



PLAY BALL — Farmington area boys are busy each week now playing ball as the organized Little League divisions are in full swing. Players, of course, are assigned to teams so the traditional dividing of players shown above is only ceremonial. Members of the North Farmington Major League are (from left): Richard

Burrell, Carl Kuzman, Bob Tompson, and Craig Kikka. Committees of adults keep league activities well organized and the fact the boys aren't used to dividing players by tossing the bat being held. It's upside down. (Evert photo)

## FARC Serves 700 Youngsters

CLOSE TO 700 youngsters have registered thus far for summer recreation programs directed by the Farmington Area Recreation Commission (FARC) and enrollment is expected to reach 1,500 during the course of the six-week program.

Evans Bageris, FARC director, says the two trips to the Detroit Zoo recently from the north and south playground sites averaged 224 youngsters.

A FIELD DAY is scheduled for Friday, July 16, at Farmington City Park.

Children will compete in

planned competitive sports on both an individual and team basis for prizes donated by local merchants. Children must be registered and arrive with the group by bus in order to be eligible for the prizes.

Registration forms are still available at the following Farmington elementary school sites: Bond, Fairview, Middle Belt, Cloverdale, William Grace, Shiawassee, Gill Road, and Ten Mile. Buses will load from 9:15 a.m. and arrive back at the playground site at 3 p.m.

There will be no program activities for the south section on Friday, July 23. A visit with

the Detroit Tigers is planned instead the following day, Saturday, July 24. Cost of admission is 25 cents and buses will be loaded on a first come, first serve basis.

Buses will load from 10:30-11 a.m. and return 1 1/4 hours after completion of the game. The bringing of a large size lunch is suggested minus pop.

IDENTICAL arrangements are planned for the northern playground sites the following week. Children from these playgrounds will see the Tigers in action on Saturday, July 31.

Parents are reminded that the recreation program is set

up to handle only those youngsters between the ages of 5-15 years of age.

A trip to Bob-Lo Island is planned for both groups combined on Friday, Aug. 6. The cost of the boatride is 90 cents for youngsters 12 years and under and \$1.75 for those older than 12. This fee does not cover the cost of entertainment on the island.

Arrangements have been made to purchase discount amusement ride tickets. A booklet worth \$3.80 can be purchased for \$5 for those interested. Buses will load from 9:30 a.m. and arrive back around 7:30 p.m.

## Says Harrison Being Misused

EDITOR:

I am a teacher at Harrison High School and take great exception to Harrison being used as a political tool. However, I become livid when Harrison is not only used as a political tool but is used dishonestly as such.

The case in point is the campaign literature of Mrs. Elizabeth Brennan. I can certainly sympathize somewhat with her monetary viewpoint. I can also understand, in part, her objection to sex education being taught in the schools. However, I cannot understand why Mrs. Brennan felt it necessary to indulge in mistruths to win the campaign.

In a paper distributed to Farmington residents, Mrs. Brennan states that the board of education paid \$24,000 for uniforms for Harrison's Band. This is a lie. When the board turned down Harrison's request for uniforms, Paul Barber, parents, students, administrators, and teachers all worked together to put on a sports and variety show, which eventually netted over \$8,000.

Where Mrs. Brennan came up with this \$24,000 figure seems to be a mystery to me. She who worked on the project as well as the school board. When I called Aldo Vagnozzi to see if there was any validity in Mrs. Brennan's phenomenal figure,

he stated that this figure was never discussed.

Mrs. Brennan talks about economy but one wonders if her tenure on the board will promote false economy. How much does the board pay each year for vandalism, which is the result of little more than students' boredom. How about the drug problem? How much of this is related to boredom?

Is she interested in crushing the band and other activities, thus leaving the students, who are now interested in school activities, bored like so many of the students are today?

What price does Mrs. Brennan place on initiative, cooperation and culture? The point I am trying to make is, why did Mrs. Brennan choose to lie about this matter, thus exploiting the efforts of many hardworking individuals?

However, the thing that I resent the most is the implication of Mrs. Brennan's victory. One of Mrs. Brennan's chief qualifications seemed to be that she was a former member of the Our Lady of Sorrows board. I am an alumnus of OLS and am a practicing Catholic. I am bitter and humiliated that my alma mater and my religion were associated with exploitation of this kind.

CARLA BARRETT  
Chairman  
English Department,  
Harrison High School

## Earth Alive Group Is Praiseworthy—Love

EDITOR:

A few Farmington area citizens who are deeply concerned about ecology have set up a glass collection center in the eastern parking lot of OCC Orchard Ridge Camp. These people, members of the Earth Alive committee, have taken on a monumental task. And because they have done so, they've made a job of fighting pollution a little easier for the rest of us.

For all the work they willingly do, they have asked us to follow only a few simple rules. Aside from sorting glass containers into colors and removing metal rings, they have asked: (1) not to deposit cans and (2) not to leave newspapers at the OCC collection area. They are in no way equipped to handle the collection of newspaper and cans. They have posted signs at the area telling this and also indicating the nearby locations that do collect these items.

And yet, week after week, people continue to drop off newspapers, cans, and even other assorted items of trash. Apparently many of the good

folks who use this collection center cannot read or choose to ignore these rules. There is a "let someone else worry about it" attitude, an attitude that is one of the main barriers we face in trying to fight pollution and protect our environment. They create a backbreaking and undesired job that a few involved people must undertake in order to undo the carelessness or thoughtlessness of others.

Let's thank the people who care enough about the ecology of our earth to save cans, bottles, newspapers, and other recyclable materials. But let's hope that they will take them to the proper places for collection and respect the rules laid down by those collection centers.

