

Year-Around School Idea Snags Are Seen



A Michigan legislative committee has been advised that if it wants to see schools utilized year-around, it should provide incentive grants to selected school districts across the state.

This idea popped up in a recent hearing before legislative appropriations committee members.

Talking to the lawmakers were school administrators.

THE IDEA of the year-around school has been advanced locally by James O'Neill, of Livonia, a member of the State Board of Education.

But Nick A. Janni, representing the Michigan Association of School Administrators, said "we are not certain that the extended school year will bring any magic increase in efficiency"—which O'Neill has contended.

Janni said year-around schooling may, indeed, cost more money.

Machine Removes Pollen

New hope for allergy sufferers comes with announcement of a machine that can sweep pollen right out of the air.

Contractors and heating suppliers in Charlotte, N.C., have reported development of an electric air cleaner that can be installed for as little as \$300 and will filter harmful pollen and dust from the air.

Basically, the cleaner is installed in hot air ducts where it generates a 5000-volt power field. This field charges air passing through it electrically and the individual molecules of air are pulled through a filter.

"Because it has both positive and negative poles, the filter gathers almost all the dust, dirt, pollen and other substances which cause allergies from air-borne sources.

In homes where there are no ducts, portable systems are available which circulate the air in a room and attract foreign substances in the same way.

The electric air cleaner was developed seven years ago but has only recently become popular. Jerry Dean of Atlas Supply Co. here says "in the last year we have sold between 125 and 150 cleaners, that is a 90 per cent increase over the last five years."

Dean says the general increase in use of the cleaner has been about constant throughout the country although more have always been sold in the South. One of the reasons is because there is more forced-air heating in the South, compared to the large number of boiler-and-water heating systems in the North.

The cleaner can be installed in almost any part of the home, but is usually placed in the basement next to a furnace.

APPOINTED assistant cashier of the Detroit Bank and Trust is Gordon Ramsey, 29911 Orangetown, Livonia, who will be transferred from the Plymouth Township branch to the offices in downtown Detroit. Ramsey is treasurer and trustee of the Schoolcraft College Foundation, a member of the Kiwanis Club of Colonial Plymouth and has served on various committees of the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce.

ONE PARADOX was pointed out by Julius Barbour, of the Michigan Association of School Boards.

He referred to a survey conducted in one large Michigan community a few years ago on the issue of the extended school year. Barbour said one question, about 90 per cent of the people replied that they thought schools should be open during the summer.

But he added that on another question about the same percentage of people said they did not want their children to go to school during the summer.

OTHER SCHOOL officials insisted that an extended school year would result in pay increase demands from teachers and thus would not necessarily result in savings.

Rep. James Farnsworth, R-Plattwell, however, pressed the school officials and said they should take serious efforts to determine if longer use of buildings would increase enrollment capacities and if the present 180 day school year is a waste of money for both teachers and building facilities.

Sen. Frank D. Beadle, R-St. Clair, chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee, said if teachers "want to have equal standing with other professions on an annual salary basis then they should not object to a 12-month year."

Taiwan Doctor Answers Plea

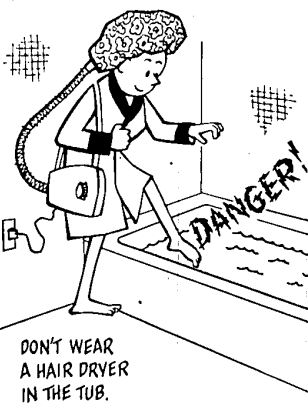
Darrington, Wash., is finally going to get a doctor.

Charles Pittman Jr., who headed the doctor drive, says Dr. Patrick Wu of Taipei, Taiwan, has been given permission by the U.S. Department of Immigration to enter this country when a visa is available.

Darrington, located in the foothills of the Cascade Mountains, has been looking for a doctor since May when its only active physician moved. There are about 3,500 residents in the area.

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