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## In Our Opinion . . . .

### Seek Reforms in Assessing Practices Also

There is a portion of Governor Romney's tax reform package which we feel deserves some serious consideration but to date seems to have been pretty much overlooked by the public at large.

Being the first on his list of reform proposals, we find it a little surprising that it is being overlooked because it is a proposal which has some real significance.

The governor's recommendation calls for "Legislation to improve the procedures for assessment and collection of real and personal property taxes" and outlines six steps he would like to see taken.

His recommendations are: (1) Require training and certification of all elected and appointed assessing officers. (2) Require all counties with more than \$25 million of state equalized valuation to establish departments of equalization. (3) Prescribe standards for an optional county assessing system. (4) Prescribe standards and practices to determine cash value for assessment purposes, and require all local assessing officers to follow them. (5) Require an express statement of the state equalized valuation, every property tax bill. (6) Prescribe immediate appeal procedures.

It is our feeling that present assessing practices in both Farmington City and Township are for the most part fair and that both governing bodies now have good assessing procedures. This is not a statement we would have been willing to make a few years back, however.

Even though local assessing appears to be fair and just, we nonetheless feel that the whole procedure is all very confusing to the average taxpayer.

The Township follows one practice of assessing and the City another. Township assesses low (a little over 25% of cash value) and then gets a high equalization factor which jacks the actual value on which tax rates should be applied up over double. The City, on the other hand, assesses at near 50% cash value and thus gets an equalization factor which brings the equalized value up only a little above the assessed value.

This difference in assessing formulas in itself causes much confusion. It becomes even more complicated due to the fact that a practice is followed of applying

## Speaks Out Against Federal Subsidies

Some may say it's our grapes but we feel that there is a lot of merit in comments made recently by Dr. John A. Howard, president of Rockford College, on the growing subsidizing of schools of higher learning by our Federal Government.

"As the Federal Government becomes the largest single source of funds for college after college, and there are a number already in this category, the institutions become beholden to the Government," he commented.

Dr. Howard related that he had recently invited a president of a well known university to meet with other college presidents in making known the arguments against the ever growing Federal subsidies of education. His reply, Dr. Howard said, was that he could not join the group even though he was in full agreement since his own university was now so dependent on funds from Washington that he could just not take a public stand on the issue.

The Rockford College head predicted that if the present trend continues, soon nearly all our colleges and universities will be receiving the largest part of their budgets from the U.S. Treasury.

He pointed out that there is now a manual out of almost 800 pages devoted to brief descriptions of each of the education programs in which the U.S. Government is already engaged.

Howard stated that the predominant characteristic of American higher education has been its diversity with each college institution having its own particular nature. He asserted that the political impact upon the student varies from pure conservatism at one college to extreme liberalism at another. Also emphasized by him was the fact that the college curriculum is different to a much greater extent from one school to the next than is generally recognized.

The strongest point made by President Howard was this: Programs now supported on our campuses by Federal funds could be carried on at least as effectively by a comparable amount of money from other sources and in many cases with much more imagination and flexibility and in most cases with less bother and probably even lower costs.

It is his contention that our system of higher education will suffer badly unless it is kept decentralized and unfederalized.

We agree with President Howard. The greatness of our country now and in the future as in the past will be dependent on individualism rather than the centralization of activities and controls with the Federal Government.

## FLORAL PARK NEWS

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Mrs. Edward Wolfe of 22403 Floral mentioned an outing she had planned with a group of fifty of the Senior Citizens of the Farmington district.

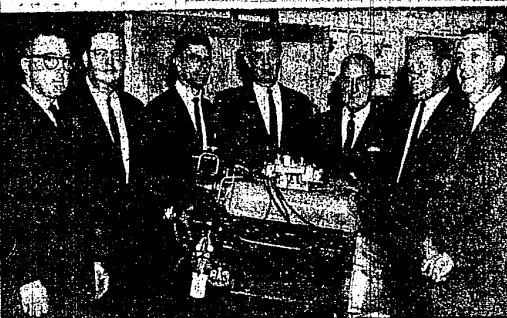
They met Wednesday, October 2, at the Methodist Church and boarded a chartered Greyhound. They went south to Telegraph road and around to the Metropolitan Airport, the highest west to Silver Lake where they drove up the mountain and took pictures and admired the view.

