

Topics Draw Comments

Questions Road Support

EDITOR: We wonder what your readers think of Farmington Township support of the proposed Oakland County road tax. The board urges us to support a tax which "questionably" will be used for local road maintenance. And what about the problems of the residents who live off gravel or dirt roads?

One year ago, the residents of our subdivision asked the township and county: "Who has responsibility for drainage problems (which lead to road problems) in Farmington Township?"

The township denied responsibility for roads, stating that the county has jurisdiction. There was no direct response to our drainage problem question. However, in 1967 (according to the Observer), the township board appropriated \$40,000 to the county for road improvement.

According to a county spokesman, the chosen locations were specifically named on a work sheet by the township. How can the township have the right to spend \$40,000 from the "general fund" on road improvement and at the same time have no responsibility for roads?

The county also denied responsibility for drainage problems "other than in worst locations, amounts limited." The southern part of the township couldn't have been in much "worse location," yet there were no funds! How much mud and water, how many cases of hepatitis are necessary for adequate drainage systems?

In our opinion, all residents should receive a just share of tax benefits. The further away our tax money goes, the less

Therefore, I think a salary of \$25,000 for one judge, who is capable of handling all of the present load, is enough.

Each year, our taxes in Livonia are increasing. At the same time, the State of Michigan is taking more of our money through income taxes, higher gasoline taxes, and, next year, a raise in the license plate fees.

Every day, I see many "For Sale" signs in front of homes in Livonia caused, I am sure, by these ever increasing taxes. What has become of all the revenue (taxes) our industries were supposed to produce? CARL STONE

Praise Coverage

EDITOR: On behalf of all the track and field coaches in Observerland, we wish to thank you for the fine coverage you extended to our sport in your paper. We also commend George Maskin for his excellent job of reporting this past season.

The coverage has increased interest in track and field tremendously in all communities. It is also a major reason why performances this past season surpassed that of any other year. We hope that you will continue to give us your support in future years.

JOHN B. MACKENZIE, Head Coach Redford Union High GERALD A. YOUNG, Head Coach Farmington High

4th Parade

EDITOR: I've read your June 26 issue, specifically an article by Mr. Doug Johnson entitled "Plymouth Parade Loses Meaning." I don't propose to be a real authority on much, but kinda consider myself an authority about a lot of little things. I got the impression reading Mr. Johnson's article that he wasn't really an authority either, but was just stating his opinion. So, for what it's worth, I'd kinda like to give you mine.

The right to express an opinion in a peaceful, orderly manner is what the Fourth of July was and is all about. This is Mr. Johnson's quotation and I agree with it; however, it was and is a little more than opinions that made this country. July is a birthday celebration, an important one—and birthday parties are happy days.

And, if you're lucky enough, and have something big to celebrate you might just enjoy those old fashioned things like bands, horses, floats, fire engines,

fireworks, clowns, an air show, and yes, even a beer garden. Because we enjoy these simple things in no way indicates a lack of understanding as to why the day is important, and really what it's all about. No more so than the Christmas Tree in December, or the Turkey in November.

I'm in favor of everyone having his say, but my disagreement is the time and place—maybe I'm wrong and maybe this is the place. If so, let's open it up to the other group who supports our government's stand, and the group who opposes.

But, if we're going to open up let's do it right—let's open—open to all who would like to parade for a cause. Such as those who are pro and con on planned parenthood, open housing, decorating Kellogg Park, the often discussed C&O overpass for Main Street, policemen's salaries, etc. There are loads of good causes. You know we could kinda list all the causes we'd like to champion and have parades on all holidays and a couple of nights a week. I sure do like parades, particularly when we get the famous Plymouth High steppin' bands swinging out a brisk march tune.

Anyway, why can't we let 'em march or not—just as long as another place is provided for those with different views. And why not thank those fine folk of Plymouth who make the Fourth a grand birthday party, the Jaycees, V.F.W., American Legion, the city employees and city fathers and others too numerous to mention. And let's not forget those of us on foreign soil or at home who are really making the sacrifice now.

