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# In Our Opinion

## We Owe Them More Than We're Providing

Youngsters and teenagers in Farmington City, and Township are looking for things to do and suitable places to do them in. We are confident that only a very small percentage of our youth a removable of the property of the p

During the school year, dances and sports events as well as most other school sponsioned activities get very good turnous in most instances. If more such activities were offered, outside of school buriefultion and under a superschool jurisdiction and under a super-vised recreation and activities program, we are reasonably certain that even more boys and girls would be taking

more boys and guis more part in them.

We feel very strongly that we as citizens and homeowning taxpayers of the City and Township of Farmington are failing the youth of our community badly and that if the percentage of youth getting into trouble in our community jumps as our population density

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increases, we will have no one to blame but ourselves.

There are no really good spots away from our school buildings for our young boys and girls to gather to late of steam over a ping-pong or pool table or by dancing to a lively popular record other than in priyate homes.

The need for at least two or three youth activity centers, and maybe even more, in our rapidly growing community becomes more and more apparent to us with each year's possing. In addition to this, there is a very obvious need for one and maybe even two or three public indoor swimmting pools connected over the young boys and girls of our community more than what'we are now giving them in the way of programs and you go the property of extra energies during their should have been any community more than what'we are now giving them in the way of programs and pilices to let off their abundances of extra energies during their picture hour times. The only way we will everget these things is through a real citizens effort.

Either individually or in groups, we are going to have to start letting our various elected governmental officials know that we want to better provide for the needs and desires of the young of our community and that we will be willing to dig a little deeper into our pocket-books to provide the needed programs

ing to dig a little deeper into our pocket-books to provide the needed programs and facilities to do so.

# Signs That Just Don't Tell the Truth

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This is why we always get a little inked when we drive past a highway project in progress or any other project cand see a hig sign proclaiming that so many thousand or million dollars has been contributed by the Federal government to make this project possible. It is implied that the "great white athers" in Washington are shaking a special money tree and being most generous to us by advancing us all this money to improve our major roadways and make other improvements. The plain truth of the matter is that the Federal government is not giving anybody anything.

In the case of highway projects, it is a simple fact that the United States.

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four percent federal tax on gasoline accounts for a substantial portion of the fund.

Not only are motor vehicle owners paying for the many road improvement projects but are actually overpaying by a very substantial amount. Of the approximately \$\$5\$ million collected through Federal highway user taxes each year, less than \$\$3\$ million is going into the Highway Trust Fund. The remaining amount is going into the Freashury Department's general fund and is being spent for a variety of projects having no connection with roads.

Instead of the signs talking about federal aid and the like, they should be giving the credit where it is rightfully due—to the motorist who is paying the four percent Federal tax on gasoline.

A suggestion that we heard made a few months back was that the signs should rightfully read—"Financed by all of you as motorists who have not only paid but actually overpaid for the highway improvement now in progress." It's a suggestion far-fetched perhaps but one very much closer to the truth.

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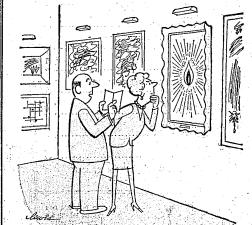
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