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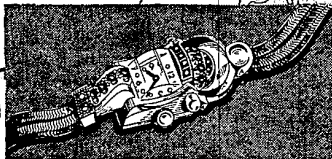


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## Sincerely Yours

Letters submitted to the Editor for publication must be signed. Opinions expressed in this column are those of the writer and do not necessarily represent the policies of this newspaper.

To the Editor:

This is a letter to the people who are proud to be American citizens.

Permit me to bring to your minds a bit of recent world history.

Hitler was elected to power in Germany by the majority of the German people. He called his henchmen into secret session and established the policy of the Nation. Then he proceeded to carry out his very secretly worked out plans—then the rest of the world rose up in arms and with the many millions of dead men, women and children, proved to all that this is not an era of secrecy and intrigue, but a period of open friendly relationship among all the people of this world.

But it seems that the new order of free thinking — when secrecy is abolished — the great principles for which our boys gave their last full measure of devotion, that new order has not yet penetrated into Farmington.

It was very clear to those who attended the school board meeting on March 11, that all those sacrifices have been in vain.

Over 250 people were present at that meeting and asked the question, why our school superintendent was released and why his contract will not be renewed on July 1. Only an echo answered:

A pall of secrecy and stillness hung like a mantle of death over the heads of the school board!

We are the power!  
We are responsible to no one!  
And we the citizens of this great nation, send our boys to suffer and die in every nook and corner of the world to make the people free! To instill in all mankind the wonderful principles of democracy!

Look within yourself, American citizen.  
Think of your own boys or your friend's boys somewhere in the far reaches of the world. What are they there for? Why did they go into the service? What mission are they carrying everywhere?

Think of the four freedoms!  
Think of your own part in this great democracy! Think! Think!  
Look at your school board with the eyes of one who believes that this is a nation founded on free speech, the free spirit of free men seeking the truth.

Are the men on the school board capable to fulfill the obligations for which they were elected?  
Any man doing an honest job does not have to hide under a blanket of secrecy.

Think, listen, think, and look to a brighter future.

Samuel H. Kosmensky.

To the Editor:

I read with much interest the letter to the editor from Samuel H. Kosmensky.

If profane language is being used profusely we would not like it, but it seems to be a common occurrence. Of course if mother and dad swear, it is little wonder that Mary and John do it, too.

I don't feel it does any good to complain and it may not do much good to enter a complaint to our school board, as to the high school taxes. Since this school question will come up for a vote on July 8, if I had the required money to buy a farm, I would leave in the near future, buy a farm, and live the rest of my life in another state, away from Michigan.

Clarence Utley.

To the Editor:

In recent weeks the Enterprise has published a series of articles dealing with the finances of the City of Farmington and the city's plans for future physical improvement and the financing of these improvements. These articles showed evidence of a lot of research and hard work on the part of Mr. Fred Bagnall, Commissioner of Finance, for the city. In addition Mr. Bagnall has no doubt obtained information from others in the City's service, men who are experts in some particular field.

These articles show in a large degree the desire on the part of Mr. Bagnall and others in the City Government to provide an orderly plan for the development of the city's physical plant and an orderly plan for paying for this development. All of this information has been set forth in such a fashion that the citizens can obtain a clear view of the entire problem and its solution and an understanding of the why and wherefore.

Contrast this with the methods of the Farmington Township

School Board — a group charged with the provision of educational facilities for the children of this community. Children who will, in a few short years, be assuming their place in civic affairs. A job, we submit, that is much more important than building a new bridge on Farmington Road or new sidewalks on Grand River. This Board has consistently ignored detailed reports and recommendations prepared by Mr. E. V. Ayres, Superintendent of Schools, who is the School District's expert in school affairs. In ignoring Mr. Ayres' reports the Board has not substituted any plans of its own, but has gone along blithely in a hit or miss fashion without even resolving such basic questions as (1) shall we have a centralized or decentralized system and (2) shall we have a primary and secondary system of a primary, intermediate and secondary system. [These questions are fundamental and no plans for extending the school plant can intelligently be made until they are answered.]

None of the many studies made by Mr. Ayres have been made public by the Board nor have any of the broad general questions been brought before the public for its opinion. It is not my purpose to try to answer any of these questions, but only to point out that the Board has been negligent in its duty to the public in not using available information on which to base a sound plan for the future of our schools and in not informing the public of the questions involved and the possible solutions.

This sorry situation demands correction in any and all ways available to the citizens of Farmington Township.

Vernon P. Fisher,  
23393 Wellington.

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### ... TO THE PUBLIC

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### ... TO THE EMPLOYEES

The settlement provides basic wage increases of \$5 to \$8 a week for non-supervisory male employees and \$5 to \$7 for non-supervisory female employees.

The increases boost Michigan Bell's hourly basic wage rates an average of 18%, or 17 cents an hour. • This is in line with the national pattern of recent wage increases in other industries, and is subject to governmental approval under the national wage stabilization program.

### ... TO THE COMPANY

These new wage adjustments, together with those granted recently to supervisory employees, will add about \$6,500,000 to Michigan Bell's annual payroll. • The settlement means that the Company can keep moving ahead with its big expansion and improvement program to the end that the kind of telephone service wanted can be provided when and where it is wanted. • With both employees and management pulling together, Michigan Bell looks forward to the busy months ahead with complete confidence.

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