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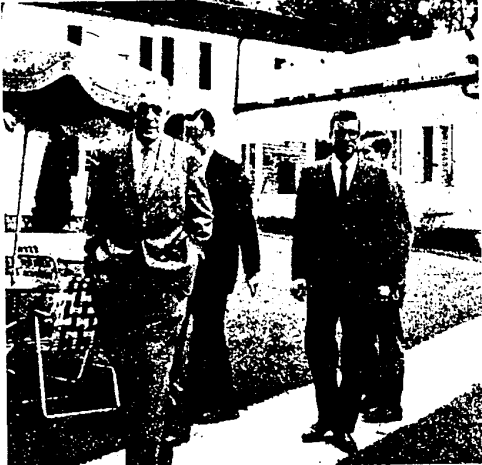
## Schools Call 20,000 Unhappy Kids



A BRONZE STAR was awarded posthumously last week to Sgt. John W. Groover, the first Farmington soldier killed in Viet Nam. At the presentation of the medal for heroism in Viet Nam, are, from left, Major Boyce of Selfridge Air Force Base, Sgt. Edmund Ziskowski, Sgt. Groover's mother, and Mrs. Sigrid Groover, his widow. Mrs. Groover and her three children are currently residing at the Ziskowski home at 32810 Raphael. A career soldier, Sgt. Groover was killed on patrol Feb. 14 when an enemy personnel mine exploded.

### Wiring To Get Hearing

After months of discussion and study and a lengthy discussion of semantics last week the ordinance requiring underground wiring for utilities in Farmington Township will come up for a public hearing Sept. 22. Discussion of the idea has come up at every meeting of the Township Planning Commission since last fall. A few months ago engineers from the Detroit Edison Company appeared before the commission to plead for an ordinance that they could "live with." Representatives of Edison have been present at every Planning Commission session since that time. The Commission voted to set the public hearing after turning down a change proposed by the Edison Company lawyer and only after considerable discussion of the proposal drafted with Doug Mann (who is also a lawyer) proposing another draft. Farmington Township attorney Joseph T. Brennan didn't agree with Mann's draft and the consensus of the commission was to put the proposal up for a public hearing in order to hear (Continued on Page 8B)



GOVERNOR GEORGE ROMNEY crosses the yard at the Botsford Inn on his way to the area last week, is, at right, Jack McInerney, who was campaigning for the GOP nomination for congress Greater Farmington Board of Commerce, from the 18th District.

### Classes, Begin Next Week

School bells will chime next week and call more than 20,000 Farmington area youngsters to private and public schools in the area. The doors open for classes Sept. 7 and 8 with both the Farmington Public Schools and Clarenceville Schools opening for business Sept. 8. Some private schools in the area open for business on Wednesday, Sept. 7. More than 17,900 students will attend public schools in the area with the Clarenceville system expecting 3,959 students. Projected enrollment for the Farmington Public Schools was placed at 13,983, but Byron Oliver, Assistant to the Superintendent, in the Farmington Schools, said that with the current rate of enrollment this week, this figure could well top 14,000. More than 800 teachers have been hired to teach (Continued on Page 8B)

### 80-Mile Per Hour Chase Ends When Car Flips Over

Eleanor G. Russell, 28, of 28400 Geraldine, Farmington, has been charged by Farmington City police with driving under the influence of liquor following an 80-mile-per-hour chase through the city by the police Aug. 23 which ended in her car overturning on Grand River just under the I-96 passover. She has been bound over for trial and her case is scheduled to come up Sept. 27 in the Farmington Municipal Court. Mrs. Russell escaped from the accident with minor injuries, but a passenger, Jack Osborn of Wayside Cabins on Freedom Drive, required more than 100 stitches at Botsford General Hospital. According to the police reports Sgt. D.H. Ynuelis spotted the car at 1:15 a.m. pulling away from the Botsford General Hospital just east of Farmington Rd. He followed it east on Grand River and at Mayfield crossed the speed at 80 miles per hour. At Orchard Lake he reported the Township police to see if a road block could be set up. The Township said that a car was waiting at Middlebelt and Grand River. However, Ynuelis reported that while going under I-96 as the road curved the vehicle left the road and headed north. According to the police the car hit a small ditch and flipped end over end before landing on its wheels. Both Mrs. Russell and Osborn were taken to Botsford General Hospital. Mrs. Russell was charged with driving under the influence of liquor and causing a personal injury accident. She was then taken to the Oakland County Jail. Township police reported 76 feet of skid marks from the edge of Grand River to where the vehicle finally stopped.

