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## In Our Opinion.....

### A Weekly Expense That Should Concern You

Does a personal expense of over \$4.60 weekly mean anything to you?

According to figures given by Farmington Township officials, this is what the average homeowner in the township pays weekly in school taxes. For many in the higher price range homes the weekly expense is substantially more.

Why then, we keep asking ourselves, can't we get better turnouts at local school elections? Aren't the property owners of the Farmington community who are picked to handle the use of their average \$4.60 per week investment the best possible?

If past school voting history is any indication, the percentage of voters who are interested in how their substantial school tax dollars are spent is very small. We can't recall an annual school election in June in Farmington in as long as we have been here when the voter turnout has run over 25 percent.

In last year's election, with four candidates running for one seat to the township board of education, the proposals on the ballot, the voter turnout ran under 9 percent. The year before, the incumbents ran unopposed and the turnout was around two percent which means that a write-in candidate of really undesirable character could have won handily without too much trouble.

Whether you pay your school taxes directly or into escrow fund as a part of your regular house payments, the amount considered weekly, monthly or yearly is substantial.

This year's annual school election is this coming Monday, June 8. There are four candidates seeking two four-year

terms on the board of education and county community college propositions that will boost that average \$4.60 weekly expense figure over \$5 weekly if approved.

The fact that there is an ever increasing need for educational/training over and above high school training for our young people if they are to get and keep respectable jobs has been given media and by educators and community leaders in recent years.

We need more college facilities to handle those seeking higher education. It can be community colleges maintained and operated locally or state supported colleges and universities that we are going to have to provide in the years ahead. But, either way, it is going to cost you and me more money either in some form of taxes paid to the state or in more taxes paid locally.

Our preference is for the community college approach because there are good things that might be said for great-ly expanding our state supported colleges and universities throughout the state.

The decision is up to you on who is going to manage your local school tax money and also how we are going to meet our higher education needs in the years to come.

If \$5 or more weekly means anything to you, then you better get out to the polls Monday and vote. Let's not let less than 9 percent of the adult population in the community decide for you who is going to manage the local school tax funds or determine how higher education needs will be met. That's what you did last year, you know.

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### Their Petition A Mandate to Local Officials

Petitions signed by over 400 citizens renewing earlier pleas for a stop and go traffic light at the 13 Mile-Middlebelt Road intersection were filed with township officials last week. This should serve as a mandate to our elected township officials to start insisting that the county road commission quit dragging its feet on correcting the traffic problem that exists there.

The topography is such at this location that good visibility is just about nil in any direction.

The theory is that a certain number of cars must travel a route before a full stop and go traffic light is warranted. Apparently, on the basis of earlier counts, the volume of traffic is not yet enough at this point. We—agreed with the more than 400 citizens who petitioned for a light—say that this theory just can't be practically applied at this location.

Because visibility at the intersection is so very poor, numerous people who know the extremely dangerous situation that prevails, are deliberately going out of their way to avoid the risk of an accident there.

The areas along Middlebelt Road both north and south of this intersection are building up rapidly. So is substantial development taking place to the west of this intersection.

Must we wait until several more are killed or seriously injured at this "blind" intersection to satisfy theory that a certain volume of traffic is needed before a light is warranted?

It is our feeling that the Oakland County Road Commission's stubborn position against erecting a light at this intersection immediately should be vigorously challenged by our elected local officials.

The Twelve Mile and Orchard Lake Road intersection was also a "killer corner" a few years back. Diligent efforts which finally got a light there have made it a much safer intersection. Re-pute theory, if we must, we say a light at 13 Mile and Middlebelt would also cut down accidents and that a lot more money would start traveling 13 Mile Road and Middlebelt Road in that area again.

## Pvt. Faulkner Graduated From Army Signal School

Private Douglas L. Faulkner of Farmington, Mich., graduated with high honors from the U. S. Army Signal School today after 19 weeks intensive training as a radar technician.

