

### today's hot line

President Johnson has declared Sunday a national day of mourning for the late Sen. Robert F. Kennedy.

Gov. Romney has declared a state period of mourning through Sunday. National and state flags are to be flown at half-mast.

Former Vice President Nixon's plans to visit Michigan late last week, canceled after Kennedy was shot, will be re-scheduled to late June or July. Nixon will meet with the Michigan delegation to the GOP national convention.

Kennedy's life and death, along with his two recent visits to Michigan, are recalled in a special feature on Page 4B of today's edition.

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**PLYMOUTH** — School officials fearful of light vote predicted for Monday's election in which taxpayers will decide on tax raise and an \$11 million bond issue.

**PLYMOUTH** — Only 27 persons, including the teachers and members of the school board, put in an appearance at the open forum on school issues.

**REDFORD** — Four of seven candidates for election to the South Redford school board participated in a Candidates Night Forum Wednesday evening, scant hours before it was announced that death had come to Sen. Robert Kennedy from an assassin's bullet the morning before. A return to discipline in the classroom was seen by each as a needed corrective for trends towards general disrespect for authority in the country.

**REDFORD** — A highly organized citizens group succeeded in persuading the Redford Township Planning Commission to vote 6-1 against rezoning Glenhurst golf course to allow garden-type apartment development. High rise zoning portions of the rezoning request were not considered, since the township has not yet adopted a high rise ordinance.

**LIVONIA** — Mayor Harvey W. Moelke is waiting for clarification of ruling before deciding whether to run for the single seat in the new Wayne County Board of Supervisors district. He says he'll stay on as mayor if a choice is necessary, as the state attorney general indicates. Two councilmen may seek the Democratic nomination.

**LIVONIA** — Ron Mardiros, ousted last year as branch manager for the Secretary of State, and who brought suit to force the department to operate under Civil Service as required by the Constitution, will ask the State Court of Appeals to clarify its refusal to act on the grounds that the department is moving to conform. His counsel says only five of 250 fee offices have been switched to the merit system.

### What's Inside

First impressions are important, especially the impression your house and its landscaping make. But what's good landscaping? Gardening columnist Betty Frankel analyzes four area homes — and gives you some practical ideas that you can use. Story and pictures on Page 1B.

A lower court reform bill has been passed by the Legislature. How it will affect Farmington, Redford, Livonia and Plymouth is spelled out on Page 8C.

Suburban politicians are wondering what to do about Township General Kelley's ruling that township and city officials won't be able to serve on the new, reapportioned county boards of supervisors next year. Page 8A.

A Sunday liquor bill is on its way to Gov. Romney despite suburban legislative opposition. Page 5B.

Redford Union has won the Suburban Six high school baseball title, and Farmington has won its first Oakland County track championship. Page 1C.

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### HEY KIDS...

LOOKING FOR A  
SUMMER JOB?  
CHECK TODAY!  
WANT AD SECTION  
FOR DETAILS ON  
FREE  
JOB HUNTING  
WANT ADS!



# Tax Hike Tops Election Issues

## Arrest Shotgun Violator



A 17-year-old youth carrying a loaded shotgun was arrested Wednesday at his Farmington Township residence after leading Farmington Police on a chase with speeds exceeding 65 mph.

William Silvestri, 17, of Medburn Ct., was arrested Thursday morning in Farmington Municipal Court and charged with three counts of carrying a weapon with dangerous intent, carrying a concealed weapon, and fleeing arrest.

Silvestri stood mute on all three counts and the court entered a plea of not guilty. Bond has been set at \$2,000 and an examination set for June 14.

HELLO, WORLD! — Seniors in Farmington and North Farmington High School donned caps and gowns for the first time Thursday as they held Swing-Out festivities. Here the FHS Class of '68 parades into the school to start the round of commencement week activities.



SOLEMN MOMENT — Our Lady of Sorrows seniors observed honors night Wednesday with the impressive candle and rose service between outgoing graduates and the following year's graduating class.

## Seniors Await Graduation Day

"School's out" will be the glad cry for graduates as seniors at four Farmington high schools this week.

Festivities begin this evening with baccalaureate services at 8 p.m. at Farmington and North Farmington High Schools.

Our Lady of Mercy will hold commencement exercises at 2:30 p.m. today with David E. Hershey, of Michigan State University, as guest speaker. The school held baccalaureate services last Tuesday.

Our Lady of Sorrows also will hold commencement exercises at 4:30 p.m. today. Rev. Messrs. Charles J. Malloy, of St. Fabian Church, will be the speaker. OLS held its colorful candle and rose ceremony during honors night Tuesday evening.

The big day for NFH and FHS seniors will be Thursday night when 476 and 376 seniors, respectively, are handed their checkbooks at 8 p.m. respectively.

## Courage Was A Way Of Life

Courage was more than a word to Brian Victor Hughes, but that word died June 3 at the age of 15. It was a way of life.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. John P. Hughes, 34023 Brittany Dr., Farmington, Brian was stricken with muscular dystrophy when he was three years old.

His condition grew progres-

sively worse until he was confined to a wheelchair, but that did not stop Brian.

He accepted his affliction with such grace that his teacher at Eagle Elementary School, Mrs. Dorothy Levinger, remembers him as a boy "full of happiness and good humor."

Mrs. Jennie Cannert, who worked with him at Dunckel

Junior High, where Brian was a ninth grade student, recalls that the youth lived, for the nature and "was looking forward so much to going to North Farmington High next year."

Brian was vice president of the Dunckel Student Council and a member of the school choir, yet despite the fact that his sickness impaired his breathing.

His friends in the choir thought so much of Brian that they presented him with an "inspirational trophy" at the spring concert this year.

