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All-Area Picks

It's in today's sport section, the All-Observer, All-Area '72 football selections as chosen by area coaches and Sports Editor Tom Donoghue. Along with the tops in offense and defense are the No. 1 standouts and coach honors. For the complete story of '72, flip to today's sport section.

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More On Smith

What kind of an administrator has Dr. Roderick Smith been for the Farmington School System? We went into our files to summarize a sometimes stormy, but productive career on:

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McConnell Sworn In

The new Farmington Township Supervisor took office in a quiet ceremony at Township Hall Monday. The brief remarks Robert McConnell made to the audience pointed out a direction for his administration.

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New Sewers?

A project that could involve major changes in a third of the City of Farmington's sewer system is being studied at city hall.

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Don't Spare The Rod

That advice comes from Farmington Town Hall speaker Peter Lind Hayes. Find out why by reading the Women's Section today.

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Smith Resigns As Head Of Farmington Schools

A year of conflict between Dr. Roderick Smith, superintendent of Farmington School District, and the board of education ended Monday night when Dr. Smith handed in his resignation which was accepted, 4-3.

Board members Kenneth Perrin, Ronald Emmitt, Elizabeth Brennan and Kathryn Stirling favored accepting the resignation.

Opposed were William Corliss, Aldo Vagnozzi and Dr. Merwyn Ross.

THE MOVE came as a surprise because the superintendent had signed a new three-year contract last June, although conflict between Smith and some board members had been building since September.

Corliss said flatly, "It was a forced resignation." But board President Perrin maintained an official position that it was a decision

"reached by mutual agreement" apparently between the four conservative board members and Smith.

Numerous direct questions from the audience about the exact nature of the "administrative differences" were left unanswered by anyone.

Perrin said it was definitely not because of curriculum or programs instituted during Smith's tenure. The Family Life program, instituted under Smith's administration, had been a focal point of controversy.

Corliss emotionally called the decision "completely unethical and forced by a board majority." He based his charge of "unethical" on a section of the code of ethics of the Michigan Assn. of School Administrators, which calls for a written summary of deficiencies in performance.

Perrin said Corliss' charge

was "completely untrue." Perrin said there had been a lengthy period of communication before the decision was reached.

Vagnozzi agreed there had been "considerable discussion," but objected to the secret meetings in which the discussion had taken place and the lack of a record of those meetings.

He also objected to the lack of a public record of the hiring of a special attorney to handle the board's position on the matter.

The board secretly hired Detroit attorney Thomas Schwartz to represent it on this issue. The board's regular attorney, Robert Kelly, is a personal friend of Smith, as well as working closely with Smith professionally.

SMITH WAS vague about his future plans but indicated he might not seek another school district superintendency.

"I have several positions in mind; I would like to stay in education. The top money goes with a job like this, but the pressures and time commitments are difficult...I will have time to think about it."

Dr. Smith resigned his post effective Dec. 1, 1972, and will take accumulated sick leave and vacation time through March 9, 1973.

During this time Marinus Van Ameyde, deputy superintendent will serve as acting superintendent.

PERRIN CITED differences in administrative direction of the Farmington Schools as the reason for the resignation of Smith.

Smith, whose three year contract as superintendent was renewed in June, had agreed to a \$51,000 financial settlement that fulfills the legal and moral obligations of the existing contract.

Smith has held that more of the administering should be left to the administrators, rather than to board members, and expressed the feeling that board committees usurped the administration's power to run the school system.

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SCHOOL BOARDS which dismiss superintendents with multi-year contracts are obligated to pay the salary benefits for the remaining years unless otherwise negotiated.

In Smith's case, the total payment would have been \$130,000.

Smith came to Farmington Schools after serving as superintendent in school district number eight, Dearborn Township.

A member of the Michigan and American Association of School Administrators, he has previously been the president of Spring Arbor College, and principal and teacher and administrative assistant throughout the state.

Van Ameyde, 59, came to the Farmington Schools from Southfield in 1957. Originally, he served as the assistant superintendent of instruction until being named as deputy superintendent this year.



SCIENCE MAY HAVE gone as far as it can in growing turkeys for Farmington tables with the maximum amount of white meat. (Observer photo)

Turkey White Meat At Peak

By W. W. EDGAR
Roving Editor

If there is more white meat on your turkey than you expected this Thanksgiving Day, don't be too surprised -- it was planned that way.

For more than five years, the turkey breeders, recognizing the public taste for white meat, have been experimenting and now feel that they've about reached the peak.

First, they discovered that the white turkey had a larger breast than the time-honored bronze bird that our Pilgrim forefathers found when they landed in New England. This meant that the white bird had more white meat, so the trend went to breeding white birds.

It was noted, too, that the breast bone of the white turkey didn't have as large an angle and, therefore, could develop much faster.

As a result the bronze, or black, turkey, was bred almost out of existence.

"BUT NOW," Lloyd Sharland, of the famed Gottschalk Turkey Farm, explained, "we got the breasts almost as big as we can get them."

As he spoke, Sharland pointed to the dressed birds on the table and explained that the meat on either side of the breast bone was almost up to the point and the "valley" usually found was almost closed.

No more do the local fanciers breed the birds, and many of them have eliminated the hatchery entirely. Instead they satisfy them-

selves by buying the baby chicks and raising them.

This has made the breeding business a regular science.

UNDER THE PLAN now in vogue, most of the eggs are produced in California and sent to the Ohio hatcheries to be hatched.

Once the baby chick breaks the shell and starts his travel toward the dining room table, the California breeders send their best inspectors to look over the flocks of new chicks.

"They select the best of the lot -- those with the widest breasts -- and they are sent back to California for breeding purposes," Sharland explained.

WITH THE ADVANCE of the white turkey, the bronze has faded from the picture, but the Gottschalk farm managed to purchase 100 of them from an Ohio hatchery this year. "Just to show."

With a sly grin, Sharland added, "We like the white bird better, too, because it is easier to clean. With the bronze bird, the black pin feathers are more noticeable, while on the white bird you can't see them as well."

With the breasts developed almost to full size, he has only one fear for the future:

"If the government goes through the rumored plan to prohibit the use of biotics in the feed, it may retard some of the development."



THE WINNERS of the Junior Miss Pageant were (from left) Patty Stubbs, first runner-up; Patricia Deering; and Linda Foran, second runner-up. (Evert photo)

Pat Deering Is Named Junior Miss

Patricia Deering is Farmington's Junior Miss for 1972.

The 17-year-old Farmington High Senior said she was "completely surprised" by the honor, which includes a \$500 scholarship and a chance to go to the Junior Miss regional contest next month.

Runners-up in the contest were Patty Stubbs, homecoming queen from Harrison High, and Linda Foran, also a senior at Harrison.

Miss Deering said she would "probably be going to Eastern Michigan University" next fall.

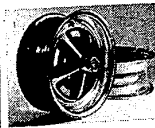
She was a cheerleader for three years, a member of student council and class council and a member of the national Honor Society.

She read an original children's story "Wendy" for the performing and creative arts category of the contest.



GETTING A KISS from her father, Pat Deering, is Farmington's new Junior Miss, Patricia Deering. (Evert photo)

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