

# Public Letter Box

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## Questions Bus Law

Dear Sir,

A school bus problem and its influence upon the lives of my small daughter, my wife and myself have necessitated a concern which might be of interest to other taxpayers.

We live in the north and a fraction of a mile from the Public School that our little one has been instructed to attend.

In other aspect we live less than one half of one tenth of a mile from a corner which a bus passes while in the process of turning right to go to the same school.

We are told that our beginning kindergarten must walk and this is law.

Now if this is the law or merely an erroneous interpretation of the law.

On her way to and from school she must cross three through streets and walk for a distance upon one (Old Road), which thoroughfare is tightly bound on either side by ditches. She must in addition cross over two unmarked cross streets and over three T-in lateral intersections.

One intersection which she must cross is that of a Police and Fire Department right-of-way.

My wife and I have often seen these Officers drive their emergency vehicles through (and/or) around this point at the high speed incident to their civic obligations.

AS OF TODAY we do sincerely pray that our little girl may never inadvertently cause a traffic situation to occur on this corner.

Approximately one half of the distance of this long daily walk as presented for our five year old has no sidewalks, and as of this writing there now seems but little possibility that this hazard can or is intended to be corrected as of this year.

It is now summer and while no perhaps not apparent to the inexperienced - there is entrenched the less a "snow-trout" situation.

We are comforted only moderately by our hope for another winter.

Our daughter is a substantially capable and able little person; one that we love - and have hope for. It does none, however, less occur to us that we are now demanded of her are considerable. We wonder if the five years that have been her introduction to the world of adults will prove as a sufficient training.

It is possible that the Legislature which created the phantasm of the School Bus Law intended that a five year old must walk in example over nine-tenths of a hazardous mile to the West, rather than to walk less than one-half of one-tenth of a mile to the East and in perfect safety?

Sincerely,

Frank Gossett, Jr.  
3350 State Street,  
Farmington, Michigan

## Text Book Burden

To the Editor:

This letter should most likely be addressed to the School Board rather than to the Editor, but I hope that your publication on this problem may bring some results, or at least suggestions that may lead to favorable results.

Why do the children attending the Farmington elementary schools have to buy their own text books? This is not generally done in public schools elsewhere. Without exception, the parents of children attending the first through the sixth grades are complaining about this additional yearly drain on their pocketbooks. For one child averages fifteen dollars. Three or four children in these grades could not a family back forty or fifty dollars. This is over and above the extras such as paper, work books, etc.

I AM SURE that these same parents would gladly donate the books they purchased to the schools if they knew that they would not have to buy books next year for their children. Rather than additional book store-space and employee's wages the money could go toward the purchase of books needed as replacement.

I realize that the solution cannot be reached quite so easily, but we parents desperately need some financial relief. We in Farmington are given the privilege of paying, ridiculously high taxes, high insurance rates, high auto repair bills, because of poor roads, and high school bus prices. We may soon all be bankrupt.

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# Bel-Aire Hills News

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Eight shiny trophies in the Fitzpatrick home are evidence of Dave's prowess with a golf club.

Dave has been winning tournaments a habit. He recently added the 8th trophy to his collection for topping all the other players in the Meda-Play Tournament held in August at Burroughs Farms. The closest challenger to Dave's 71-72 was a score of 71-74. Prior to the Meda-Play Tournament Dave was victorious in the Pro-Am Tournament held at Tam O'Shanter.

Bill and Wilma Bliss of Loomis is recently returned home after a grand weekend in Wilma's hometown of Litchfield, Mich. Highlight of the weekend was the wedding of their niece Deanna Durling and Jack Veriz. Five-year-old Steven proudly performed his duties as ringbearer as Bill and Wilma proudly watched their young son.

Also from THE Bliss home... among those who were particularly alarmed about the effects of Hurricane Donna was Mrs. Harriett Bliss who just returned to her home in Bradenton, Florida, after spending the summer with Bill and Wilma. Shortly before her departure from Bel-Aire she was gratified to learn that her trailer had not been damaged, although countless others had not escaped the destructive force of the hurricane.

It was birthday time at the Stone home on Beacon Sunday the 28th. Kathleen celebrated her 7th birthday with an afternoon party. Cake, ice cream, and exciting games made the party perfect for Kathy and her guests - Marilee Carlson, Cindy Gottra, Cindy Bergstrom, Charlene Hoppel and Kathy's brother, Robby.

The Bel-Aire Sisters Co-op has been operating for approximately 4 1/2 years. This group was organized to aid active, social-minded couples who desire excellent, dependable adult baby sitters. Members of the Sisters Co-op exchange baby sitting hours, all of which are rewarded by the elected secretary. If you would like more information call Fern Gynac at GR 4-6111.

A RELATED WELCOME to Bel-Aire is the home of Edward and Elaine Bawulski and their three boys now residing at 23843 Colchester. Originally from Kankakee, Illinois, the family includes David, 6, Ronnie, 6, and Michael, 5, have happily made many friends and settled down to normal routine.

Come the golfing season next year, March through May, of Loomis is going to be mighty busy! Wednesday, August 31, at a luncheon held at Farmington Country Club Mary was elected Secretary of the Kendallink Golf Club.