I'm sure we're all having a swell time just like last year and like I said as a boy there won't be a single person that forgets what the meaning of the day is, what it took to get this country, what it takes to keep it, nor to thank God that we are Americans and live in the Plymouth area, can express our own ideas, and disagree—and can march in parades—anytime.

Sincerely, DAVID C. MORRIS 41370 Crestwood Drive Plymouth, Michigan

Ask Dr. QUIZMEE

Dr. Quizmee, our information specialist, is happy to answer his readers' questions in his weekly column. All responses are verified by Funk & Wagnall's Standard Reference Encyclopedia.

The 25-volume set of Funk & Wagnall's Standard Reference Encyclopedia were won this week by Elaine Halligan who asked the doctor: "When and where did the shaking of hands originate?"

Probably in the ancient kingdom of Judah in South Palestine in the ninth century before Christ. Scripture records that a man named Jotham asked an associate to shake hands to prove that his "heart was right." The idea was that when a man shakes another's hand, he can't throw his word.

Mrs. Evelyn Arthur who would like to know: "How did the ring of the curfew originate?"

In the Middle Ages, throughout Europe, a bell was tolled or other signal given at an hour when citizens were to put out lights, cover fires and go to bed. Originally, the purpose was a precaution against fire.

Mrs. Irene George who came up with this fish story: "Is it true that there are such things as 'slimling fish'?"

Yes. In India, there's a fish that sometime travels on land by holding its body in a U-shape near its gills. It's been said to climb trees with its spine-like gill cover and by fixing its under fin in the fork of trees.

If you are the first to submit a question which appears in this column, you will receive free, the full 25-volume set of Funk & Wagnall's Standard Reference Encyclopedia. The writer of this column is the sole judge as to who is first. Mail your question to Dr. Quizmee in care of this newspaper.

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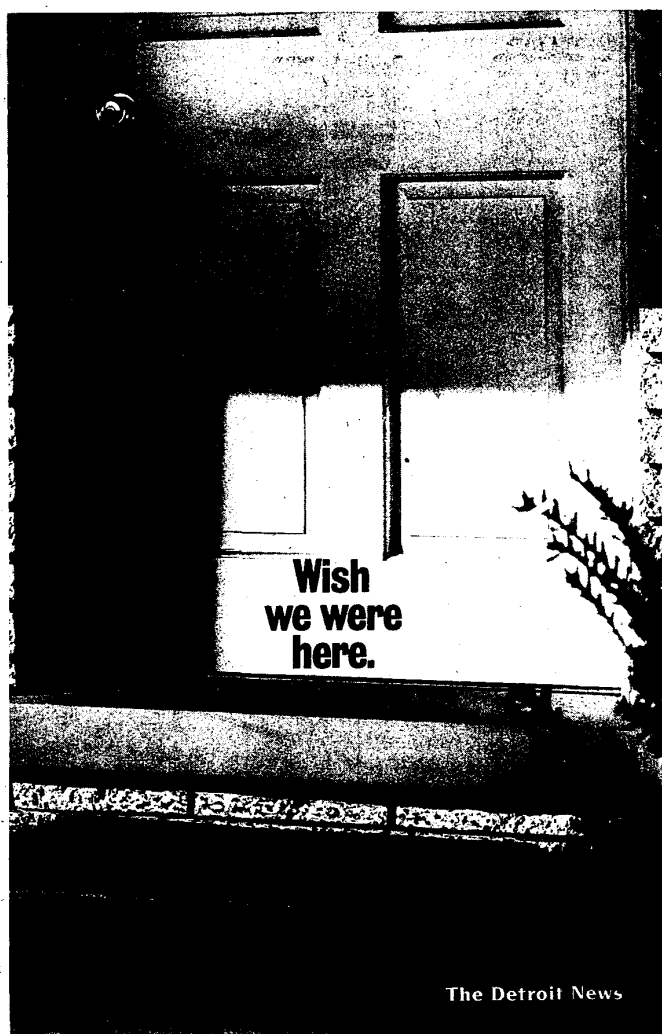
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