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## In Our Opinion . . . . Let's Go All-Out to Eliminate the Monster

About two cr six years ago a monster for drivers was allowed to be developed to replace another community road monster. We still can't be convinced that the Had relocation change allowed has proven to be any better than the bad situation that existed before.

The monster we are referring to which presently exists is that short stretch of Farmington. Road between Ten Mile and Shiawassee roads. The monster which it replaced was a narrow two-lane roadway to the west of the present route with a steep hill and sharp turn to negotiate as well as a narrow bridge near the bottom of the valley for cars to thread through. This was known as McGee Hill and a truly dangerous route to travel through this was known as McGee Hill and a truly dangerous route to travel but we can't help but feel that it wasn't too much worse than what we have now. The short stretch of road in this area should really be quite straight and easy to travel; since it is an important connecting lipk, handling traffic coming in from the rapidly growing Township area to the north and then continuing on into the downdown business district or beyond, southward into Livonia and other points further on.

Instead of being a good route and a safe route for drivers, this stretch of

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There is only one other road besides ramington Road in our whole city and township community that runs completely through an a north-south direction and this is Middlebelt Road. It is now completely paved and straight and easy to travel on from north to south at a fair rate of speed. But, this one road is not enough. In our opinion, efforts should be made to make Farmington Road as good a north-south route through the community as Middlebelt. It will take some detailed and careful engineering to come up with a safisfactory route between Ten Mile and Shiawassee and likely cost a substantial amount of money for the project but in years to come it should be found to be well worth the expense.

The roadway now running through Twin Valley, subdivision could then be converted into a subdivision road and justifiably have residential speed limits. It would still be able to be used, however, by those wishing to go only as far. Schiawassee and then turning either left or right. The traffic flow would robably not be very heavy since most motorists would be using the more direct main route.

If our proposal isn't feasible then we would like to have it proven to us. The city has spent substantial amounts of money to get other detailed engineering and planning work done and we, think that city officials should consider doing the same on this proposed project.

A frequent topic of conversation in groups; throughout the state right now is tax reform and some guessing as to just what kind of a tax reform package Governor Rommey is going to recommend to the Legislature when it meets in special session this fall.

All indications seem to point toward a state income tax none form or another. We have already gone on record as being in favor of a state income tax over a hodge-podge of local income tax setups side fas Detroit now has.

But, we also made it quite clear that we were not in favor of any tax reform package until every effort has first been made to curtail unnecessary spending at all levels of government. To date we have seen little to indicate that serious efforts to curtail spending in governmental operations are carried out and spelled out clearly to the taxpaying public, we think serious consideration of any kinds of tax reform packages or state-wide income tax proposals should be delayed.

We just can't think of too many times that a new tax or tax increase has been put hine effect, that it hasn't stayed with



JA DELEGATES: Tom Krauss, Vice-President of the southeastern Michigan delegation to the National Junior Achiev-er's Conference, is shown instructing delegates from the North Woodward area.

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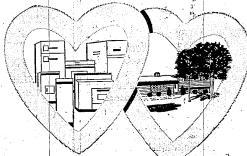
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