



DR. RODERICK J. SMITH

Superintendent's Statement

New challenges! New horizons! Education is like most other business enterprises. You can't afford to stand still, because you soon slip backwards if you are not making forward progress. I am delighted with the new challenge which the Farmington Public School System holds before me, and I welcome the opportunity to "roll up my sleeves" and work hard at the job.

I have already found a strong and competent staff which gives the needed stability to an educational system. Together, Board of Education—staff—community, we shall explore the new horizons and implement the kind of a program which will help prepare the youth of our community for the world which they will face.

Dr. Roderick J. Smith,
Superintendent of Schools

1966-1967 IN REVIEW

FAIRVIEW ELEMENTARY was completed for start of school year, 1966. Forest School due for fall opening, 1967 as the district's 18th elementary. Power Junior High School is under construction and due for completion in 1968. Bids have been taken on construction of a third senior high school.

ENLARGEMENT of Administration Building was completed. POOLS AND AUDITORIUMS plus additions to existing two high schools are slated for completion by beginning of 1969.

BLACKTOP PLAY AREAS were installed at five schools and a Magic Square at another.

A NEW CONCEPT of adult sex education was introduced under the combined efforts of Superintendent Harrison and Dr. Armin Grams of the Merrill-Palmer Institute.

NINE NEW BUSES were added to the transportation fleet replacing some of the older stock.

EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION as a learning tool was introduced at four more schools bringing the total to 14.

FOUR ADDITIONAL Reading Specialists, making seven in all, were trained to serve both students and teachers.

GERMAN was introduced to the high school curriculum and a course in rhetoric and composition for seniors was begun.

HIGH SCHOOLS again received accreditation from the North Central Association. Credits for college entrance will be accepted by any institution within the association.

NON-GRADED PRIMARY CLASSES, already in operation at William Grace were initiated at Cloverdale and Forest.

OTHER PILOT PROGRAMS in continuance were the Language Arts Approach, Initial Teaching Alphabet Method, Kindergarten Reading Readiness, Motor Skills Approach to Reading, Reading Services, Title I Project Centers, and Perceptual Development.

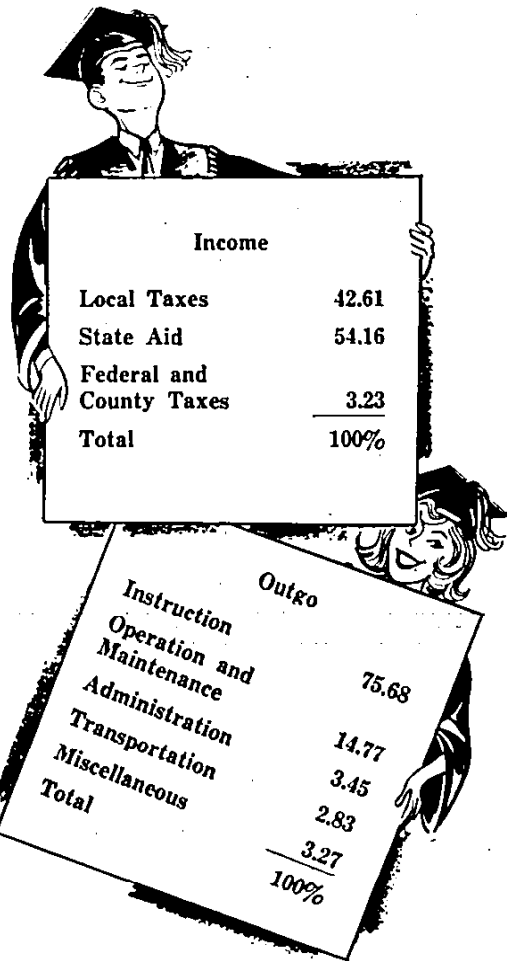
READING SPECIALISTS supervised the printing of a dictionary for first and second graders to use for their own literary creations.

HIGH SCHOOLS are overhauling their English curriculums to enlarge their scope greatly and will offer much wider variety.

ONE-HALF MILL was voted by the people of Farmington in the June election for expansion of vocational-technical education on a county-wide basis.

DR. SANFORD BLOOMBERG was elected to a seat on the seven-member Board of Education replacing Mrs. Barbara Brown, secretary and seven-year member who did not seek re-election.

GERALD V. HARRISON retired on June 30, 1967 after 10 years as superintendent of Farmington School District. Dr. Roderick J. Smith succeeded to the post on July 1.



LAWRENCE FREEDMAN and DR. JACK CLEVELAND

Farmington Pioneers In Sex Ed.

Two years of intensive planning came to fruition when sex education classes were offered to Farmington adults in January. Begun as two pilot classes of about 20 members each, they were enthusiastically received.

Dr. Jack Cleveland, principal at Kenbrook School, was instructor of one class while Lawrence Freedman, Highmeadow principal, headed the other. The instructors were selected from a training course for 17 individuals held earlier in the fall under direct supervision of Merrill-Palmer Institute personnel.

Dr. Armin Grams of the Institute was actively involved with preparing a suitable syllabus for the course and was delighted with its acceptance. Many inquiries have since been received by him from other communities who would like to follow in Farmington's pioneering footsteps.

It is hoped that the classes may eventually be made available at each elementary school as additional teaching personnel are trained.

A Message From Your School Board

"Knowledge that the people of the Farmington Public School District value and support a strong educational program has aided the smooth transition from one superintendent to another. This change of administration represents a milestone at about the midway point of the projected ultimate development of the District.

"All indications are that the swift growth of the past decade will continue to provide future challenges. We are sure that the partnership between school board, administration, staff, and the interested citizens of the

district, which has united to meet these challenges, will continue to provide the best educational system possible within our means.

"We gratefully acknowledge your support, and welcome your attendance at our school board meetings at 8 p.m. on the second and fourth Mondays of each month at 32500 Shiawassee. Other facilities are open to your visit at any time by appointment. Your questions, opinions, and constructive criticisms will be heard attentively, and your cooperation will always be appreciated."

(signed)
Gerald V. Harrison
Supt. Farmington Public Schools
(1957-1967)

Dr. Roderick J. Smith
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(From July 1, 1967)

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