### Garages Eyed by Planners

Farmington Township's ordinance regulating the construction of garages which are not attached to the house will come under scrutiny at the September meeting of the Planning Commission. The commission voted to hold a public hearing on changing the ordinance at its Sept. 22 session. Under the present ordinance garages may be constructed not less than 10 feet away from the house when they are not attached. If the structure is brick or block construction it may be constructed up to 10 feet away from the house. This grew out of fire regulations which are not applicable any longer and it has posed some problems in the Township. Under the proposed change garages would be allowable up to 10 feet away from the house with no sideyard requirements. However, if a garage is constructed closer than 10 feet to the house then the sideyard requirement of two feet from the lot line must be observed.

### Romney on Campaign Trail in Farmington

The Governor of Michigan came to Farmington last week and his business was strictly politics. George Romney, who faces the voters of the State for election to his third term this November, was winding his way east from the State Capitol to the GOP nominating convention in Detroit. He hit Farmington like a whirlwind and in the space of an hour and a half made a tour and sought votes at the Star Cutter plant, ate lunch and made a pitch for more votes to the luncheon group — members of the Greater Farmington Board of Commerce. His appearance before the Board of Commerce group was termed as "non-political." It was a most political "non-political" speech of the kind given only by politicians during an election campaign. Romney told the luncheon group of about 50 that "four years ago the Saturday Evening Post termed Michigan as the problem state of the nation. I think people have forgotten this period and how this state had reached a deadlock under the current leadership. "At that time I said that I would be Governor of all the people of Michigan and look for solutions to problems and avoid name calling. "You can look in any field and find that over the past four years the situation has improved." Romney cited his administration's achievements in education and youth rehabilitation as two areas. "I think this election concerns a few simple issues," Romney asserted, "whether this state wishes to continue those in office who are principally responsible for our real progress or to turn the state back to those who get us in trouble in the first place. "Without the bare number of Republican votes necessary to sustain the Governor's veto the state would be back in red ink this year. It doesn't take any ability to spend money," he stated. (Continued on Page 8B)

### High Signs To Be or Not?

The age of the expressway made its impact on the Farmington Township Planning Commission last week at that body's monthly session. At issue was a request for permission to erect a 50-foot high sign at the Gulf Station at Nine Mile and Farmington Rd. so that it could be seen from the I-96 expressway. No particular settling in the current zoning ordinances of the Township govern the request. However, the Township has used the rule of thumb that a sign can be no higher than the approved structure at the area. The highest that a building can be in that area is 28 feet. The Commission told Township Attorney Joseph T. Brennan to draft an ordinance limiting the height of signs and to report back at the September meeting. It also voted to put the matter up for public hearing at that time. One reason for a reluctance on the part of the Commission to grant permission is the fact that there are two other gas-line stations at the corner and would almost certainly have to allow all three to construct the high signs. In addition to this objection there would also be a problem at 12 Mile and Orchard Lake at the exit from I-96.

