

today's hot line observerland

REDFORD — State Rep. John Bennett, D-Redford, cast blame upon GOP leadership in Lansing for the formulation of this year's state school aid, which gives low valuation school districts a larger proportionate share than ever before. He argues that despite higher taxes, high valuation districts such as his native South Redford do not receive commensurate returns.

REDFORD — State Sen. N. Lorraine Beebe, R-Deerborn Heights, repeated: her claims that the teachers' union movement has pressed too aggressively. She assailed agency shop demands in a reply to an earlier letter critical of her views from the South Redford Education Association, the teachers' union.

LIVONIA — City Council stood its grounds on open housing and overrode a mayor's veto by the same count on which the ordinance had been adopted—5 to 2. It defeated a move to let the voters decide the issue 4 to 3. Harvey W. Moelke vetoed the ordinance on grounds that it was not needed, in view of state and federal legislation, and would split his city, which has never objected to anyone with the money buying a home here.

LIVONIA — Two unions and the Livonia school board got together in the trial room of the State Labor Mediation Board and settled a quarrel over unfair labor practices charged by Teamsters Local 229. Result is a new election for jurisdiction in negotiating for 900 non-academic employees on June 25, and ballots cast in a disputed April election impounded pending a hearing will be destroyed. The Metropolitan Council 23, AFSCME, AFL-CIO, opposes the Teamsters to become the agent.

PLYMOUTH — The Township Board overrode the Planning Commission and approved a change of zoning for a new shopping center at the corner of Ann Arbor and Haggerty roads.

PLYMOUTH — Richard Ardley Smith, 20-year-old Schoolcraft College student, was killed instantly in an auto crash on Plymouth Rd. on Memorial Day morning at almost the same spot on which his father, Ezell Smith, met his death in the same manner in 1959.

PLYMOUTH — The city will experience something new — a \$100-a-plate breakfast — on Tuesday morning when Congressman Gerald Ford, minority leader in the House of Representatives, heads an all-star cast at a GOP fund-raising affair.

What's Inside

More than 30,000 Cubs, Boy Scouts, Explorers and adult leaders are staging an impressive indoor-outdoor three-day exposition June 7-9 at the State Fairgrounds in Detroit. A picture story about the excitement is on Page 1B.

A generation ago, it was a swampy pond, but today Kent Lake is a major outdoor recreation area in southeastern Michigan, and Kensington Park, which surrounds it, is 20 years old. Story and pictures on Page 4C.

Surprises and upsets mark local high school baseball tournament. Details and pictures on Page 1C.

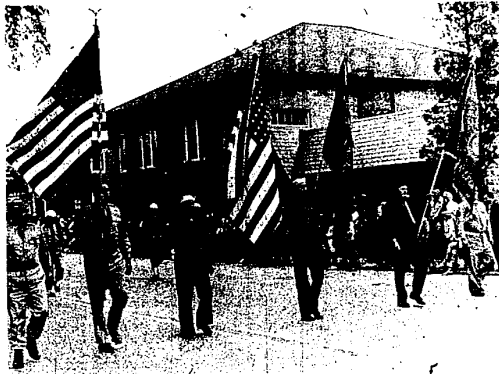
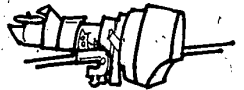
Area track stars shine in "champion of champions" meet. Story and pictures on Page 1C.

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STIRRING SIGHT — The American Legion color guard brought Farmington's thousands of parade spectators to attention as they passed in review with Old Gidry whipping in the breeze.



WINNING FLOAT — This entry of the Girls Athletic Association was judged the best float in the Memorial Day parade. Theme of the float was "Americanism Is Sports."

Honors Paid Fallen Heroes

A reminder that Americans "live by the principles of freedom" and that it will take renewed determination to maintain that freedom was the keynote of a message left with Farmington Memorial Day, by Rear Admiral John P. Sager, the ranking military guest of the annual tribute to the nation's fallen heroes.

Sager's open-air address was the climax of memorial services held at the Veterans Monument, at the conclusion of a colorful parade along flag-bedecked Grand River Ave. "It is appropriate today to renew our appreciation of the meaning of freedom, for it will be ours only as long as we are determined enough to keep it from slipping from our grasp," declared the vice-commander of the Naval Air System Command.

OTHER SPEAKERS included Mayor Wilbur V. Brotherton

and Township Trustee Earl C. Oppertbauer. Veterans organizations were led by American Legion Commander Arnold McGovern, VFW Auxiliary President Mrs. Irene Johnson, Blue Star Mothers President Mrs. Elta Vandersburg and Legion 18th District Chaplain Robert Virgil Randolph.

The solemnity of the occasion was emphasized by the placing of floral tributes at the base of the monument, a salute by a military firing squad, and a bugler's sounding of taps.

THOUSANDS lined the parade route in mid-morning and despite leaden skies and 60-degree weather they were treated to a colorful tale by 2,500 marchers, led by the Farmington Township Mounted Auxiliary Police.

Storm Sewers Sought

Rat control and storm drainage came in for major attention by the Farmington Township Board last week, both problems being brought into discussion by Supervisor Curtis H. Hall.

In the midst of the record-breaking rain early in the week, the supervisor expressed deep concern for conditions in the Grand River homes subdivision. In particular, this area is bounded by Tuck Rd. on the west, Middlebelt Rd. on the east, Shawansee Rd. on the north and Grand River Ave. on the south.

"We have a continual, growing drainage problem in that area," said Hall, "and it has been worsened by this heavy rain."

Hall suggested that the only relief for the estimated 250 affected homeowners is to try approval of a special assessment program that would permit construction of new storm drains.

