

### Raiders Host Cage Playoff

North Farmington High School has been selected as the site for one of the state's district basketball tournaments March 4, 6 and 8. It was announced this week.

Teams competing with the winner advancing to the regional tourney, will include Farmington and North Farmington plus Plymouth, Thurston, Walled Lake and Redford Union. Pairings will be determined Feb. 27 in a drawing in the office of Farmington Athletic Director Jack Colton.

### Receives Degree

Andre J. Hansen, 26055 Hagerty Rd., Farmington, received a bachelor of science degree at commencement exercises Jan. 27 at Central Michigan University.

### Trains At Fort

Pvt. Stephen Lacey, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward C. Lacey, 20318 Orchard Lake Rd., Farmington, completed nine weeks of advanced infantry training Jan. 19 at Fort Gordon, Ga.

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### PUBLIC NOTICE

To comply fully with the new Michigan Constitution and with Public Act 409, subsequently adopted by the Michigan Legislature, the City Assessor has reassessed all properties within the City of Farmington.

Public Act 409 states that all property in Michigan shall be assessed at 50 per cent of true cash value. The Oakland County Equalization Board has sampled sales of properties in the City of Farmington for the years 1964, 1965 and 1966. The results of this sampling shows the City of Farmington to be assessing 17.5 per cent below true cash value. Therefore, it was necessary for the City Assessor to increase assessed valuations within the city by approximately 17 per cent.

In order to allow property owners an opportunity to review their individual assessment increase, we have established Assessor's Review Week commencing February 12 thru February 18, 1968 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The Assessor will be available to review your individual increase in detail during this week.

In addition to the Assessor's Review Week, the City of Farmington Assessment Roll will be open for inspection March 5, 1968 to March 13, 1968.

The Board of Review will be in session on Tuesday, March 5, 1968, Monday, March 11, 1968, Tuesday morning, March 12, 1968 and Wednesday evening, March 13, 1968, at the City Hall, 23600 Liberty St., Farmington, Michigan.

TRENA M. QUINN, City Clerk

February 4, 1968  
February 7, 1968



**AWARDS CEREMONY** -- Members of the family of Michael Francis attended ceremonies Jan. 25 at which Sgt. Francis was posthumously presented the Silver Star and Bronze Star

Medals. In front from left are Denisa, David, Larry and Patrick Francis; back row from left are John Francis III; Mrs. John Francis Sr., and Mr. and Mrs. John Francis.

## OLS Hero Earns Two Citations Posthumously

Sgt. Michael J. Francis, who spent his high school years at Our Lady of Sorrows, has been posthumously awarded the Bronze Star Medal and the Silver Star medal for the gallant war service he performed which cost him his life in Vietnam far from his home in Southfield.

The bravery which the young soldier exhibited is a priceless heritage he has left his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Francis; his seven brothers, John William, Thomas, Kevin, David, Patrick and Larry; and his six sisters, Theresa, Helen, Harriet, Margaret, Denisa and Mary.

The family listened with saddened faces touched with great pride when they heard Maj. Gen. Shulton E. Lollis read the record of their son and brother's courage at an awards ceremony Jan. 25 in the Tank Arsenal in Warren.

Also present was his grandmother, Mrs. John Francis Sr.

Sgt. FRANCIS, then a specialist four, was cited for the Silver Star for gallantry in action against a hostile force on Sept. 30 in Vietnam.

He performed his heroic action while serving as a radio

operator in a hilltop station which was hit by a heavy concentration of enemy mortar fire.

With complete disregard for the deadly barrage, Francis moved to an exposed position

before he reached a medical facility, Francis remained in his position directing suppressing counter-fire, refusing medical aid and instructing medics to treat other wounded paratroopers first.

He was not evacuated from his position until the hostile fire was silenced.

THE BRONZE Star was awarded Francis for his outstanding meritorious service in connection with ground operations against a hostile force during the period of June 29, 1967, through Sept. 29, 1967.

The citation reads: "He was quick to grasp the implications of new problems with which he was faced as a result of the ever-changing situations inherent in a counter-insurgency operation and to find ways and means to solve these problems."

Although the young man about whom these things were said will not be around to see his brothers and sisters grow up, he has left them a memory which cannot fail to make them better men and women.



MICHAEL J. FRANCIS

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### Kelley Placed In German Unit

Army Second Lt. Richard L. Kelley, 22, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kelley, 23000 Man-ning, Farmington, has been as- signed to the 3rd Squadron of the 8th Infantry Division's 8th Cavalry near Sandhofen, Ger- many, as a platoon leader.

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