Private Faulkner was graduated from the Farmington High School in 1959 and spent two years at the JERS Electronic School, Detroit. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Faulkner of 21820 Waldron.

GRADUATION from the Signal School represents a major step forward in a soldier's military career, and incidentally it qualifies him for high-level technical positions after leaving the Army.

"Admission to the school is limited to men of outstanding promise. Classified as a technical institute, the school gives training chiefly in the operation, maintenance, and repair of different types of electronic equipment, such as radio and television sets to "electronic brains." Courses are given also in meteorology and both motion-picture and still photography.

[A yearly average of 6,000 enlisted men are selected for admission. All are chosen from among the Army's best in technical intelligence, educational attainments, and practical ability. Roughly 90 per cent are high school graduates and 21 per cent have completed one or more years at engineering school or college. But the training is rigorous, the drop-out rate is relatively high, and graduation carries with it, ordinarily, the promise of a successful career.]

Ray and Sonya Persia took the train to Schenectady, New York where Sonya's brother resides. From Schenectady, they journeyed to New York City to view the World's Fair. Young Raymond, who with the rest of the younger Persias did not make the trip, had the flu when Mother and Dad were away.

Lee Bergin and her sister-in-law, Edna Mosley, June Seibert, Pat Dusenberry, Maggie Duncan, and Kay Mason, were guests at the tea for teachers and other room mothers of the Flangers P.T.A. The tea was arranged by Nan Held, Mother Vice-president of the P.T.A. of the services of the teachers and mothers during the year.

Scott Houser left out of a tree and broke his arm. He is in the hospital at St. Mary Hospital where he will remain for a few days. Jim Ruyte twisted his ankle playing baseball in Milford.

Next Wednesday, June 10, the Farmington Oaks Home Association is sponsoring a picnic for the kids of the subdivision. Pop and marshmallows will be furnished. Those attending are asked to bring their own hot dogs. Adult helpers are needed.

David Duncan is in bed with the measles this week. Birthdays for this week were Al Walen on the 1st, and Juanita Abid on the 5th. Joe Guyette was "sweet sixteen" on June 2. Marie and Vannie Houser celebrated an anniversary on June 2.

Many people and various companies were responsible for the successful completion of this project reports Jaycee Chairman, Robert Witt. They were John J. Dinn, Farmington City Manager, who cooperated fully and provided a lot of sand to surround the tires; American Airlines and Zantop Freight Lines which both supplied two large tires used to form the center of the caterpillar; Sterling Garret Construction Company which built the two enormous scrap tires to provide a challenging climb for all the children.

"Projects such as this one benefit children and provide a very attractive picture in our city park," said Chairman Witt.

To Receive Degrees From WMU Saturday

Three Farmington students are candidates for degrees from Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo. The three are Farmington students and the degrees they are to receive in Commencement exercises at Western Michigan University.

The three are: Farmington—Carl L. Arnold, BS-Elementary cert., 2813 13th Hill; Susan C. Mandulak, BA-Social Science, 2813 13th Hill; and Ronald F. Miller, BBA, 2821 West-ern Avenue.

Naval Ensign Commissioned

Naval Ensign Gary J. Mitchell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Cirka of 21948 Middlebelt, was commissioned as a Naval Officer Candidate School at the Naval Station, Newport, R.I.

He studied anti-air warfare, weapons, navigation, and naval leadership. He is now qualified for a position as a junior officer in today's modern Navy.

Newport is also the location of the Naval School of Justice and serves as homeport for various Atlantic Fleet ships.

Frank Jensen's sister, Mrs. Johanne Larsen, arrived from Manchester, England last night early in July.