Most of all, let's thank those people who are willing to organize and collect goods for recycling. To them, ecology is not a sometime thing; it is a way of life. Let us use their services gratefully, but please, don't let us misuse them ... or we may lose them entirely.

Mrs. James R. Love  
Farmington

EDITOR:

I wish to comment on that annual happening that marks Farmington not only as a cosmopolitan-like center for the exchange of ideas but as a fount of timeless rationality.

If a few of my suggestions are "taken to heart," maybe the next Memorial Day Parade can be more entertaining, meaningful and sensitive.

First, let us not march but once a year, perhaps semi-annually would be more appropriate. Second, I noticed some of the children in attendance weren't waving flags. This is not meant to imply innocence or guilt, right or wrong. Far be it for us to judge our neighbors. But, in the future, maybe we should put flagless children in detention homes for protective custody, excepting, of course, those chubby, little misfits whose parents gross over \$14,000 a year.

Third, though it was inspiring to have Air Force jets fly by and initiate the activities, something was lacking. I believe that something is napalm. Had

napalm been dropped on Grand River Ave., every drop of patriotic blood would have curdled in the then more than symbolic participants, relieving and redying our military prowess of these recent years past.

Finally, let us pay tribute to Major General Lester Miller, guest speaker at the memorial service. His command of the language was overshadowed only by the substance of his Pericles-like oration. Referring to the Vietnam problem, he spoke firmly: "War is grand, except when all the people don't support the government."

Oh, such grandeur! The soldiers and guns, the armaments, the men dressed like American Indians, warpaint, feathers, funny sounds and grunts. The laced-up women and so many flowers. The disease and rotting flesh and wandering limbleless children and more flowers and more medals and ribbons and parades and forever peace promises mumbled.

MICHAEL J. KILEY  
Farmington

## Comments On Parade Given Tongue-In-Cheek

EDITOR:

Some questions in regard to the June 14 Farmington schools election:

There seems to be a major problem of awareness among the voters regarding the shift in precinct boundary lines, precinct numbers, and voting locations for a school election. Why wasn't this information publicized?

It should be in the newspaper; it wasn't. It should be written on the registration card at the time it's issued; it isn't. The very least that could be done is to post, prominently, the school election precinct numbers and voting locations for each school election.

Please explain the function of the man who sits and writes, in hand, the name and voter number of each person. What is that for? Surely it could be speeded up

in some way; use a typewriter, pass the book down the line of people waiting to vote and have them sign it; something!

There was a one and one-half to two hour wait most of election day at Dunkle and this one step in the voting process was the major bottleneck. During the time I observed activities in the voting room the booths were only in use 50 per cent of the time because people were waiting to have their names written down.

When are the precinct boundaries for school elections due for review and who performs this function? Probably because of recent rapid population growth, the precincts appear at this time to be grossly inequitable.

MRS. GEORGE WHITE  
Farmington

## School Voting Precincts Should Be Increased

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We also have old trees and one is 123 inches in circumference. We also have a row of old lilacs the length of our acre plus old moss roses and shrub roses.

We moved here and made this our home, hoping it would be for the rest of our life. The

Younger persons should be concerned because in just no time at all they "become" senior citizens, on "social security" and can't keep their homes because of zoning and taxes.

DOROTHY NICHOLSON  
Farmington

## Reader Wants Her Tree Saved

EDITOR:

I am happy to read that Richard Kinkman has saved an old tree. He is lucky to have neighbors who formed a united group and cared enough to stand with him.

I live on Farmington Road in Farmington Township. Each of us has a dream. Ours was to own an old house. We found the house. It was first owned by Ethan Lapham who acquired his land grant in 1827. He was one of five Quakers who came with the Powers to settle in Farmington.

zoning was residential and our assessment was \$5,400. Then the township rezoned three houses and a vacant lot to office and now our assessment is \$18,000.

With such unjust taxation, we cannot live here when we retire in a couple of years. We will be forced to sell because of callous zoning! One would think the township would want to retain some old landmarks. The end result will be the axe to old trees and the bulldozer leveling all into a concrete jungle.

Contrary to Daniels reporting, I have never said or even indicated that I would favor the expenditure of \$20,000 for this first acquisition. I still don't know if I will support the expenditure or not.

If Daniels ever really wanted to know my position on the development of parks in the community, he could have merely asked me. Obviously the straight answers he would have gotten wouldn't suit his purposes. If he had, however, I would have told him that:

1. I do not favor the development of large, costly parks which would attract troublemakers like flies, and cost us additional thousands of dollars to police.

2. I believe that the large county, state, and Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority parks within easy driving distance, serve our large park needs quite adequately.

3. I favor the development of neighborhood parks where they are needed and wanted. I believe these could be developed with mostly state and federal funds and using school sites and surrounding areas whenever feasible.

4. Because our citizens have turned down millage for recreation in the past, I favor another such election before we commit ourselves to that

extensive a program—although I would actively urge our citizens to approve such a millage, if it was for needed neighborhood park and recreational purposes.

5. I view expenditures of unmarked public funds on the basis of priorities. To determine what we need most we must listen to the voices of all our citizens, and not just those who are the most militant in clamoring for their pet projects.

When it comes to expending monies voted for a particular purpose, I will follow the expressed mandate of the taxpayer and never use the subterfuge tactic of diverting funds previously expended from other non-earmarked sources merely because it would be legally permissible to do so.

Hopefully, the day will come when Daniels will come out of his den, quit advertising about his cat, see the facts, and write about them truthfully with an objective mind.

EARL C. OPPERTHAUSER  
Farmington Township Trustee

## Does Township Need Parks?

Reader Writes

  
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