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## In Our Opinion . . .

### Was A Last Minute Decision Necessary?

Why was it necessary for the Farmington Township Board to wait until Monday, November 2, for a decision on what pay increases, if any, should be granted to elected officials of the township?

This is a question that we would like to ask members of our township board and feel reasonably certain that a number of township citizens would be interested in getting an answer to this question also.

It is our feeling that the matter could have been discussed and a decision made on what pay increases if any were to be granted for the specific offices after the primary election but well enough in advance of the general election so that citizens would have been able to be informed by the press of the salary increase action taken prior to election day.

Since the salary increases called for would be effective regardless of who was chosen, we don't see that such action taken parties could have made much of a campaign issue by those opposing the incumbents.

We are not nearly as clear as we probably should be on all provisions of the new state constitution but we don't think that it states that a decision on pay increases must wait until just hours before election day or even just a week or two prior to voting day.

It would be our assumption that it requires that decisions on salaries be made close enough to the end of the terms of officials or incumbents so as to allow newly elected officials to be granted increases in big pay raises immediately after they get elected into offices. Allowing officials to give themselves big raises right after being elected leaves voters no recourse except to wait two or four years until the next election to

### Make It A Real Community Celebration

Next week we will be herding back to the Farmington community a local young man by the name of Rex Cawley who has gone on to obtain international acclaim and fame in the field of sports. He should be justly proud of his accomplishment, as we are sure he is. We too, as citizens of the community in which he was raised during his most formative years, should be proud of the distinction he has brought to our community.

Farmington citizens should not only be proud but show it by giving Rex a roaring welcome home.

We will be deeply disappointed if we don't see all 600 seats at the Farmington High School for a banquet in his honor filled on Thursday evening, November 22. If you haven't obtained quiet tickets get them right away. Many business places have them on sale including The Farmington Enterprise.

Again on Saturday, November 14, there is a special program planned for Cawley including a parade in the City of Farmington concluded with a program in front of the city hall. From there a caravan will proceed up Farmington Road to North Farmington High

### Looking Back in the Files

**5 Years Ago**  
NOVEMBER 5, 1959  
Landmark Goes  
This week marks the final phase of demolition on the old Owen House in downtown Farmington. The approximately 80-year-old building, used for many years for apartments, will make way for more badly needed parking in the downtown business community.

**10 Years Ago**  
NOVEMBER 4, 1954  
Torch Drive  
The 1954 United Foundation Torch Drive campaign in Farmington received over \$12,000 in contributions so far, according to Farmington Area Chairman Omar Sanderson. The figure has not been final but is more than \$2,000 higher than the total collected in the 1953 campaign and sets a new record for the community.

**15 Years Ago**  
NOVEMBER 3, 1949  
Thubaidis Win  
The Farmington High School track team captured first place in the Inter-Lakes Conference. The victory was held last Tuesday afternoon at Walled Lake. Jim Yull placed third to lead the Farmington runners.

**FHS Eleven Wins**  
The Farmington High School football team came from behind to post an impressive, 18-5, victory over league rival Holy, in gridiron action last Friday night under the lights on the "losers' field." Bruce Yanke scored the first Farmington touchdown and halfback Jerry Pann tallied the other two 30-0 points.

**City Hall Work**  
The Farmington City Commission this week awarded the contract for the re-modeling work planned in the City Hall. The \$4,000 re-modeling will take the office areas of the Police Department and Clerk's Office and will be completed by the Dept. moved to the east side of the building and the City offices located on the west side.

**End Season**  
The Farmington High School football team suffered a 24-0 setback at the hands of L'Annona Bentley in the final game of the season for the Falcons. The Farmington gridiron were unseasoned to five wins last year against two defeats.



THE FARMINGTON Volunteers League of Women Voters had provincial last Saturday as a special booth set up in the Downtown Farmington Shopping Center to pass out literature to prospective voters. The women above (L to R): Mrs. Frank LeBlanc, Mrs. Howard Perry, Mrs. Walter Overhardt and Mrs. John Lyons offered information on the candidates and the issues in the November 3 General Election as part of the public service provided by the non-partisan League of Women Voters organization.

## This Is Kimberley

By Judy Burns  
A very pleasant Halloween for the subdivision, with little damage reported other than a vast expanse of soaped windows. One unfortunate accident occurred when Tom Tobey, 12, was barred by a brown, hard cracker that clung to the material of his costume; and on the whole our young people are in good luck.

