

Suggests New, Unique Ideas For Operating Schools

EDITOR:
After hesitating for a long time, I would like to express my views on the school tax situation. The course of action that I would advocate is quite radical. As far as I know, no one has suggested this method as yet.

Thanks--And Here's How To Locate Us

EDITOR:
Our sincere thanks for the excellent article about our "Old MacDonald's Farm." We were delighted with the well-written story and the "shary" photographs.

As a result of your article, a grand, persevering couple and their two children from Redford Township spent two hours searching for our farm. They finally found us. We'd like to eliminate some of the confusion for your other readers by giving a few specifics.

We're located south west of Howell just north of Cook Lake Rd. at 3210 Dutchess Rd. Our farm is open noon to 5 p.m. every day except holidays. (Weekdays please let us know you're coming.) We look forward to welcoming Observers and visitors.

OLD MACDONALD'S FARM
BOB AND SALLY WITT

Morrison Family Thinks Coverage Was Great

EDITOR:
I would like to take this opportunity to thank you and your very capable staff for the excellent coverage given to the sports activities of our area schools, and especially to my son, John.

It is very refreshing in a society such as ours, when a newspaper devotes so much space to telling about something good that a teenager has done, when others exploit the activities of a few who are bad apples.

I have spent an awful lot of time with teenagers during the past five years, and I think they're really great people. I want you to know that every article, written about John, has been clipped and every picture saved in a scrapbook. These will mean so much to John and to the rest of the family in the years to come.

I want to say a special thank you to your sports photographers, whom I think have done an excellent job of catching the action at just the right moment. Thank you again and keep up the high standards of publication for which you are noted.

MRS. JOHN MORRISON SR.

READERS' FORUM

Letters must be limited to 300 words. Letters must be signed, with the writer's address. Names will be withheld only at the writer's request and for good cause. Please type or write plainly. The editor reserves the right to reject unsuitable letters.

accolades with great pride. Keep up the fine work.

JOHN B. MACKENZIE
REDFORD UNION HIGH SCHOOL

"A Square Deal For Every Child."
Yes, the citizen, has made this possible.

HAROLD QUINN
LULU SCHAUFETER
Post and Unit Chairman,
Farmington.

Expresses Thanks For Vote Support

EDITOR:
I wish to take this opportunity to thank the voters of Garden City and other Schoolcraft College district communities for their support during the recent election.

I am particularly grateful to those citizens who gave so unselfishly of themselves and their resources in my behalf during the campaign.

It is my sincere hope that I will continue to warrant their confidence in spite of our disappointment.

WALTER R. NEVILL
Garden City

Nankin District No Free Loader

EDITOR:
I have never written a letter

to the editor, but, now I must answer to you in defense of a letter by Mrs. Louis Steinhauer of Livonia.

Madam, Nankin Mills guilty of free-loading? As of June 30, 1969, Nankin Mills dies a very valid death. In 15 years of existence, Nankin Mills has never been guilty of free-loading!

As you are aware since you have lived in Livonia these many years, Nankin Mills was the smallest school district and the highest tax in the State of Michigan. You know that these so-called "free-loaders" have never failed a millage? What about you to dear old Livonia, if you noticed in your April millage it was Livonia who failed to pass it, but the free-loaders of Westland were willing to share the expense of their children's education...they voted Yes.

Do you also know that the free-loading Nankin Mills students who attended your high schools paid an enormous amount of tuition fees, used their own school buses, plus your school system received state aid for this.

What makes you think Nankin Mills is hard over this split? We have been torn apart. We worked hard for this school district, as residents, as volunteers and most of all as parents concerned for the education of their children. I am proud of this district. I feel I can criticize it, I lived it, worked for it and you, an outsider, know nothing about it!

Don't tell me about taxes and don't use "the American way of life" as an excuse, as a naturalized citizen of this country, I am glad to live here pay taxes and complain but I won't knock this country.

How about you taking pride in this country and giving credit where credit is due? Where else can you write a letter to the editor, sign your name and not be afraid of someone coming and pulling you out of your house?

I love this "American way of life" apparently you don't. MRS. LEONARD ZELDMAN
NANKIN MILLS

Administration, Faculty Say 'Thanks'

EDITOR:
The entire administration and faculty of Madonna College join me in congratulating you on the first place award won by Observer Newspapers in the 24th annual Editor and Publisher Newspaper Promotion Contest. This award, in addition to the honors you have already received, further proves the excellence of your newspaper and of your efforts in maintaining the quality of your publications.

We, at Madonna, are pleased to be a part of the community you serve. May you find continued success in the future. SISTER MARY DANATHA, CSF PRESIDENT

Former Teachers Laud Special Ed Program

EDITOR:
At a time when many boards of education are under attack, we wish to compliment the Board for providing an outstanding program of Special Education for students in the District.

