

FM Says.. 'It's Controversial, But...'

The prospect of adding a two week course in human sexuality to the Fayetteville-Manlius health curriculum is being studied by school board members.

"We know there are controversial issues involved here," said Dr. Philip Martin in explaining the proposal, "but experience in our current health classes shows that pupils want and need this information and parents have expressed interest in an optional program."

Dr. Martin said he made the proposal at the beginning of this school year so that the community

would have time to consider this issue and that the committee could begin work in October.

"By suggesting a non-mandatory program of limited scope, it is my hope that its consideration will not become high-pitched and overly emotional," he said.

As outlined by Dr. Martin, the human sexuality unit would be given in the final two weeks of the regular health course. State requirements now mandate one semester health classes taken once in the seventh or eighth grade and once in grades 10, 11, or 12.

At present there are two full-time health teachers at FM, Carol

Rutherford and Tony Pace with Linda Schmitt added as a part-time teacher in September.

Dr. Martin said the committee would report to the Board of Education in time for a decision to affect the September 1980 semester.

In making the proposal, Dr. Martin said he had discussed the human sexuality unit with members of the local clergy and would expect to present a balanced point of view on the controversial topics of abortion and contraception.

No textbook has been proposed,

and the school is looking at other materials used in other schools.

The present health curriculum involved nutrition, first aid, drug and alcohol abuse, use of cigarettes, body physiology and care of the body, Dr. Martin said.

Under the optional plan proposed, parents would be notified in writing one month before the human sexuality unit is begun. Since it would be the final two weeks of the 20-week course, those pupils who were excused would probably have two weeks of study hall. The subject covered during the final unit would not be part of the exam, he noted.

Coming next week

Our **ALL SPORTS** Issue



The new sidewalk from Manlius to the Fayetteville-Manlius High School is in place along Seneca Tnpk, giving FM pupils a way to walk to school without being in the highway. The walk was installed by Manlius Village workmen.

New Stop Light

A full phase, three color traffic signal will probably be installed at the intersection of Salt Springs St. and South Manlius St. (Rt. 257) in Fayetteville sometime next year, according to plans of the state Department of Transportation.

The signal will be phased to coordinate with the light already in place at Genesee St. (Rt. 5) and North Manlius St. (Rt. 257).

Ron Idzi of the DOT said this week that the new signal at Salt Spring St. would "give

guidance" to drivers, and would help the traffic flow "somewhat" through the intersection and hopefully end the confusion there.

He noted that his office had had several complaints about the traffic flow from citizens, and had notified Fayetteville officials and Assemblyman Hy Miller about the proposed new signal.

A sign "Halt Here on Red" which had controlled northbound traffic on Rt. 257 at the Salt Springs St. intersection was removed recently.

Proposes New Restaurant

Tom Tarantella, the developer in charge of most of the Denny's Restaurant buildings in the Syracuse area, has a plan to bring one of their franchises to East Genesee St. opposite the Fayetteville Mall. Mr. Tarantella proposed building a Denny's Restaurant on the southwest corner of Mott Rd. and East Genesee St., property formerly owned by the Estabrook family.

Although the zone for the area is residential, Mr. Tarantella told the Manlius Planning Board Monday that a zone change would be in accordance with other changes in the area.

"I have worked with other town boards, Clay, Cicero, Fairmont and Syracuse, and we have always come to reasonable terms that were

happy for both of us," Mr. Tarantella said.

Denny's restaurant is a 24 hour, full-menu restaurant, he explained.

"We're not a fast food restaurant, so you won't have the hustle and bustle of McDonalds or Burger King in the middle of the night," he said. "People pass by us and come in for a bite to eat."



An unexpected guest, this proud pigeon turned up Thursday at the residence of Albert Hand, 321 Highbridge St., Fayetteville and hasn't left since. The bird, whose legs are banded, dines in luxury at the bird feeder under an evergreen in the Hand backyard and spends his afternoons soaking up the sun on top of their garage where he stopped long enough to pose to have his picture taken. The Hands are looking for his owner. Photo/David A. Darrone.

Maple Trees In Trouble

Concern for the health and appearance of the many maple trees in and around the village has prompted the Fayetteville Village Board to seek the advice of Dr. Howard Miller, professor of entomology and extension specialist at SUNY's College of Environmental Science and Forestry.

Meeting with trustees Monday, Dr. Miller recommended that a survey of the trees be done to determine the number

of trees that need attention and the extent of their damage or disease.

He assured the board that he and the school would offer their assistance in this matter but pointed out that the maple tree problem is state-wide and due, in part, to the very cold winter spells and high incidence of disease.

Once the extent of the problem is determined, he said, the village trustees must decide which trees they will

attempt to save and then treat each tree individually with proper pruning and fertilizing.

Appointed

The village board of trustees of Fayetteville voted Monday night to appoint Ray Willauer, 110 Shady Lane, Fayetteville, as village building inspector.

The appointment, which is effective immediately, will put Mr. Willauer on a six month probationary period.

Tax Bills On The Way

School tax bills for Town of Manlius residents are expected to be in the mail by the weekend. The delay in setting the state equalization rate has postponed the billing that is normally out by September 1.

Taxpayers will have until October 19 to pay their bills without penalty, according to M. Elowene McDermott Manlius tax receiver. Mrs. McDermott said she had had

numerous phone calls about the delay.

Tax rates for both Fayetteville-Manlius and East Syracuse-Manlius have declined. The FM rate will be \$16.39 down from last year's \$17.12. EMS rate will be \$14.92 down from last year's \$15.90. The rates are based on the full valuation of property used by the Town of Manlius.