

48 THE FARMINGTON ENTERPRISE February 16, 1968
Katherine Thomas NFHS Homemaker
 Katherine Thomas is this year's state homemaker. She is now eligible for state year's Betty Crocker Homemaker of Tomorrow for North Farmington high school. She scored highest here in a written knowledge and attitude examination taken December 7. She is now eligible for state year's Betty Crocker Homemaker of Tomorrow for North Farmington high school. She scored highest here in a written knowledge and attitude examination taken December 7. She is now eligible for state year's Betty Crocker Homemaker of Tomorrow for North Farmington high school. She scored highest here in a written knowledge and attitude examination taken December 7.

in 14,714 of the nation's high schools were enrolled for the examination.
 Test papers of all school winners in the state are being judged competitively. From them, the State Homemaker of Tomorrow will be named.

Public Letterbox

Attn: Editor or writer of "is A Cost That High Really Necessary?" published on your editorial page 5A on February 2, 1968.

Since your paper serves the community the North Farmington-West Bloomfield Baseball for Boys, Inc., league is active in, possibly others have asked themselves the same questions regarding league costs and formed their own conclusions, as you have done, without any further investigation or information.

There are no hidden charges and invoices are on file to account for every penny spent. The men and women who give of their time willingly, on a volunteer basis, and work in various capacities in the league program have no desire to have their reputations and deeds doubted or clouded in any way.

If any item brings doubt as to cost or need, one has only to contact any officer or board member of the league. Their league brochure as well as the local papers a few times annually.

The costs keep going up each year as more boys join the league and each year fewer fathers are able to help. The parents want their boys in the league program and this is evident by the number of boys who enroll each season. The league, to date, has not turned away any boy wishing to play ball in the league. The result of supply (boys, minus fathers) and demand (uniforms, costs, Forsythes Enjoy

On February 2, 1968, also, you printed a glowing article regarding the league's coming carnival on February 5th. A lot of long, hard, volunteer hours went into planning and getting everything ready, and we were grateful for your publicity.

What puzzled me was the fact that you did not have the courtesy to hold off your editorial until the following week after our carnival!!

The league mothers made beautiful homemade cakes and one scout troop had a supply of hot dogs ready for the anticipated turn out. Posters advertising the event were placed in various public buildings, yet from six o'clock on, there were just a handful of people at the carnival. The scouts were able to sell the hot dogs they did not use that evening, but we were not as lucky with the cakes. Arrangements had to be made the next day (Sunday) with a local grocer (Big D's) and the fifty cakes were sold at half price.

Was this because of your editorial or just disinterest among parents?

I'm still asking myself this question!

Sincerely,
 Jo Wright, Secretary
 North Farmington-West Bloomfield

Baseball for Boys, Inc.
 EDITOR'S REPLY: We have been and will continue to be in favor of organized recreational activities and programs for boys and girls in the community. Our only concern is with how "professional" a lot of adults seem to want to make these worthwhile programs. Expensive new uniforms, paid umpires and a lot of other ginger-

equipment, fields, maintenance, etc.) is clearly realized by the financial statement you received for publication.

There were no pipe dreams in that statement, nor was it compared to how things were yesterday or when we were kids 20, 30 or more years ago, but as times and costs are to day, the figures were arrived at, on fact—not fiction and daydreaming or reminiscing of yesteryears gone by!!!

As the mother of three ball players, I'm for sandlot baseball also. In our area, there are not enough sand lots to go around and it's on a come first basis. We have baseball and football games going on in our front and back lawns, plus basketball in the driveway and a golf putting course at the back end of the property as do, I'm sure, other parents of active boys. As a result, I've been a backyard umpire for quite a few years and welcome the time and peace of organized ball. In my opinion, both forms are good for a better development of sportsmanship among young boys.

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bread that make Baseball for Boys or any other organized recreational activity for boys and girls become quite a costly operation is what really concerns us.

Not just North Farmington Baseball for Boys is guilty of this professionalism we speak of. We are fearful that the whole program across the country in nearly every community is becoming a very expensive program and rather than a wholesome recreational activity designed to teach boys the fundamentals of baseball and have a good time while learning.

(M. J. Riley)

Bill Says



Bill Conroy

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