

Bloombergs Can Add Most to Board

The complexion of a local Board of Education must consist of a series of checks and balances.

A school system will reflect the board's attitude. A board in a growing, high-intelligence district requires some diversity; it shouldn't be entirely made up of persons who espouse the same educational theory. And it shouldn't be entirely composed of persons concerned with just the "basics" of the one-room schoolhouse days.

The Farmington schools are noted for the quality of teaching of the basics. This is a

key point to the excellence of any school system. One must know how to read and write and be able to add before the genius of the poet or scientist emerges.

In today's complex society, however, emphasis only on the basics simply isn't enough.

Many trends in education are being examined in surrounding school districts. Both Livonia and Southfield have built schools which can easily be converted to team teaching if this is the best means of instilling knowledge.

striven to provide educational tools and facilities on its limited budget.

It's a cost conscious board. This is good, and the trustees are to be commended on their work and accomplishments.

The time has come, however, for some new ideas and new approaches to be expressed on the board level.

For this reason our endorsement for the vacant school board post goes to Sanford Bloomberg.

Dr. Bloomberg is a psychiatrist in Farmington. As a specialist, he is able to exercise a certain amount of control over his business hours and thus be able to devote the time necessary to be an effective school board trustee.

He doesn't have all the answers, and he doesn't pretend to have them. Bloomberg,

however, believes that maybe some of the newer ideas and trends in education should be explored to determine whether or not they are feasible in Farmington.

This is an attitude that we admire. We think that it would help to provide a balance on the Board.

A Board of Education consisting of seven trustees interested in exploring every new educational trend would be disastrous. Seven trustees interested only in the time-tested and old methods would be equally disastrous.

That's why we believe Farmington's progress would best be served in Monday's vote by the election of Sanford Bloomberg to the Board of Education.

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Area Centers Worth 1/2 Mill

A proposal to provide for a county-wide vocational education program is on the school ballot of Monday's election.

It approved, by the voters of Oakland County, the half-mill levy would provide for area vocational education centers in each of the four quadrants of the county.

These centers would provide vocational training for students from the surrounding school districts.

In Farmington an estimated 37 per cent of the graduates do not go on to college. Farmington has a vocational education program to help train these students for jobs in society, but it is limited.

The area concept would be able to provide for additional and more comprehensive training in the various fields.

Whether it be as a medical or dental assistant, a mechanic, a secretary, or a welder, the idea of pooling the resources in the county to provide the best possible training makes sense.

This training begins on the junior high level and is on the pre-vocational level.

What the area concept proposes to do is to supplement the local district's program and provide further training which would be too expensive for the local district to support.

We think that a half mill levy (50 cents on each \$1,000 of assessed valuation) is a small price to pay for this training.

The question deserves a yes vote.

editorial

Supports The Lady

Barbara Brown, the only woman on the Farmington School Board, is retiring after seven years of service, and will be replaced at the June 12 election by one of six candidates.

Only one of these candidates is a woman, Mrs. Mary Johnson, and at least one well qualified woman is needed on the board to provide a mother's point of view, especially in the areas of curriculum and child safety.

As a former teacher and business woman, a mother with children in the Farmington school system, and with available time to represent the board during days when the men must attend to their regular jobs, Mrs. Johnson is especially well qualified to replace Mrs. Brown. Let's elect Mrs. Johnson on June 12.

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Invites All to Board

EDITOR:

On May 22, I attended a meeting of the Farmington Township Board, to see how our local community is being directed.

My impression of the meeting was that the Citizens of Farmington Township are poorly represented by members of the Board. This becomes quite obvious if a citizen attempts to comment on any issue under discussion. Little if any consideration is given to the rights or desires of Farmington Township's citizens.

A prime example is the Board's attitude toward a proposed Michigan State University study of the Farmington area regarding future development.

The Board refers to this study as a "Consolidation Study" and implies it is prompted by devious city officials.

Apparently Board members feel Michigan State University will be bribed or at least guided by outside forces to make a study which would be unfavorable to the Board's incorporation attempt.

The attitude of the Board seems to be "don't confuse the voters with facts." This is a direct insult to every qualified voter in our community. The Board feels a study after the incorporation vote is appropriate, sort of a "bury and shut the barn door, the horse ran away last night" attitude.

Two citizen groups were present at the meeting with specific issues to discuss. Neither group appeared to be very satisfied with the Board's action or, I should say lack of action. About all that was offered was excuses from the Township Attorney.

Actually this letter started out as an invitation for all the residents of Farmington Township to attend the festivities held at 8 p.m. on the second and fourth Monday of each month at the Township Hall. You might be surprised at what goes on and besides you are financing the activities. See you there!

K. W. Vesey

Rep. Baker Outlines GOP's Two Tax Packages

by Rep. Raymond L. Baker

House Republicans recently agreed to amend the Senate-passed tax program and attempt to pass two identical tax packages of their own. One would be a temporary program to meet the immediate needs of the state. The other would be a permanent program which would be referred to the people of Michigan for a vote on whether or not an income tax should be part of a tax program.

The programs previously introduced by Republicans, include a 2 1/2 per cent personal income tax, a five per cent corporate tax, and a seven per cent tax on financial institutions. The plan would also call for repeal of the Business Activity Tax, substantial property tax relief, equitable aid to property owners, and an increase in exemptions from the intangibles tax.

The program includes a three cent hike in the price of a package of cigarettes and would provide for return of a portion of the income tax to counties and cities, villages and townships.

If passed by the House, the temporary tax package could not be operational until October and would not take effect until Oct. 20 under the present adjustment schedule.

