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In Our Opinion...

A Problem for All Citizens to Help With

How much are we going to be willing to pay in the future to have good police and fire protection in our community and to keep a high caliber of teachers instructing our children in the local school district?

Each and every one of us as local citizens and taxpayers in Farmington should be considering this question very seriously.

Local school district taxpayers are to be commended for repeatedly approving operating millage tax increases in the past and township taxpayers for their recent action in approving increased millage for improved fire and police protection. But, despite this fact, our pay schedules for policemen, teachers and others are not staying up with those of many neighboring communities.

Farmington is losing good teachers to other communities and we are also finding it more difficult to attract top-notch new police personnel when additions to our forces are necessary.

Take a look at the pay scale for teachers in "industrially rich" Livonia, our neighbors to the south, and another industrially rich community a little further away—Dearborn. We are losing a lot of good teachers and governmental employees, including police candidates, to these and other communities like them with exceptionally good tax bases.

There are no overnight solutions to this problem. The long range solution, as the Farmington Enterprise has stated so many times editorially in the past, is to improve our community's tax base. Some very definite positive steps to do this have been taken in our com-

munity in recent years but we still have a long way to go.

Each and every citizen of the community can play a part in continuing to improve the local tax base. Here are four simple suggestions for every individual citizen and property owner as to how:

1. Shop locally first whenever you can. Healthy local business firms doing a good volume of business pay a big chunk of taxes yearly. This type of community business climate also attracts additional good tax paying businesses to our community.
2. Don't be too quick to be critical about inconveniences or minor problems which a new industrial plant or development near your neighborhood may be causing or you think it will cause. In really healthy communities a good source of the annual revenue with which to operate comes from high taxpaying industrial plants.
3. Keep an open mind on the present trend toward apartment development and apartment living. Luxury apartments attracting a caliber of adult population without children are an asset to any community tax-wise. We have the same fear as many others about too many apartments going up locally but all national statistics indicate there is a sharp upward trend in favor of this type of living.
4. Boost Farmington as a good place to live and work. The caliber of people we attract to our community to live or to work will be greatly dependent on the impression of the community all of us give to our friends in the course of work or leisure-time activities.

A Great Accomplishment — A Good Example

The Farmington Enterprise joins with others in the community in saluting local track star Rex Cawley who has gone on to obtain international fame for himself by setting a new record in the 400 meter hurdles and winning a berth on the U.S. Olympic team.

Our best wishes go out along with those of others in the community to Cawley to make a good showing in Tokyo in October.

We recall talking to Cawley when he was a track star here at Farmington High and setting all kinds of new records as a high school track man. His ambition even then was to some day compete in the Olympic Games and we were impressed with his determination, his sportsman-like attitude and the abilities he demonstrated.

In the many years that Cawley has been working toward this beyond ambition and dream, we are sure there were many disappointing times for him but he stuck to it until achieving his goal.

It should serve as a shining example for other young boys and girls in the area and inspire them to doggedly continue to work toward their ambitions despite setbacks that may come.

We don't want to take anything away from Rex Cawley and his personal, individual accomplishments in the field of track but we do feel that others who helped him with coaching and guidance along the way from a young boy until now deserve praise also.

His parents who offered him direction and guidance at home when he needed it and encouraged him during troubling times naturally deserve a lot of credit for his success. Gene Freed, his high school track coach at FHS, and other members of the track coaching staff at the time Cawley was here also deserve a lot of credit for the way they handled Cawley in the important years of his development as a track star.

To some degree, too, his teachers and counselors while he was here in Farmington helped to school, motivate, credit and help the help they gave Rex in maintaining good grades and in modeling a good character and attitude.

Like all other sports-minded citizens in the community who knew Rex Cawley or at least knew about his accomplishments, we extend our sincere best wishes not only in the coming Olympic Games, but in his future endeavors in life as well.

Looking Back in the Files

5 Years Ago
SEPTEMBER 24, 1959
Residents Protest
Residents of Alta Loma Subdivision appeared before the Farmington City Council that evening to protest a proposed 75-cent home subdivision to the west of them in the City which calls for lot sizes in the 70 to 75-foot range. The Alta Loma subdivision is in the 100-foot wide range and residents there fear their homes will be downgraded.

Road Millage
It was a light voter turnout but Farmington Township voters overwhelmingly defeated a proposed one mill tax levy to finance a road building and improvement program in the Township 1,568 votes against the millage proposal on Monday with only 281 "yes" votes cast.

Population Climbs
Since the last federal census taken in 1950, the City and Township of Farmington has grown from a quiet rural community to a bustling rapidly developing suburban area. The area's population has climbed 116 per cent in the ten-year period, from 15,781 in 1950 to 29,300.

10 Years Ago
SEPTEMBER 23, 1954
To Appeal Case
Farmington City Mayor Kenneth Loomis has called for an appeal to the Michigan Supreme Court in the zoning variance case involving a new home which was condemned recently. The Oakland County Circuit Court handed down a decision last week against the City, in favor of the property owner. The issue at stake is felt will test the strength of the City's zoning ordinance.