The Blue Birds, under the leadership of Mrs. Verma Kulbaba, enjoyed their first Fall get-together last Saturday when they spent the day at John Ivory Polo Grounds. The girls had a glorious time on the fire engine, riding the horses, and eating their lunches on the grounds. Blue Birds included Donna Penn, Marilee Carlson, Charlene and Marianne Hoppel, Mary Borchardt, Cheryl Satter, Nancy Moss, Janice Kulbaba and Maureen McGrath. They were accompanied by Mrs. Borchardt, Mr. L. Hoppel and Mr. P. Kulbaba. The Blue Birds arrived home, after a wonderful day, with bags of corn souvenirs. In addition to the many acorns, the girls found a mascot for their group. Although they don't know the scientific name for their mascot, they call him "Timmy the Worm." The "whalever-did-it" is yellow with big black eyes, is about 2" long, resembles a caterpillar but is not fuzzy, and looks like a character out of a comic strip. If you have any idea what "Timmy" is, the girls would like to know.

"HAPPY BIRTHDAY" sounded from the Smith home when Ely Coot Wednesday, September 21st. The occasion was Diane's 5th birthday which called for cake, ice cream and games. Joining the fun were Susan Clements, Carol Niepoh, Susan Misaki and Diane's sister, Patty, and brother, Mark.

STORKLAND BULLETIN Dave and Rosemary Fitzpatrick of Folkstone are bearing over what they lovingly call their "fall house" - three Jacks in Farmington and a "Red Higgs" with her parents is the newest member of the Fitzpatrick family - Mary Catherine who arrived September 15, weighing a good-sized 15 lbs. The rest of the house includes David, 6, Michael, 6, Paul, 5, and Sharon, 2.

A lovely baby with blond hair is Lisa Ann Coleman of Colchester, Ford and Marilyn's youngest daughter. Little Lisa

clipped the scale at 6 lbs. 12 oz. on September 20th is presently being mothered by her father, Larry Delye.

Popping their buttons over the birth of their third child are Norbert and Lois Moynihan of Lamar, Larry Gerard and wife Lois, became a full-fledged member of the family September 18. When he was born, the baby was greeted by sister Diane, 4 1/2, and Michael, 15 months.

THE BERGSTROMS of Folkstone have nicknamed their new "Grand Central Station" The past two weeks have found people coming and going. Guess, including Nancy's aunts and uncles, Mr. and Mrs. K. Taylor, from Holden, Mass.; Anderson; and Mr. and Mrs. R. Chrusch from Providence, Rhode Island (Nancy's home town). Family, Mr. and Mrs. W. Chrusch and their three children from Grand Rapids. Says Nancy, "It was wonderful but hectic."

Again, just a short reminder about the book sale sponsored by the American Association of University Women that began yesterday (Wednesday). If you would like to donate some books, call Beverly Benjamin of Folkstone at GR 4-5617.

Mohamme Al Obaidy of Baghdad, Iraq was recently a very interesting and most welcome weekend guest at the home of Bob and Mary Larson and their four children Alexa, Bobby, Steven and Gary. Bob Larson, Mohammed, who received his B.A. in Iraq and is now working in his native country. He participated in "Operation Friendship" sponsored by the University of Michigan Alumnae Association, Birmingham Chapter. The weekend was extremely fascinating for the Larsons; they learned much about their guest and his native country. Mohammed was surprised by many things in our country. The many neighboring cities which surround Detroit amazed him.

When Mohammed first arrived in America he found his room very confining. Cause in his country the weather is extremely hot and he sleeps on the roof. Iraq has a very strong central government and the Larson's guest was surprised that we do not have free hospitalization and free medical care. Mary and Mohammed with his quickness and apparent ease when preparing meals.

The women in his country spend hours cooking (probably because they do not have the frozen and boxed foods we do);

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they also spend all day laundering (our automatic washers and driers would no doubt cause a panic). Mohammed found the super market, electric eye particularly remarkable. He commented that it was just like Aladdin and the forty thieves except you didn't have to say anything. Five years ago it was a disgrace for a woman to appear without a face veil now it is a disgrace to appear wearing one - only the old and ugly women wear them.

Mohamme mentioned the fact that men and women in Iraq like western dress and the women spent considerable time on their appearance. When he first arrived here he saw so many women wearing short and casual clothes, he got the impression that we didn't care how we looked. Particularly mystifying to the dark-haired sons, it was he doubt a thrill-

visitor from Iraq was dry cleaning and enlightening experience. Mohammed said, "Bob, don't finally break the milk and eat the cereal. Mary prepared a typical meal of fried chicken, corn on the cob, tossed salad and cherry pie for their guest. Mohammed had never seen corn on the cob nor had he ever heard of cherries."

OVER THE WEEKEND the Larsons drove Mohammed to an apple orchard - a good representation of Michigan. Apples in Iraq differ considerably from Michigan apples. They are very small and watery.

Perhaps one of the reasons that Mohammed is not married is the requisite in his country that the man provide the house and all the furnishings prior to the marriage. Mohammed, a Moslem, attended a Christian Church service for the first time while visiting Bob and Mary Larson. He was quite impressed; in his country only the very old and the very young go to church.

Although Mohammed spent just a short time with the Larsons, it was he doubt a thrill-

## Attend Conference

Margaret Ward, Audre Mahoney, Ruth Hasley, Jessie Harnehl and Edith Powers attended a week end leadership conference of Business and Professional Women's Clubs at the Poplars Motel in East Lansing September 24 and 25.

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## Army Has Special Enlistment Program

The United States Army announces a special enlistment program for October. Applications are now being taken for three year enlistment direct to "Hawaii" (Far East) and Europe, you may choose before enlistment the one you desire.

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