THE DEADLINE for reporting bills originally in the other House, May 26, led to a flurry of committee activity in the Capitol just before the Memorial Day recess. A number of controversial bills, already approved by one House of the Legislature, were buried in committee and failed to reach the floor of the other House. Bills such as these will be carried over to next year without loss of status and may yet come up for final passage.

Among the more significant measures held in committee were bills dealing with Sunday Liquor, uniform holidays, driver license seizure and discrimination in housing and hospital service.

The House Liquor Control Committee voted down a Senate-passed bill that would have allowed the sale of liquor on Sunday. Detroit interests had hoped to get a go ahead on Sunday Liquor this year in an effort to boost convention bookings. The House Liquor Committee stopped the move by turning down both House and Senate Sunday Liquor proposals.

A substitute House-passed bill that would have put most holidays in Michigan on Monday was withheld by the Senate Corporations Committee. The bill has stirred considerable

deadline, a Senate-passed bill to eliminate the one week waiting period for unemployment compensation and raise unemployment benefits. Early in the week the measure (SB 581) had been defeated as committee Democrats lined up in solid opposition to the bill.

WHILE MOST of the action in the legislature took place behind committee doors, some important bills were acted on recently during floor sessions.

The House bill to lighten penalties for prohibiting public employee strikes was put on the table and may be revived later if public works stoppages break out over the summer.

Girl Scouts Play Big Part In Parade

About 20 troops in the area attended and participated in the Farmington Area Memorial Day Parade in complete uniform and with their troop and American flags.

THE BROWNIES of Troop 122, Mrs. Olga Weir and Mrs. Cathy Horvath, co-leaders, which meets at Beechview School, planned menus and made ponchos in preparation for the recent Browns Pow-wow held at River Bend Park near Norville. They had a wonderful day filled with games, songs and outdoor cooking shared with other Brownie troops from the Southeast Farmington neighborhood.

Troop 122 was one of the troops which marched in the Memorial Day Parade and for many of them it was the first time they had ever attended a parade.

The girls are planning a bike hike June 13 and expect to spend some time in practicing safety rules.

On June 6 there will be a Brownie Flying-off Ceremony attended by parents and teachers, and Junior Troop 420 will be present to welcome the Flyers into their troop. The girls getting their Brownie wings are: Lisa Barsch, Kay Dreyer, Pat Gully, Jackie Lee, Nancy Kersey, Joyce Nash, Carol Shaw, Linda Sherman and Loraine Weir.

MANY TIMES we find out after the event that our Girl Scouts have been quietly busy doing something for someone in need. Just lately it has come to our attention that a number of troops in the Southeast Farmington Neighborhood have been busy making baskets and trays for favors for the patients (both adults and children) at the Pontiac State Hospital.

I understand that more than 200 of them were sent to the hospital and special thanks have been sent to the scouts in return. The troops involved in this

Will Enter Academy

Allan C. Kramer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Kramer, 28622 Cumberland Drive, will enter the U.S. Air Force Academy June 26. He received his appointment from Rep. Billie S. Farnum.

A graduate of St. Paul's Lutheran School and Lutheran High School, West, Kramer was a member of the National Honor Society and received the Phi Beta Kappa award for scholastic achievement.

He received his letter in track for four years and was president of his class in his freshman and junior years. He has taught Sunday school at St. Paul's Lutheran Church for two years.

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Library Announces 24 Graduate From Community New Hours

The Farmington District Library has announced that beginning July 1 its summer hours will go into effect.

During the months of July and August the Library will be open on Wednesdays and closed on Saturdays. The Monday through Friday hours are from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

The District Library is located on Grand River in the City of Farmington.

Twenty-four Farmington residents will receive degrees today at Michigan State University.

Day A. Radebaugh, 3411 Cortland, is graduating with high honors, receiving a BA in philosophy. Graduating with honors are Susan E. Moshammer, 34032 Moore, BM in school music, and Sandra A. Slade, 28251 Peppermill, BA in elementary education.

Other graduates include Nicholas A. Ahl, 33025 Oak Oaks, EDS in educational administration; David L. Beall, 26140 Powers, MBA in finance; Suzanne M. Blachut, 25579 Springbrook, BA in speech; Barbara R. Brogren, 23264 Baintree, BA in junior high teaching; Bryon J. Byron, 25850 Beecham Rd., BA in social work; Diane F. Cooley, 23630 Maple, BA in elementary education; Norman J. Duncan, 35600 Lyman Rd., BA in executive secretary administration; Donald Hanford, Jr., 24805 Powers Rd., BS in packaging.

ADDITIONAL GRADUATES are Robert W. Hejduk, 30026 Pipers Lane, BS in social science; Marilyn L. Hennessy, 23191 Glen Valley, BA in elementary education; Bonnie J. Holwart, 34757 Arundel, BA in elementary education; Kathleen A. Kirby, 34080 Alta Loma, BA in history; Pearl I. Klymko, 30460 Springland Dr., BS in dietetics; Elizabeth J. Koski, 25844 Glencastle, BS in human medicine; Carol C. Kurth, 31675 Shawassee, BS in cooperative extension education; John D. Larry, 32255 11 Mile Rd., BA in psychology.

More are Louise I. Leonard, 32375 Valleyview Cr., BA in elementary education; Joseph Phillips, 23864 Loyte, BA in accounting; William Walker III, 25566 Westmoreland, BS in urban planning; Sheldon R. Weiner, 29770 Highmeadow Rd., MS in physics and astronomy; Carol M. Willoughby, 32365 Farmersville, BS in home economic teaching.

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