

# Taxpayer Protests... Gets Hiked... Gives Up

## EDITOR:

A recent newspaper article stated the homeowner shows an apathetic attitude toward rising assessments and property taxes. It is not apathy. He knows what will happen if the questions the "great ones" (assessors).

I know from bitter experience, I felt I had two very legitimate reasons for appealing my 1970 assessed value of my house.

The first reason was the 20% increase in the assessed value. I went to Farmington Township and talked with John Marquardt. I asked him to come to my home and then compare it with the other houses in the subdivision which were like mine, but which had received \$2,000 to \$3,000 less assessed value. I completely wanted him to tell me why my house was worth so much more than the others like it.

I received my "discipline" yesterday for having questioned the tax assessor in the letter arrived one day after the deadline, March 2, for filing a complaint.

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## 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.

My corrected assessed value was \$500 more than the first 1970 assessed value. Next year when my assessed value goes up 25% or more, I shall meekly fold my hands, shrug my shoulders, shake my head and realize I am completely at the mercy of the "great ones" in the assessor's office.

**MRS. W. L. CRAWFORD**  
28441 Brandwinde Rd.  
Farmington

## Jeanene Takes Blame

The article "Draft Chiefs Laugh Off Coalition's Harassment" in your weekend edition of February 28-March 1 was incorrect in saying that the nationwide action plans out of New Moabe and Vietnam Moratorium for anti-draft week were "being promoted" or "urged" by the New Coalition of Livonia.

No such plans are being planned, promoted or urged by the NCL, nor will any protests directed against the draft

**J. JEANEANE HAVSTAD**  
Editor of Coalition Commentary  
New Coalition of Livonia

## Diabetics Get Help

I read with much interest the letter to the editor from Kirk Downing in Livonia in the Feb. 18 issue of the Observer. Mr. Downing's point is well-taken, but I have some good news for him.

As president of Vernors Inc., I am proud to say that Vernors has a new product on the market which is designed to answer the needs of dieters and diabetics like Mr. Downing. It is New Vernors 1-Calorie gingerale, containing neither cyclamates nor sugar.

Because of the recent ban on cyclamates in soft drinks, most manufacturers found it necessary to use the artificial sweetener saccharin in their diet products. However, because saccharin has a rather bitter after-taste, they were forced to add sugar as well. Because of its special formula, Vernors 1-Calorie did not re-

quire sugar to offset the taste of saccharin.

We hope Mr. Downing and the thousands of other diabetics in the United States will try 1-Cal. We think it is a truly unique soft drink, and we are pleased that we have been able to "give the diabetics another chance," as Mr. Downing put it.

**WALTER J. VOSS**  
President

## Parents Help The Yearbook

Garden City is a community that never stops supporting its schools! Another example of this is the parent patron donations.

In Garden City the yearbook staffs raise all of their money for printing costs. Expenses of the West High "Heritage" this year will be over \$1,500. Above the revenue from yearbook sales.

The advertising manager offered parents a chance to help by contributing any amount and being listed in the yearbook as parent patrons. Response to this offer was heart-warming. Already over 75 parents have donated from \$1-\$5.

It's these little extras that make kids remember how much faith their parents put in their schools. I can't help but think this kind of thing also enhances the student's yearbook staff is thankful for this vote of confidence.

**MRS. JILL CHRISTENSEN**  
Heritage advisor  
G.C. West High

## Eye Care Awards Given

Detroit Optometric Centers will give eye examinations and new glasses to 30 youngsters in the tri-county area, says Dr. Donald L. Golden, founder and director.

Parents may obtain information and application blanks for the vision care awards by calling 352-6880. Teachers or religious or social groups may obtain information and applications for their group by calling 352-6881.

## Dueser Leaves Livonia

Command of the 70th Division (Training) of the 5th U.S. Army Headquarters, with headquarters in Livonia, is changing hands.

New commanding general is Maj. General John L. Boros, who will come from Cleveland to direct operations of the division's 3,000 officers and enlisted men in 94 units in Michigan and Indiana.

Boros will succeed Maj. General Carl J. Dueser, who has been promoted to commanding general of the 86th U.S. Army Reserve Command in Chicago.

In civilian life Boros is manager of supply planning and budget coordination for Standard Oil Co. of Ohio. He has served as an Army officer since World War II. He lives with his wife and three children in Cleveland.

Maj. Gen. Dueser has commanded the division in Livonia for 43 months. In civilian life he heads a Chicago advertising agency.

## Area Students Get U-M Degrees

Russell M. Vente of 7884 Merriman, Westland, graduated from the University of Michigan, Dearborn Campus, with an "Honors of Distinction" citation during commencement ceremonies Feb. 15.

This was one of 17 such citations presented.

## 9 Make Northern's Dean's List

Nine Observerland students won places on the dean's list at Northern Michigan University at Marquette for high scholarship in the school's fall semester.

The nine were among 786 who attained a grade average of 3.25 out of a perfect 4.0 in all their semester courses.

Those on the list included: Redford Township - Warren C. Ellis of 20021 Denby, Farmington - Jennett P. Layne of 3170 Lamar, Linda L. Lueker of 2626 Pillsbury and Alice E. Leib of 3187 Lamar.

Garden City - Robert H. Keller of 3146 Alvin and Mary Alice Methner of 29178 Barton.

Livonia - Laura M. Gauthier of 9611 Melrose, Karen L. Spoler of 28076 Elmira and Thomas Fitzgibbon of 2746 Ashby.

Plymouth - Douglas H. Fritz of 4660 John Alden.

## Esch Ex. Aide Gets State Post

A former administrative assistant to 2nd District Congressman Marvin Esch (R-Ann Arbor) has been appointed to chairmanship of the Michigan Committee for the 1970 White House Conference on Children and Youth.

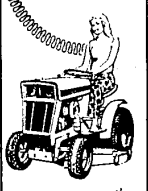
Steven F. Stockmeyer, 29, presently communications director of New Detroit, Inc., was appointed last week by Michigan Gov. William Milliken.



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**GARDEN CITY:** Douglas J. Peters, 5659 Helmi; Richard M. Johnson, 7824 Cardwell; and Alan L. Smith, 29204 Alvin.

**LIVONIA:** Michael D. Belonga, 31345 Morlack; Thomas G. Gorton, 14176 Ellen Drive; Vivian D. Powless, 29856 Linda; and Rita K. Steven, 32827 Myrna Court.

**WESTLAND:** Stephen M. Conway, 30384 West Warren; Mary Ann Geil, 32737 Comanche; and Michael E. Kilpinen, 6747 Wayne Road.

**FOUR TOOK** master's degrees in mechanical engineering - Smith, Gorton, Guertin and Kilpinen.

Three took bachelor's degrees in administration - Belonga, Conway and Miss Geil.

Peters received a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering.

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