

In Our Opinion . . .

Public Letter Box

Obituaries

JOSEPH A. WING
Joseph Allen Wing, 15-year-old son of Neil and Kathleen Buva Wing of 20749 Nequaunce Avenue in Southfield, died in a drowning accident July 23 in a small artificial lake at 14 Mile Road and Inkster Road in Farmington Township.

Joseph Wing was born November 18, 1949, in Michigan and had been a student at the Lederle School in Southfield. He attended St. Alexander's Church in Farmington.

Surviving with his parents are three brothers, Archie L. Neil, Jr. and John; and two sisters, Denise and Doreen. Funeral services were held July 27 at St. Alexander's Church. A rosary service was held Monday evening, July 26, at the Honey-Sundquist Funeral Home in Farmington where the body rested. Burial was at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

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July 28, Aug. 4

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Worthwhile Committee Gets A Black-Eye

The Farmington Youth Guidance Committee has gotten a pretty good black-eye and it really doesn't deserve such a shiner.

Some years back Judge Arthur Moore of the Oakland County Probate Court struck upon the idea of forming special youth guidance committees in communities throughout the county. The purpose of these committees is to assist the courts and police in working with problem boys and girls and attempting to help get them straightened out before they became real delinquents and very likely later become adults with criminal tendencies.

A Farmington committee was formed and, thanks to the untiring and dedicated services of such men as Wes Mitchell, Dick Carpenter and a few others, was kept alive and functioning despite a lot of citizen apathy to become involved or even support the committee in a small monetary way.

The committee has worked quietly behind the scenes with the police and school officials in helping problem boys and girls for the past several years without any troubles, to the best of our knowledge.

But, now things are really in an up-roar, because of one man and the Township Board is withholding all financial support from the Farmington Youth Guidance Committee.

We don't deny Rev. Robert Eddy, minister of the Universalist-Unitarian Church, the right to hold whatever views he chooses nor the right to express them freely from the pulpit of his church and even in the press if he really feels any useful purpose is served.

A Well Qualified Man for the Position

The appointment of Tom Nolan as a new trustee on the seven member Farmington Township Board was officially made at a board meeting last Monday night and we feel that a very fine and qualified man has been chosen.

Nolan is young but well versed in affairs of the community and has a keen knowledge of Farmington Township governmental operations. He has attended township governmental meetings regularly, giving him a good background on what has transpired in the community in the past.

Nolan was appointed to replace Byron Walter who resigned to take over duties as a township justice of the peace and finding a man as capable as him was no easy task. The Enterprise feels Nolan can do as commendable a job as anyone else we could think of, however.

Nolan has been a very active Republican party worker, not only locally but in Garden City prior to moving here.

by so doing. Yet a man with very radical and highly controversial views such as Reverend Eddy apparently possesses really has no business serving as the head of or even being involved in a community-wide youth guidance program, in our opinion.

It is our belief that Rev. Eddy should resign immediately from his position as head of the Farmington Youth Guidance Committee. Furthermore, it is our contention, that he should make it very clear publicly that the views he expressed and the actions he has taken that have aroused all the controversy are strictly his own and in no way represent the thinking or beliefs of the Youth Guidance Committee as a body.

It is quite certain that no matter what is said or done, however, will completely erase the black-eye that the Youth Guidance Committee has received because of Rev. Eddy. Action of this kind by him, none-the-less, might help to take a little bit of the blackness away.

Our thinking is old-fashioned, we know, but we still contend that the problems with our youth of today are not going to be solved by the new philosophies about how to raise our children and young adults. More parental control and supervision is the only real answer.

Parents, teachers and groups such as the youth guidance committee, the YM and YWCA and others are going to have to channel our youths' energies into wholesome activities. Carrying it a little further, we would advocate more stern discipline when such is called for, and not just by the parents either.

Local Democratic party leaders who speculated that Nolan would be appointed early leveled charges that it would be a strictly "political" appointment.

Now that the actual appointment has been made we are quite certain that they will have some more charges of this kind to make. Call it a "political" appointment if you like but we still contend that Nolan is a good man for the job and will speak out on matters and vote for what he feels in the best interest of the citizenry of the township as a trustee.

This is a question we would like to offer for your consideration regarding this matter. If members of the Democratic party are in control of the Farmington Township Board would they not also be very apt to appoint a replacement from their own party?

Our answer to this question is an unqualified "yes" and we feel if you look at it objectively your answer would be the same. This is politics.

To The Editor:

I was deeply shocked by an article in your paper and other papers concerning an incident at the Farmington Township meeting on July 28.

In the four years (1961-1964) as Chairman of the General Citizens Youth Guidance Committee of greater Farmington, I have never seen a more irresponsible handling of information by a more misinformed group than that which transpired at the Farmington Township Meeting in regard to Mr. Robert Eddy and the Youth Guidance Committee.

First, as to the amount of mis-information which seemed to permeate the situation. The Youth Guidance Committee is comprised of non-paid citizens, volunteers of the Farmington Community.

Any interested and genuinely interested individual in the community may join the Committee.