IN ECHOING agreement, the full board voted to authorize Hall to send questionnaires to all residents of the subdivision asking their attitude on the special assessment proposal. Hall also told the board he is sorely concerned over the problem of improperly maintained garbage and rubbish bins sitting before township stores and restaurants as prey for rats and dogs.

The supervisor proposed consideration of an ordinance that would insist on merchants using bins of greater capacity, with heavy covers that would make them invulnerable to attack by animals. The matter was referred to Atty. John T. Brennan for study.



Soldier Dies In Vietnam

Funeral arrangements are being made for PFC Florian A. Bugni, Jr., 20, who was killed in Vietnam on May 23 from wounds received while engaged in combat operation.

PFC Bugni, son of Mr. and Mrs. Florian A. Bugni of 33871 Harlan Dr., Farmington, had been in the Army for nine months and served in Vietnam for only three weeks when killed. He was assigned to B Troop, 1st Battalion, 1st Armored Air Cavalry.

PFC Bugni graduated from Farmington High School in 1965 and attended Oakland Community College and Dearborn Community College. He was active in athletics at Farmington H.S., lettering in wrestling and playing on the football and baseball teams.

Funeral arrangements will be finalized as soon as the body arrives. Handling arrangements is the Henry-Sundquist Funeral Home, 23720 Farmington Rd., Farmington. Parents have requested a full military funeral with an honor guard serving as pall bearers to be furnished by the Army Automotive Tank-Command of Warren.

PFC Bugni is survived by his parents, four sisters, and two brothers.

3 School Candidates Back Millage Levy

By FRED DELANO
Support for passage of the tax increase proposal which will be submitted to property owners in the Farmington School District election June 10 gained strength this week when it was endorsed by all three Board of Education candidates.

In addition, numerous individual groups, headed by the board of directors of the Farmington Board of Commerce, went on record recommending adoption of the 10-year, four-mill levy.

If it passes, property owners will be billed an extra \$4 per \$1,000 of their equalized assessed valuation each of the next 10 years. On the basis of present assessments, the levy would yield an estimated \$811,000 for the 1968-69 school year. It is mandatory that the money be used for operating purposes, rather than debt retirement.

THE ONLY NON-INCUMBENT in the school board race, Gary L. Lichtman, erased all doubt on his position regarding millage this week when he declared:

"I am in favor of passage of the millage proposal allowing the board an option to levy that millage."

Entry of Lichtman, a 29-year-old sales specialist, into the board of education battle is the only thing barring the two incumbents seeking reelection to third terms, Richard H. Peters and George A. Nahstoll, from scoring uncontested victories. Theirs are

Fairview Fair Set For June 7

Fairview Elementary School will be the site of a fair Friday, June 7, complete with pony rides, hay rides, games and refreshments. It is being sponsored by the Fairview P. T. A. and will run from 5 to 8 p.m. The general public will be welcome.

the only two seats at stake in the election. All registered voters may cast ballots in their contest, as well as in the election of three members to the Oakland Community College board of trustees. However, the millage question will be left strictly to the decision of property owners.

Both Peters and Nahstoll have given vigorous support to the four-mill increase proposal, and Lichtman's decision to support the same cause, he believes that element from their three-cornered personal race.

GROUPS which announced support of millage/passage this week, in addition to the directorate of the Board of Commerce, included:

The Farmington Jaycees, the

P.T.A. Council, Farmington Area Recreation Commission, Farmington Education Association, North Farmington-West Bloomfield Little League directors, the Farmington Baseball for Boys Organization and several individual school P.T.A. bodies.

The Board of Commerce statement read:

"In these days of rising costs and taxes we should all be concerned and ready to reduce expenditures where possible.

"However, we must not be guilty of denying our own children the best possible education and preparation to cope with the problems of their generation. The four mills are necessary to continue the present level of education available to the children of Farmington."

Parents Discuss Generation Gap

By ELIZABETH WISSMAN

Farmington area YMCA's concluding session of its Four Mondays in May program ended on a quiet note Monday night with 13 parents gathered in Building M at the Orchard Ridge campus for a discussion on the pros and cons of teen-age morals.

Fred Friedli and Mrs. Barbara Benya, who set up the program, sparked the conversation with thought-provoking questions.

Friedli asked, "Are children today the same as they were 40 years ago with the minor differences exaggerated?"

Mrs. Benya queried, "Have you ever found yourself playing the role of a parent?"

TALK FLOWED FREELY after that, interspersed with comments by three Orchard Ridge counselors—Larry Cager, Randy So Sion and Virgil Janssen.

While many of the concerned

adults present threw out thoughts at random, there was some in-depth discussion on permissiveness versus authority, the indecision that is afflicting the whole country, smoking, drinking, teen-age rebellion, values and parental pressure for success.

THE PROBLEMS of teen-age smoking and drinking came up near the end of the meeting when a tape recording of North Farmington High School students in full session on smoking marijuana and drinking by their peers was played.

The conclusion reached by the students on drinking was that it wouldn't be done by teenagers if it were legal for them to buy liquor and that they did not think there was a moral issue involved.

The students felt there was no relationship between alcohol and marijuana and that "there are not as many kids running around smoking marijuana as there are drinking booze."



HOLIDAY ORATOR—Rear Admiral John P. Sager, vice-commander of the Naval Air System Command, Washington, D.C., as he addressed the crowd during memorial services Thursday at the Veterans Monument.



THEIR SPIRIT SURVIVES—Chaplain Robert Virgil Randolph of the 18th American Legion District pays tribute to the memory of fallen World War I comrades after placing a floral tribute on the new Veterans Memorial Monument.



SAILOR HONORED—Announced as "Serviceman of the Year" at the banquet following Thursday's parade was Lester Phifer of the U.S. Navy. He is shown being congratulated by Rear Admiral John P. Sager.