Colman and Mez O'Shaughnessy, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Denny, with his wife, Kathy, and the baby went east Friday, May 15, where they stayed with Mez's parents in Wood Creek. She is giving birth to many organ concerts playing frequently at one of the Grinnel stores. This week she played at their store in Dearborn, Michigan at the Kings-ey Inn for the Federated Women's Club; in the Pajama Game which played once in Fenton and twice in Pontiac. Ellen Ridge, 10, for a company sales meeting. On Sunday they went into Chicago for the AERA (Automotive Engine Rebuilders Assn.) convention. They returned home last Thursday.

Brian O'Shaughnessy has completed his sophomore year at the U. of M. and came home for the summer vacation. He is taking a few days before deciding on a summer job.

Dorothy Jensen had a miscellaneous shower on May 22 for Nancy Carlson, a Detroit girl she has known since birth and who is to be married this Saturday.

FAT AND BEN DECKOKE have been up to get the college ready for summer occupancy. Pat, plus other members of her family which includes a sister and her children, have an island in Georgian Bay on which they have built a cottage. It is 400 miles

from the shore and is a beautiful place to spend the summer. The cottage is 400 miles from the shore and is a beautiful place to spend the summer.

## News From Briar Hill

JAN PATTERSON 636-6333

The Palmer's enquired. Margaret and her family, Margaret and Charles Sebastian, and their daughter, Christine and a niece, Cynthia Leslie, all flew in from River side, Ill. on Friday, May 22. Their visit was extended for one more evening because of a "canard" warning which were up on Sunday.

The Briar Hill Spartans won their first T-ball game on Tuesday evening, May 26, by the score of 3-12. Their opponents were the Titans.

Ed and Debby Elledge entertained Ed's parents for the weekend of May 23-24. After a few days visit in Philadelphia, they and Barbara Ashton, fell through a glass door last week. A plastic surgeon put 15 stitches in her nose.

My sympathy to Ken Gillett and his family on the death of his 3-year-old daughter of Harry and Barbara Ashton, fell through a glass door last week. A plastic surgeon put 15 stitches in her nose.

May 30 was a big day for Howard Wagonburg as he became 15 years old. He made his Bar Mitzvah at Temple Beth Aaron. After the service a Kiddush, which is a blessing, was held in the Temple. A sweet table was set up and friends congratulated him. Mom and Dad invited the immediate family back to the house for lunch.

On Friday, May 29, Jan Patterson took her two boys, Dick and Jim, up north to the cottage for the weekend. They spent their time walking along the shore of Lake Huron, rambling through the woods, and raking up leaves.

SUE PALMER and Janice Young spent the weekend at Scout Camp Narrin with Troop 80. They left early Friday morning and returned Sunday afternoon.

Ted Morris is home from St. Benedict's in Atchison, Kansas, where he was on a mission trip.

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The Pioneer Golden Club of Farmington invites you to their noon-day cafeteria lunch and meeting at the Frontier Town & Parker House at 10 o'clock on Monday, June 8.

The guest speaker will be John Fitzpatrick, Executive Secretary of the National Council of Senior Citizens, Inc., with which the Pioneer Golden Age Club is affiliated. There will be a movie and fun time after the meeting. Call GR. 4-550 or GR. 4-1371.

Will Graduate From Tri-State College June 6

Kenneth D. Schamaneck, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Schamaneck, 28179 Schroeder, Farmington, will participate in the eighth annual commencement ceremonies at Tri-State College, Angola, Indiana, on Saturday morning, June 6.

His wife is the former Sandra Latta, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Latta, 13101 Ten Mile, South Lyon. Mr. Schamaneck, who holds an honor appointment as a Student Director, has also been active in his fraternity, Alpha Sigma Phi, serving as secretary.

He is a 1959 graduate of Farmington High School. Mr. Schamaneck is among candidates for the Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration with a major in general business.

He plans to complete degree requirements at the close of the summer quarter in August.

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All antibiotic drugs for human use are subject to testing in the Food and Drug Administration's laboratories, and new batches of these drugs may not be shipped unless they are certified by FDA as meeting required specifications.

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