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photo by Maurice Forge

A FREEPORT ELECTRIC UTILITIES crew works at Smith Street and South Ocean Avenue as part of a project to upgrade the village electricity system from 5,000 to 15,000 watts that according to General Manager William Cominos, will mean greater efficiency, less maintenance and diminish high voltage surges to home circuit breakers. Crew of line supervisor John Capozzoli and first class linemen John Molloy, Michael Robinson and Joseph Capozzoli are shown replacing the five kilovolt cutouts with 15KV cutouts. They are also replacing utility poles, where necessary.

Freeport offers variety of programs

by Ira J. Schildkraut

The Freeport School District offers carefully planned educational programs, from Pre-Kindergarten to Adult Continuing Education, to meet student and community needs.

Freeport's Early Childhood Education Program at Columbus Avenue School includes Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten students, providing learning opportunities for the district's four- and five-year-olds.

All village schools utilize a variety of methods designed to foster maximum educational growth by meeting individual learning needs. Effective teaching methods are supplemented by computer-assisted instruction to provide individualized lessons in the area of Reading, Mathematics, and many other subject areas.

The Grade 5-6 Center includes a fully equipped science laboratory, and, as part of the Grade 5 program, all students take part in the innovative "Voyage of the Mimi" project, involving science, math, and technology.

Variety of courses

The secondary schools offer a full complement of academic courses, including such options as Advanced Placement, college level courses, independent study, and elective courses.

For students interested in science or math research, the Galileo Institute at Freeport High School provides training in research methods and assistance with project development.

In order to meet the new requirements under the Regents Action Plan, significant restructuring of course offerings and course levels has been implemented in the secondary schools. All sequences necessary for students to meet the new requirements are provided in varying levels to meet student needs.

Student involvement

Extra-curricular activities at the junior and senior high schools provide for a great range of interests. Organized team sports for both sexes include badminton, basketball, bowling, football, gymnastics, lacrosse, riflery, soccer, tennis, track, and volleyball. The swimming teams at Freeport High School also have the added advantage of the facilities of the Freeport Recreation Center, where they can practice and host visiting teams.

Clubs and organizations demonstrate the wide-ranging interests of Freeport students. At Dodd, these include a multifaceted student government, yearbook, newspaper, literary magazine, and specialized clubs in academic as well as special

interest areas.

The school newspaper, literary magazine and math research journal at FHS are all written by students. Other students participate in Odyssey of the Mind, Future Problem Solving and mathlete competitive teams. Still others are active members of clubs dealing with electronics, photography, cheerleaders and dramatic groups.

All Freeport schools feature music instruction and choruses, bands and orchestras, and the schools schedule concerts during the school year for students and parents. The performing groups also perform frequently in parades and competitions, both within our community and throughout the county and state

Alternative education

Recognizing the existence of a drug and alcohol problem in our society, the Freeport School District also has a comprehensive substance abuse education and counseling program. The program, which is under the supervision of a full-time coordinator who works primarily at the high school, is also provided to students at Dodd and the elementary schools.

At the secondary level, the district features several alternative educational plans. The Alternative Learning Center Program, designed for youngsters under 16 who have difficulty functioning in a traditional curriculum, is coupled with counseling which continues until the pupil is pre-

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Freeport schools to open September 7

Freeport School District Hours for 1989-90 School Year

Grade	School	Time
AM Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten	Columbus Early Childhood Education Center Leona Arnold, Director	8:25 a.m. to 10:55 a.m.
PM Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten	Columbus Early Childhood Education Center Ms. Leona Arnold, Director	11:55 a.m. to 2:25 p.m.
Grades 1-4	Archer Street School Thomas Haley, Principal	9:35 a.m. to 3:35 p.m.
Grades 1-4	Leo F. Giblyn School James Glennon, Principal	9:35 a.m. to 3:35 p.m.
Grades 1-4	Bayview Avenue School Anthony Duhamel, Principal	9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Grade 5	Caroline G. Atkinson School George Coupe, Principal	9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Grade 6	Caroline G. Atkinson School George Coupe, Principal	8:25 a.m. to 2:25 p.m.
Grades 7-8	John W. Dodd Junior High School Harding Morgan, Principal	7:50 a.m. to 2:10 p.m.
Grades 9-12	Freeport High School David A. Church, Principal	7:30 a.m. to 2:07 p.m.

New staff in Baldwin district

by Janet Neiman,
Administrative Assistant,
and Joan Delaney

When the Baldwin schools open on September 6, two new elementary principals, a new district director of music and fine arts and eleven other new certified staff members will welcome an estimated 4,400 students, including approximately 142 new enrollees.

The two elementary principals, though new to their positions, have both previously served as administrators in the Baldwin schools.

Nancy McElroy, whose appointment as principal of Brookside School was announced last spring, has been a Baldwin staff member since 1966 and was named to her present

position after serving as director of reading for the district. She will be replacing outgoing principal Robert Babb.

Gary Griggs, recently appointed as principal of Lenox School, moves to his new position from the assistant principalship at Baldwin Senior High School. Mr. Griggs was chosen from a field of 82 applicants, eight of whom were interviewed by the Lenox Principal Reaction Committee. Three finalists were then interviewed by Superintendent Gene Lanzaro, Assistant Superintendents Phyllis Almenoff, Lee Chapman and Peter Lynch, and William Gordon, who retired as principal of Lenox in June.

The Music and Fine Arts Department will now be under the leadership of Dr. Alfred Townsend, who comes to Baldwin

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