The running of a governmental operation is a very different than operating any type of business, in our opinion. It requires the best possible men and women we can get to administer, manage and set policies in our governmental operations. To get this kind of people to accept a political office is to pay them accordingly on the basis of additional work loads and the amount of responsibility the job entails.

The same as in just about any other type of business operation, the amount of pay must be somewhat comparable with what other communities are paying for officials for the same amount of work and responsibility.

Our hope is that the township board will see fit to announce publicly its reasons for waiting until the last minute to make their decision on salaries for top administrators. Citizens and taxpayers have a right to know.

**BOB AND SONDRAL BAUM** of Greythorne hosted 14 little ones on Friday night for an impromptu Halloween party at 1705 Roswell street from 7 to 11. The children played a variety of games and consumed an equally large assortment of refreshments.

John and Allen Bosworth, also of Greythorne, transformed their basement into a den of Halloween horrors and invited a large contingent of little people to a Devil's Night costume party. A highlight of the evening was Joan's telling of ghost stories to her rapt young guests.

At the Piech house on Barwell six young ladies were the guests of Sue Piech, 10, for a costume slumber party. The girls who attended were: Nancy Vash, Lee Clark, Nancy Vagnozzi, Melnie Morris, Laura Eckel, and Patti Williams.

No adult Halloween parties in the subdivision reported, although many Kimberley couples attended costume parties hosted elsewhere. The blue ribbon winner in the costume department must surely go to Bud Reaume of Kiltaran, who attended a party dressed as a Playboy Bunny Girl—bottom tail and all.

**SPEAKING OF COTTON TAIL**, Kay Petris of Pipers Lane Key is our new Association social chairman. Kay is already hard at work planning a Christmas dance for the subdivision, slated for December 12 at Meadowbrook Country Club. Any of you who would enjoy working on decorations or selling tickets can lend a hand by calling Kay, 476-1696.

The welcome mat is aired this week for Margot and Don Stuchlik of Alhambra, who her long-sale Pipers Lane house formerly owned by the Stahls. Don and Margot are natively many more weeks of hospital

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## News From Briar Hill

**JAN PATTERSON** 626-6283 had been vacationing in Gatlinburg, Tennessee, came home on Halloween to see their little granddaughter, Linda, 2, go trick or treating for the first time. Linda was dressed as the Blue Fairy.

There was quite a bit of excitement at Fran and Jack Hall's last week when Fran came home from shopping, she found the house filled with a dense smoke. She called the fire department, who found that the furnace had badly overheated. One wall upstairs was damaged and the furnace had to be replaced. They are thankful that it was nothing worse than that.

"Zeke" and Fran Copp, along with their sons, "Hubb" and Mark, went to Chicago on the weekend of October 17-18. While there, they visited the Argonne Laboratories which is connected with the University of Chicago. They also went to the "Gastine" Memorial Wheaton, Illinois. The Coppes dropped in on former neighbors, the Espys, who live on the outskirts of Glen Ellyn, Illinois.

Barb and Art Acker and Norm and Sue Fleming went to the Fisher Theater to see "The Merry Widow" starring the popular age Joan Weldon took Patricia Munsell's place. The Flemings came to Acker's for a late supper following the theater.

Charles and Elaine Gunderson welcomed the arrival of David Charles on Sunday, October 25. Dave weighed in at nine pounds, 4 ounces and is 22 inches was one of the longest babies in Women's Hospital. Karl, 2, and Kristin, 4, were happy to see their new brother.

CAROL and JIM Holcomb drove up to the Michigan State Homecoming Game on October 24 with Fran and "Zeke" Copp. After the game, the Holcombs went to the Psi Upsilon house for dinner. This was followed by a party at the Town House.

Janice and Bruce Patterson of Old Bedford were members of the wedding of their cousin Sherry Patterson. Janice was the flower girl and Bruce was the candle lighter. Sherry was married to Edward on October 18 at the Christ Lutheran Church in Redford Township on Saturday, October 17. After a honeymoon through the East, the young couple will live in Stuttgart, Germany, where Ed will be stationed with the army.

Jan Stephan had a birthday on October 28. On Friday evening, Joan and her 22 friends went to the Top-of-the-Flame for dinner. On Saturday he went threw a party for her.

**SEVERAL GIRLS** from Briar Hill, including Janice Patterson, Debby Scott, Deanne Rice, and Carey MacArthur, were invested into the Brownies on October 22 at Alameda.

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