### Police Nab Four At K of C Hall

Farmington Township Police apprehended four youths Aug. 26 inside the Knights of Columbus building in Farmington Township. The K of C Hall has been repeatedly burglarized during the past year. State Police and a car from the City of Farmington's force assisted in nabbing the four. Two of the four have been charged with breaking and entering of an occupied dwelling and the other two, both juveniles, were turned over to juvenile authorities. Police withheld the names of the four. Officers Ray Shagne, Pete Larson and Tom Godwin assisted the Township Detective Bureau in the operation. This was only one of 17 reported BBE's reported in the Township during the past week. A check of the police logs reveals the following: The breaking into of a model home in the Heritage Hills Subdivision and the taking of a dish washer, sink and fixtures, a garbage disposal, and a hood fan totalled at \$1,355 on Aug. 28. A total of \$175 and miscellaneous golf equipment taken from the Glen Oak Country Club on Sept. 15.

### Pedestrians Are Injured On Nine Mile

Two pedestrians were injured last week at the intersection of Farmington Rd. and Nine Mile Rd. when they were struck by a car driven by a 16-year-old Southfield girl. Injured were Mark Harrison, 12, of 32030 Annwood, Farmington, and Branda J. Zaida, 21, of 21318 Robinwood, Farmington. A companion, Jane Caragher, of 32218 Tall Oaks Court, Farmington, was not injured in the accident. According to the police reports witnesses said that the car, which was travelling east on Nine Mile Rd., had the green light at the time of the accident. "You can look in any field and find that over the past four years the situation has improved." Romney cited his administration's achievements in education and youth rehabilitation as two areas. "I think this election concerns a few simple issues," Romney asserted, "whether this state wishes to continue those in office who are principally responsible for our real progress or to turn the state back to those who get us in trouble in the first place. "Without the bare number of Republican votes necessary to sustain the Governor's veto the state would be back in red ink this year. It doesn't take any ability to spend money," he stated. (Continued on Page 8B)

### Lorion Elected Planner's Head

Charles Lorion has been elected chairman of the Farmington Township Planning Commission for a one-year term. He succeeds James Skillman who declined the chairmanship again citing the "lack of time" necessary to do the job. Other officers elected at last week's monthly meeting of the Commission were: Grace Richardson, vice chairman; and Dave Slader, executive secretary. Slader has served as executive secretary for the past year.

### Named Vice President

H. J. Ansteth of Farmington has been named vice president of Dave Coogan Mercury Club. Ansteth attended the University of Buffalo and Wayne State University. He has been active in the retail automobile business since 1952.

### EARLY HOLIDAY WANT AD DEADLINE

Due to the Labor Day Holiday, Want Ads for the September 7th Edition must be placed by 5 P.M. Saturday, Sept. 3rd. All Want Ad Offices will be closed Monday, Sept. 5th. Have a nice Holiday. Observer Want Ad Dept.



FIVE CARS with a total of 21 passengers were involved Sunday in an accident on the I-696 expressway just west of Orchard Lake Rd. One person was killed while 11 people were injured in a five-car accident on the I-696 expressway just west of Orchard Lake Rd. Dead is Beatrice Rudolph, 44, of Walled Lake, a passenger in a car driven by her husband, James Rudolph, 54. According to the police traffic was backed up on the expressway because of a three-car accident when the car driven by Rudolph struck another car causing the chain reaction. Injured in the accident were Rudolph's children, Danny, 7; Thomas, 13; Robert, 9; and Patricia, 4. Two other children, passengers in the auto, Emanuel Slaughter, 9, and Angelo Slaughter, 10, both of Detroit, were also taken to Botsford General Hospital. The car struck by Rudolph was driven by Jack Harley Lewis, 34, of Detroit. He and the passengers in his car, his wife, Shirley, 31, Joy, 8, Kathryn, 7, Sharon 2, and Karen DeRush 8, of Northville, were also treated for injuries. The drivers and passengers of the other cars escaped serious injury. Other persons involved in the accident were: Juozas and Nelle Mika, of Detroit; Robert C. Fohrestock of Detroit; Bomdan Kisil, 42, of Warren, and his wife, Irene, 33, and children, Jerry 9, and Zenon 14.

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