develop the quality of

the individual concept of self as a learner with a success-oriented program."

The basic assumption behind the project is that educationally and economically deprived children frequently view themselves as failures in school.

Each of the five program facets is designed to provide success and the awareness of success in learning to the educationally deprived children. Specifically the programs are:

• The staffing and continuation of three elementary school Learning Resource Centers at Gill, William Grace and Shawansee. These centers will include a full-time teacher, tents to provide individual and small group instruction to children. Learning materials and consultant help will also be provided to the general program teachers.

• The establishment and staffing of two junior high school Learning Resource Centers will be adapted from the elementary models. Personnel will provide direct assistance to the educationally deprived students and will serve as resource consultants to the classroom teachers.

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Vagnozzi & GOP Turn to Politics

The chairman of the Farmington Township Democratic organization has politics down to a fine science.

Aldo Vagnozzi, the chairman, spends a great deal of his time writing to the Town-

Township GOP Names New Head



THOMAS S. McMILLAN

Thomas S. McMillan of 29729 Old Bedford Rd. has been named Director of the Farmington Township Republican Committee by Joseph R. Farnham, chairman of the Oakland County GOP. McMillan succeeds Charles Stevenson who is returning to law school.

Precinct delegate and captain in the Township's ninth precinct, McMillan has been active in party affairs for the past five years. He has served as Educational Director for the Legislative District.

A Chrysler Corporation executive, McMillan is a graduate of Vanderbilt University, Chrysler's Institute of Engineering and the University of Detroit's graduate school of business administration.

A captain in the U.S. Army Reserves assigned to the 88th Engineer Group in Livonia, McMillan is active in the Westminster Church and the Briar Hill Subdivision Association. A township resident since 1939 he is a member of the Township's Pension and Salary Committee.

McMillan and his wife, Mary Louise, have a two-year-old daughter, Mary Lou.

ship officials and his Republican counterparts in the Township.

This goes on all the time not just during election campaigns.

The most recent move by Vagnozzi came last week when he wrote to the Township GOP calling for the creation of a local fire election practices committee patterned after the state committee.

Vagnozzi said that the "major purpose of the committee would be to safeguard our local election campaign against the intrusion of charges involving race, religion, nationality or character assassination."

While our local campaigns have been free of open appeals based on race, religion or national origin there have been circulated some last minute letters on at least three occasions that have been of questionable content.

"The most recent incident," continued Vagnozzi, "was a letter attacking the character of Wendell Brown. Although Mr. Brown is the opposite political party to ours, we must object to the manner

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Library Slates Two Story Hours

A story of success... that's the weekly story hour conducted for the past five years in the Farmington District Library.

Set up for four-year-olds the session was held once a week. Attendance often topped 50 during the past year and many times reached 70. This posed a problem as the high attendance made it difficult to accomplish the aim of the program -- to introduce the best in picture books to small children.

With this in mind the Library has scheduled two story hour sessions for the coming year. Each session will be limited to 25 children each on Tuesday. One group will meet at 10:30 a.m. and the other group at 1:30 p.m.

Registration for the sessions may be completed at the Library any time after Sept. 7. Children must be either four-year-old or will reach their fourth birthday by Dec. 1. At the time of the registration, an identification tag with the child's name and the time assigned will be issued.

The first story hour will be conducted Sept. 27. Mrs. Mildred Droese Miss Diane Cover, both of whom are trained in story-telling, will conduct the sessions.

The Farmington District Library is located on Farmington Rd. just south of Grand River in the City of Farmington. Its facilities are open to residents of both the City and Farmington Township.



WOULD YOU BELIEVE that this picture of Farmington Rd. and Grand River was taken at 2:30 p.m. last Saturday? The combination of the holiday weekend and

the rain resulted in the area just about turning into a ghost town. On the recreational front...



THE CITY PARK was also deserted after the city park, but several swim clubs and the rain stopped. This is most unusual. Smaller parks in the subdivisions were also deserted Saturday.