As graduates of and former teachers in the system, my wife and I have long had high regard for the Farmington Pub-

lic Schools. Although we are educators, we were unaware of the wide range of special facilities and personnel that must be provided by a large district to meet the needs of a diverse student population.

Our contact with the Special Education department began when we discovered that our son, Tim, had a hearing loss. Fortunately for Tim and for other area children with similar handicaps, the District operates an outstanding pre-school deaf program.

Before the age of three, Tim was enrolled and is now completing his first year in the half-day program at Forest Elementary. We think that his progress has been phenomenal.

These fine results might be attributed to the teachers who have worked so well with Tim: Miss Judy Jones, Miss Sarah Clock, and Mrs. Nancy DuBois. These results prove to us that these teachers exhibit the qualities most needed for effective teaching: concern for children, enthusiasm, the requisite expertise, and energy sufficient to their daily tasks.

We know that many handicapped children around the State do not have access to a quality program of this type and we are thankful that our son has this fine opportunity.

The Board is to be complimented for providing this outstanding program and we hope that you will extend our appreciation to personnel in Special Education.

MR. AND MRS. DONALD D. NICHOLS
33002 MAPLENUY FARMINGTON
(The above letter was sent to John Washburn, Farmington Board of Education, and a copy to The Observer for publication.)

Charges Foul Ball In Stadium Pitch

EDITOR:
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ERIC MILTON
Livonia

Livonia Chorus Still Entertaining

EDITOR:
In a recent issue of The Observer, you stated that the Suburban Chorus was previously known as the Livonia Civic Chorus. The Suburban Chorus was previously known as the Livonia Women's Chorus. The Livonia Civic Chorus is very much with us and is currently entertaining around the community at Woodland, Plymouth State Home and Westland.

JOYCEANN BRAISTED
LIVONIA CIVIC CHORUS

Congratulations

EDITOR:
I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Mr. LaRue and Dr. Geake on their election to the Schoolcraft Board.

I would also like to thank the people who, believing in my views, cast their ballots in a losing cause and, above all, to the loyal "little people" who campaigned for me...may I say muchas gracias!
LESTER A. WALDMAN

Nominates Observer For 'Gold Bell'

EDITOR:
I wish to congratulate you and your staff for another wonderful job in covering spring sports (especially track and field) in Observerland. Your articles and pictures stimulated great interest this year among our athletes, faculty, and community. One section of our bulletin board is used exclusively for Observer articles.

George Maskin is to be especially commended for his fine reporting. His work shows that he has great interest in area athletes. His feature on John Morrison was excellent. (The picture of John hurdling is one of the best action photos I have ever seen -- it will be put on display in our school showcase). And I would personally like to thank R. T. Thompson for his May 28 editorial. We accept the

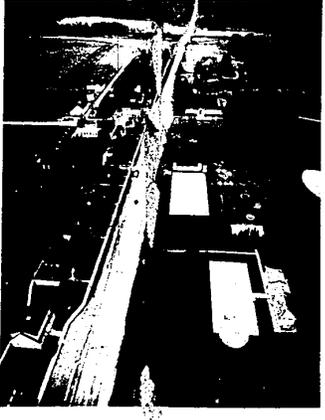
Thanks For Help

EDITOR:
The American Legion Post and Auxiliary #346, Farmington, would like to say "Thank You" to the citizens of the community for their fine response to our Poppy Day Sales.

Through your generous contributions we can continue our rehabilitation and child welfare programs for disabled veterans of World War I and II, the Korean War and the Vietnam Hostilities who are hospitalized and to assist many other veterans to regain a place in civil life.

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Is It Necessary To Change Books?

EDITOR:
Now that we have a few new members on our school board, we would hope that some thought could be given to the school textbook situation.

Each year we go through this expensive and extremely inconvenient process of purchasing our own children's textbooks. It would seem that millage or state help could be used to eliminate this expense for parents.

Having waited in long lines year after year to get books, I find, each year more and more books are discontinued so that new ones must be purchased, refunds for books turned in are pitifully small, badly used and marked old books becoming more and more costly; and the treatment by school officials is becoming increasingly discourteous and uncooperative.

It amazes us that the people of Farmington will blindly accept this state of affairs year after year. Don't they know that all around us school districts provide class textbooks for their students (although if you ask you will hear details of this). One would assume that the parents here are so affluent that expenditures of \$20 to \$50 each year (depending on the number of children they have) in addition to large tax bills is taken as a matter of course.

Perhaps a rental system could be investigated -- where the only expense would be for damaged or lost books. Or perhaps paperbacks could be used. Do we need those lovely expensive hard-covers?

As they so nicely worded on the paper sent home about next year's books -- "As a courtesy to parents --" (which is but is sadly lacking) let's give this some serious thought. Paying top prices for messy books that are discontinued each year (which brings absolutely no refund at all) is a practice we'd like to eliminate.

We commend the school's practice of using the latest material, but perhaps if their money was used they would be more conservative.

We passed millage for pools, why not one for textbooks?

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