Then they drove to Brighton where they dined at the Court. From there they drove to the Club. From there they drove to the Club. From there they drove to the Club.

Mrs. and Mrs. FRED GORDON of 23023 Hawthorne just returned from Lima, Ohio, where they attended the funeral of their son, Mr. Gordon.

The finest compliment that can be paid to a woman of sense is to address her as such.

—Christian Boree



THE FORD-MOTOR COMPANY presented North Farmington High School with a model engine to be used in the school's mechanical classes. Participating in the presentations were (L to R) NFHS industrial arts instructor Charles Scheer; Marius Van Ameyde, assistant superintendent in charge of personnel for the Farmington School District; NFHS principal Harold Humber; Chris Bowler, Ford Motor Company plant superintendent; Ken Dyingser, Ford Industrial Relations official; Jim Malr, sales manager at O'Green Ford; and John O'Green, Farmington Ford dealer.

## 1963-64 Season Opens Today For Special Libraries Assn.

The Michigan Chapter of the Special Libraries Association will hold its 1963-64 season on Thursday, October 10, 1963, 6:30 p.m. with the newly installed officers presiding: Mrs. Mildred "Buddie" Presley, Mrs. Anna Oben, Vice President; Mr. James Bradley, Treasurer; and Mrs. Gloria Evans, Secretary.

The meeting will be held in the lovely NEW wing of the Detroit Main Library which was a recently dedicated with many prominent civic and business leaders present, including Mayor Cavanaugh.

FOLLOWING dinner in the new dining room on Level A, the meeting will be addressed by Mr. Ralph Uvelling, Director of Detroit Public Libraries. Miss Katharine J. Harris, Reference Services Director of the Detroit Main Library, has made arrangements for a tour of the library's new facilities, especially the departments of Business and Finance; and Technology and Science.

SPECIAL LIBRARIES ASSOCIATION is an international organization of about 6,000 professional librarians and information experts who serve industry, business, research, education, technical institutions, government, a special department of public and university libraries, newspapers, museums, and many other organizations.

THE OBJECTIVES of the Association are to encourage and promote the utilization of knowledge.

Farmington Seaman Sails Mediterranean

Robert J. Russett, seaman apprentice, USN, son of Mrs. Anne M. Russett of 6028 Tullane Ave., Farmington, departed Norfolk, Va. recently for the Mediterranean Sea aboard the stores ship USS Albatross.

The Albatross will replenish other Sixth Fleet ships and units, utilizing the most modern technique. Collected vertical replenishment, this technique utilizes helicopters to transfer stores and supplies to other ships.

The Albatross has the distinction of being the oldest ship in active status that has never been out of commission. She is scheduled to return to the U.S. in November.

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## Looking Back in the Files

5 Years Ago  
OCTOBER 3, 1958  
Hopes For Water  
A private meeting between Farmington City and Township officials, which was held to sound out the possibilities of the two local governing bodies joining in a united water authority, was held last week to bring Detroit water into the community.

Eligible Voters  
A record 199 voter registrations were taken at the office of Farmington Township Clerk Floyd A. Cairns on the final day of registration for the coming November election, Monday of this week. Cairns said the increase in the Township's voter registrations this year, more than 500, reflects the tremendous growth of the community.

Palcos Victorious  
The Farmington High School football team gained revenge for a 2-0 defeat to defending InterLakes Conference Champions Southfield last year by beating the Bulldogs a 20-0 in the 1953 gridiron meeting between the two schools played last Friday afternoon at the Van Dyke. The Falcons extended their unbeaten streak to three straight by scoring two touchdowns and passing for another in leading his team to victory.