10-Member Steering Group Forms in Consolidation Study

A 10-man steering committee to study consolidation of the Farmington community has been formed and is expected to meet tonight (Wednesday) to elect a chairman and consider the next course of action.

Some weeks ago the Greater Farmington Board of Commerce voted to sponsor a non-partisan study of the various avenues open to unification in the community.

The Farmington Jaycees pledged their help in the matter and the chapter of the League of Women Voters also volunteered assistance.

Membership in the steering committee is made up of three representatives of the Board of Commerce, three from the Jaycees and three from the League of Women Voters. Stella Styr, secretary of the Board of Commerce, has volunteered to serve as the secretary of the group.

Spokesmen of the Jaycees and the Board of Commerce were satisfied that the community is in need of such a study.

The organizations conducted a survey to determine whether the man in the street was interested in such a study. A spokesman for the Board of Commerce said that a "fantastically high number" of the replies to the survey were in favor of such a study.

Plans have called for an independent third party who is expert in the affairs of local government to conduct a study of the Farmington community to determine whether or not consolidation or unification is feasible and what the effect would be on the local tax base.

A great deal of information has already been collected on the process of consolidation and various individuals have been contacted universities in the state and the Michigan Municipal League to determine who would be available for the study.

It will be up to the steering committee to determine the next step.

School-Employee Contracts Done

The Farmington Schools have completed contract negotiations with all of its personnel with the Board of Education ratifying the final contract last week with the maintenance, operation, cafeteria and bus mechanics employees.

Covering some 200 School District employees the contract contains many provisions similar to that agreed upon between the Schools and the other three groups of employees -- the teachers, the bus drivers, and the secretarial help.

Included in the document are: a no strike provision while the Board agrees not to participate in any sort of lockout; provision for pay for jury duty if the employee will first try to be excused from this obligation in accordance with the school policy; a clear definition of the rights and duties of both employer and employee; and detailed and extensive salary provisions.

The salary scale calls for

wages from \$1.80 to \$1.90 per hour for cafeteria managers and bakers and \$1.35 an hour to \$1.85 for kitchen helpers.

Salaried janitors will receive pay ranging from \$4,600 to \$5,100 annually, while the custodian's pay range is \$5,200 to \$5,300. Hourly janitors will receive from \$2.21 an hour to \$2.45.

Truck driver's wages are set at \$4,600 to \$5,100 per year. Skilled maintenance help will earn from \$5,700 to \$6,800, while the semi-skilled worker's pay will range from \$5,300 to \$6,100. The range is the same for the bus mechanics.

The one year contract calls for an annual increase of 10 cents an hour for hourly rate help, while salaried employees will receive a \$200 increment.

Provision is made under the contract for time and a half pay for anything over a 40 hour week and extra pay for holiday duty.

Farmington Public Schools 1966-1967 Calendar

- September 6, 7—Opening Staff Meetings
- 8—Schools Open—All Grades
- November 3, 4—Teachers' Institute
- 24, 25—Thanksgiving Recess
- December 22—CHRISTMAS VACATION (close of day)
- January 3—Schools Reopen
- 25 P.M.—Schools closed for final
- 26 P.M.—examinations, records and
- 27 full day in-service workshops
- January 30—Second Semester Begins
- March 23—Spring Vacation (close of day)
- May 10—Memorial Day (Schools Closed)
- June 13 P.M.—Schools closed for
- 14 P.M.—final examinations
- 15 full day and records
- June 18—Last Day of School

Special Vote Registration Hours Slated

Farmington Township Clerk Floyd Cairns has announced special voter registration hours for the coming year.

Registration will be held until the Oct. 10 closing date on registrations. The Township Clerk's office will be open Thursday and Friday evenings from 5 to 8 p.m. on Saturday from 12 noon until 4 p.m. to register voters. On Oct. 10 the Clerk's office will be open from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Under state law a voter must register if he has not voted in the past two years or has recently moved. You must reside at the address 30 days prior to an election in order to vote. Cairns issued a plea for early voter registration noting that the November election is a general state election with the state officers, plus U.S. Congressmen, U.S. Senator, and the local Township officers to be elected.

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