Clerk Resigns
Farmington City Clerk Harry W. Moore submitted his resignation to the Farmington City Council on Monday night and it was accepted "with extreme regret." Clerk for the City for the past 18 years, Moore listed reasons of health for stepping out of office.

Trojans Win
The Farmington High School football team bowed to the Trojans of neighboring Claremont in the opening grid battle for both teams last Friday afternoon, by the score of 7 to 8. City of Farmington.

15 Years Ago
SEPTEMBER 22, 1949
Grid Opener
The Farmington High School football team successfully opened their 1949 campaign by defeating the Farmington Trojans 14-0 victory over Plymouth's eleven. Falcon fullback Bruce Yanke scored both touchdowns, one on a 17-yard romp over the line and the other in a plunge over guard from the three-yard line.

Road Repairs
Immediate action will be taken by Farmington Township on the repairs needed on area roads not covered under the Oakland County Road Commission maintenance and repair program. These roads are not dedicated to the County and therefore are the responsibility of the Township to maintain.

Station Holdup
Rowe's Standard Service Station was robbed by a lone gunman Monday night who forced the attendant into the lavatory and made good his escape with about \$50. The station is owned by Roy Rowe of Farmington and is located at 17th and Grand River Avenue in the city of Farmington.

Briar Hills

JAN PATTERSON
626-6283

Sue and Nancy Nauman were co-chairs for a group of senior high youths from Orchard Methodist Church. About 30 guys and girls took part in the get-aquainted picnic in the Nauman yard. They played volleyball, baseball, and tossed horseshoes. They are all set for a new season at church.

Any boys, age 9, who are interested in joining the Cub Scouts should call Mr. Lebling, 28445 Pipers Lane, 476-3926. Mr. Lebling will be able to give you any information you wish to have.

Because of allergies, Ella Wichmann is giving away her two parakeets. The older one, a two-year-old male, is light blue, tame, and talks. The other one is only a baby and untrained. Ella will also give away the cage.



OUR JOB IS TO BRING more scouting to more boys in the North Trails District," said J. Mack Tenney (center) of Farmington, volunteer chairman of the district's organization and extension committee and general sales manager of American Motors Corporation, Kelvinton division. With him are (left) Robert B. Blalock, district executive of the Detroit Area Council of BSA; Dr. Rodman W. Snelling, Headmaster, Detroit Country Day School;

William Magee, Birmingham; W. E. Grunhaus, Jr., Farmington; and Patrick McCourt, assistant district scout executive, Detroit; all members of the O & E committee. The drive for more Cub Packs, Scout Troops and Explorer Posts will be launched by a "Together Dinner" September 30, at the Country Day School. Charles Adams, executive vice president of McCourt, John and Adams is chairman of the dinner.

Farmington Acres News

BETTE J. WILLARD 476-3863

Happy Anniversary wishes to Charles and Loretta Dotson, Tom and Lou Carr, Walter and Mickey Jaske. Belated wishes to Mark and Nita Mesler, who celebrated their 28th anniversary on Sept. 5, also to Don and Elaine Flynn, celebrating their 15th.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Susan Begoske, Douglas Wischmeyer, Mickey Jaske, Karen Begoske, Werner Harwig, Karen Crozier and Al Auden.

Flanders' P.T.A. meets at 8 p.m., September 28.

The new guards for the Safety Patrol at Flanders' School are Bob Young, Dana Duncan, Glenn Richter, Don Holmes, Don Dames, Arthur Buck and Dave Sherpits.

[Farmington Meadows Association] will hold their next meeting at the home of Bud Herd, October 1, 8 p.m.

[Tim Begoske and Doug Lawshe, of Boy Scout Troop 118] were recently honored when they received the Order of the Arrow. Bob Lawshe, Assistant Scoutmaster, was also accepted into the Order.

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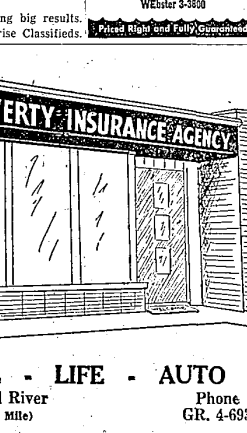
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THE SIX GIRLS from Troop 287 who were in the "Fly-Up" ceremonial on Sept. 14 were Leslie Degnon, Elaine Jankowski, Susan Schramm, Joanne Wischmeyer, Deborah Gibb and Laurel Orol.

Brownie Scout Troop 267 meetings have been moved from Wednesdays to Fridays at 2 p.m., Flanders' School. Membership in this group is now closed, but girls interested in becoming Brownies can have their names put on a waiting list.

There will be a Mothers' meeting for Girl Scout Troop 659 on Sept. 23, 7 p.m. at Flanders School. All mothers of new and old members are asked to attend. The first meeting for the Girl Scouts will be Tuesday, October 6.



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