10 Years Ago  
OCTOBER 8, 1953  
Hunting Ban On  
The registered voters of Farmington Township went to the polls on Monday of this week and approved the No Hunting Ban proposal on the ballot in a special election. The margin of victory for the proposal was better than 2 to 1 in favor. A total of 1,462 votes were cast, 789 in favor of the ban and 382 opposing it.

Our Anniversary  
The Farmington Enterprise began its sixtieth year of continuous publication as a permanent journal of progress in the community with this week's issue. We have grown from five column, four-page paper which began 56 years ago this week, to the present nine-column, 16-page paper now serving the community.

15 Years Ago  
OCTOBER 7, 1938  
FHS Stomps Hully  
The Falcons eleven stomped over a hapless Hully football team last Friday afternoon, 39-0, in an InterLakes Conference clash played at the Farmington High School gridiron. The Falcons played under the lights at Milford this coming Friday.

Record Vote Due  
If all of the eligible voters turn out for the coming November general election, a record vote will be set with over 100,000 votes cast in both City and Township elections revealed this week their lists of registered voters has swelled in recent months with new registrants.

Welcome Sign  
The Farmington Kiwanis Club this week erected a sign on the outside of town denoting all of the local churches and listing the time of their worship services.

Fire Is A Big  
A barn and grainary located on 11 Mile Road just east of Inkster was destroyed by fire early Tuesday evening in a blaze that could be seen from the City of Farmington. The Farmington City Fire Department assisted the Southfield firefighters but were unable to save either of the two buildings which were stored full of baled hay, believed to have been ignited to start the blaze.

## Twin Valley Views

MARIE BRAUER 476-5213

On Sept. 30, there was a meeting and coffee for the mothers of the Girl Scouts of Troop 410. The gathering was held at the home of Co-Leader Mrs. Helen Schaefer. Mrs. Madge Kirby, leader of the troop, discussed this year's scouting program with the following mothers who attended: Mrs. Irene Theisen, Mrs. Joan Kinjorski, Mrs. Robert Brauer, Mrs. Joan Dinan, Mrs. Betty Carrie, Mrs. Ruth Nicholls, Mrs. Bernice McHugh, Mrs. Gail Schickora, and Mrs. Judy Hanby.

Recently, Denny Dinan was felled on her twelfth birthday by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Dinan of St. Mary Ct. Denny and her guests, Sue Reigner and Debbie Miller were treated to a birthday dinner at Cregar's Pickwick house in Detroit.

LYNN WATKES, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Watkins of St. Mary Ct., learned last Monday that she was chosen from those who auditioned to become a member of the "Twelve-tones," a singing group of a dozen girls from Farmington Senior High School. Congratulations, Lynn!

Mrs. and Mrs. Hal Reigner of Elizabeth Ct. have just returned from a motor trip to Boyne City, Charlevoix, where they enjoyed dinner at "The Weather Vane" and Indian River Shrine. They found the autumn coloring most beautiful.

Those ladies from our subdivision who helped provide the refreshments for the recent Parent-Teachers Guild meeting at Our Lady of Sorrows School were: Mrs. Bruce Eddy, Mrs. John Feiten, Mrs. Anne Gustafson, Mrs. Beryl McHugh, Mrs. Raymond Strand, Mrs. John Dinan, Mr. Robert Brauer, Mrs. John Hinkka, Mrs. Hal Reigner, Mrs. Howard Walker and Mrs. James Batchelor.

Longest stalactites in the world pierce the wall-supported column extending 155 feet from floor to floor in the Nerja Cave near Malaga, Spain. Said to be the first man to cross the United States in a car, Col. H. Nelson Jackson drove a two-cylinder Winston from San Francisco to New York in 1903. The trip took 63 days.

According to the Catholic Diocese signs posted on the fence around a girls' school in New Jersey warn: "Trespassers will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law. The Sisters of Mercy." Some think a picture is too far to go to eat too much. . . . The symbol of the International Red Cross, which is 100 years old this year, is the flag of Switzerland with colors reversed.

An ounce of practice is worth a pound of preaching! —John Ray

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