Perhaps because of the courage with which he lived his short life, Brian was the star of a dystrophy poster boy several times. The poster picture of him was marked with a dignity that went far beyond his years.

Brian was buried June 5 in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery following services in Our Lady of Sorrows Church. Rosary was said June 4 in the Thayer Funeral Home.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by five sisters, Mrs. William Petre, of Ann Arbor, and Christine, of Dearborn, and three brothers, John P. Jr., Michael J. and Paul R., and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Prevost, of Allen Park, and Mrs. Jennie Hughes, of Detroit.



BRIAN VICTOR HUGHES

## Hepatitis Control Is Seen

An outbreak of two hepatitis cases in Farmington Township raises an immediate question: why all homeowners in the neighborhood involved do not make use of an existing sewer system to eliminate the possibility of further outbreaks.

Oakland County Health Department officials do not anticipate an epidemic but will keep a close watch until the end of June when the incubation period should end. The incubation period for hepatitis is between 15-50 days, most commonly 25 days. The second case of hepatitis occurred on May 25.

The subdivision involved is Kemerton Park, located west of Middlebelt Rd. between Grand River and Eleven Mile Rd. The neighborhood where serious problems exist with open sewage in ditches is an area between Greyfield and Astor on Colgate and Purdue streets.

The area is blighted by neglect and ditches with green water and black muck-clogged banks. The existence of raw sewage attracts swarms of flies. Discarded sewage, the ditches are cluttered with beer bottles, cans, and discarded bicycles and toys.

The Oakland County Health Department has served notices to homeowners in this area notifying them the untidy conditions in front of their homes constitute a public health problem which must be eradicated immediately by connecting to the existing sewer.

Farmington Township Clerk Floyd Cairns says that many people in the subdivision have already connected to the sewer. Those who have not are given until June 18 to do so.

COUNTY AND TOWNSHIP officials realize that the delay in connecting to the sewer is mostly for economic reasons. The area where the serious health hazards exist has a low income base and these families may feel they can't afford to tap into the sewer.

Cairns explains that the total costs involved in no way prohibitive and should not cause any unusual hardship.

The initial use charge payable to the Township is \$350. This can be financed with the Township with a \$35 down-payment and the balance added to the tax rolls over a ten-year period.

Taking into account the interest charge on the unpaid balance each year, the approximate cost to homeowner for the use charge would be \$48 a year or \$3.50 a month for ten years.

The Township must charge interest when the \$350 is financed, Cairns explained, because the Township floated a bond issue to install the sewer and is paying interest on the bond.

The other cost involved for the homeowner is to pay for a contractor to make the connection from the septic tank to the street lot line. This cost will vary from home to home depending on the setback of the septic.

## Monday Vote Also Decides Board Races

For the second time in eight months, Farmington School District property owners will vote Monday on the question of a tax increase asked by the Board of Education.

The issue on the ballot will be a request for permission to levy an additional four mills (\$4 per \$1,000 in equalized assessed valuation) for 10 years. It will be one of at least 11 school district tax increase elections in Oakland County Monday, as educators almost universally find the available funds inadequate to keep up with present-day demands.

In November, Farmington voters rejected a plan for passage of a five-year, five-mill proposal, 2,267 to 1,669.

ALTHOUGH ONLY LAND-OWNERS may cast ballots on

the tax question, two companion school matters will be open to decision by all registered voters.

In one, two seats will be filled on the Board of Education, and in the other, Farmington voters will join those from the rest of the county in naming three persons to the Board of Trustees of Oakland Community College.

Candidates for the local board are incumbents Richard H. Peters and George A. Nahstoft, plus a first-time office seeker, Gary L. Lichtman.

The OCC race is a tangle which involves 13 candidates, five of whom are from the Farmington area: Douglas J. Collins, Robert M. Colyer, Bernard S. Kahn, Mrs. Sandra G. Lundmark and Richard A. Reynolds.

IT IS THE MILLAGE ISSUE which has stirred most of what interest exists in the election, which, despite its importance, is not likely to attract more than a third of the potential voters to the ballot box.

On the basis of present property assessments, the four mills would yield \$811,000 for the 1968-69 academic year. The board says this is absolutely necessary to maintain the present educational level and has informed the public exactly what phases will be eliminated or curtailed if the issue is beaten.

In this event the budget slashes would eliminate all sports programs except varsity football and basketball, slice 44 potential teachers from next year's planning, drastically reduce the cultural program in such phases as music and art, and slap rigid limitations on the use of school buses.

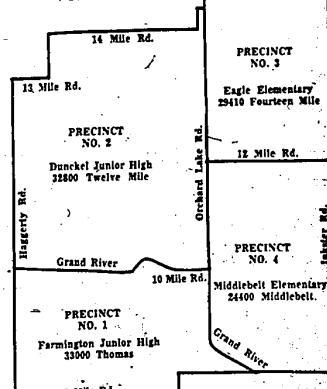
Next fall the Farmington school enrollment is expected to top the 16,000 level for the first time, up more than 800 from this year's figure. In state financial aid, however, Farmington will receive only \$254 per pupil as compared to \$288 per pupil during the year now ending.

Polls will be open Monday from 7 a.m. until 8 p.m.

Administration forces, though dedicated to support of the four-mill tax issue, did set the record straight Friday on a controversial point raised through publication of a pro-millage handbill by high school students.

The handbill asserted that both high schools will lose their accreditation with the North Central Association if the tax proposal loses. Dr. Roderick J. Smith, superintendent, said no such automatic step by the association is in sight, but that a reduction in the educational program would "jeopardize" accreditation.

### POLLING PLACES



POLLING PLACES — The above map shows locations of the four precinct polling sites in Monday's school election.

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