The Township, while working with the Committee has neither the authority nor the jurisdiction to fire, hire members or officiate in the selection of its officers.

The Township, and the City contribute funds for the renting of office space and for no financial support of the members.

It must be stated, however, that the Township, the City, the school board, the PTA, the police, the school administration, the juvenile court, the Youth Guidance Committee and the youth guidance committee have for many years operated within the spheres of closest cooperation.

Concerning the individual who made the remarks at the meeting, I have never seen nor heard of him at any of the Youth Guidance Committee Meetings in the six years I have been associated with it. Nor have I ever received from him a request for information about the Committee during any of the membership drives or fund raising activities which the Committee has conducted or at any other time.

The remarks made at the Township Meeting were improper and out of order. Such remarks should have been made at the Youth Guidance Committee Meetings or to Mr. Eddy, or to the press.

This portion of the Township meeting should have been immediately halted until a review by the Board could have been made and Mr. Eddy contacted for at least an opportunity to be heard. Mr. Hall, as he stated, has always been highly cooperative and general with the Youth Guidance Committee. I am somewhat surprised that he allowed the discussion to continue until facts had become available.

The subject of the polemical statements—sex and youth—was not only out of social context it also was completely out of order.

Whatever Mr. Eddy's personal and professional views on the subject were, there is no way they could affect the proceedings and functions of the Youth Guidance Committee as it is set up. Any person with even a transient knowledge of the published by-laws and annual reports of the Youth Guidance Committee would have known this.

The remarks about Mr. Eddy's personal views on Vietnam had even less place in the discussion and served to only further indicate the irresponsibility and recklessness prevailing.

It is a tragedy, that although Mr. Eddy is highly qualified for the position, a tremendous handicap has been mis-placed upon his position as Chairman. Again, anyone taking the trouble to know Mr. Eddy will recognize what a responsible citizen and respectable family man he is.

This should serve as a warning to those who have worked for years so patiently on the Committee as to the much efforts can be affected by those who say and listen to so much knowing so little.

Incidentally, annual reports are available to those who are sincerely interested in the Committee.

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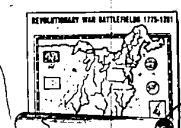
Two Will Teach In Livonia Schools

Miss Mary L. LeBlanc of 36318 Freedom Drive and Robert E. Titus of 29464 Greythorne both in Farmington, have signed contracts to teach in the Livonia Public Schools next fall.

Miss LeBlanc, who holds a B.S. degree from Mercy College, will teach mathematics and science in the Emerson Junior High School, and Mr. Titus holds a B.A. degree from Wayne State University and a master's degree from the University of Michigan and will be a counselor in the new, as yet unnamed, Section 9 high school.

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Looking Back in the Files

5 YEARS AGO	10 YEARS AGO	15 YEARS AGO
AUGUST 4, 1960 Abolish Meeting	AUGUST 4, 1955 City Lifts Ban	AUGUST 3, 1950 Plane Downed
The Annual Farmington Township Meeting was abolished by a slim 16-vote margin in the Primary Election held Tuesday. The total vote in the City and Township was 3,744. Based on a combined voter registration of 14,235, this figures out to be a voter percentage of 26.3 per cent.	The ban on the issuance of occupancy permits in the southern half of the Bel-Aire Subdivision was lifted by the Farmington City Council this week after engineers confirmed grade levels in the subdivision in conformity with the City's requirements. The ban had been imposed by the Council on June 6, due to drainage problems feared by residents on Shawnee Avenue as a result of home construction grading in the Bel-Aire Sub.	A small two-passenger training plane made a forced landing in a buckwheat field just off of Farmington Road near Eight Mile Road. The pilot, alone in the plane, was not injured and took off after repairs were made to the motor for the return to his home field in Livonia.
All-Star Champions The South Farmington All-Stars won the District 2 Championship last weekend in Babe Ruth Tournament action. Members of the team were Don Davis, Larry Miller, Joe Jentzer, Larry Clayton, Russ Robinson, Dennis Helonen, Bill Freeman, Randy Cleveland, Rick Goyt, Rick Siler, Pete Sutherland, Bob Stevens, Tom Shiglock, Paul Riggio, Bob Bryne and Karl Blavet. Marshall McKelvey was manager and Russ Cleveland, coach.	New Police Car The Farmington City Council authorized the purchase of a new police car following the opening of four bids which were submitted this week. The successful bidder was Blacklock Buick of Farmington at \$1,901.57.	Summer Band The largest single week's turnout in the history of the Farmington summer band program occurred last week as band director Lloyd Smith had a total of 70 students show up for lessons.
New High School The Farmington School District Board of Education gave final approval this week to the plans and specifications for the new North Farmington High School, to be built on 13 Mile Road just east of Farmington Road.	Make Bob-Lo Trip A large group of youngsters are expected to make the annual excursion to Bob-Lo Island this week as the Farmington Area Summer Recreation Program is concluded. Director Warren Piche said this bus loads of youngsters would leave for the trip this Friday.	Recreation Program The Farmington Area Summer Recreation Program will conclude its six weeks of activities at playgrounds this week.

The Farmington Enterprise

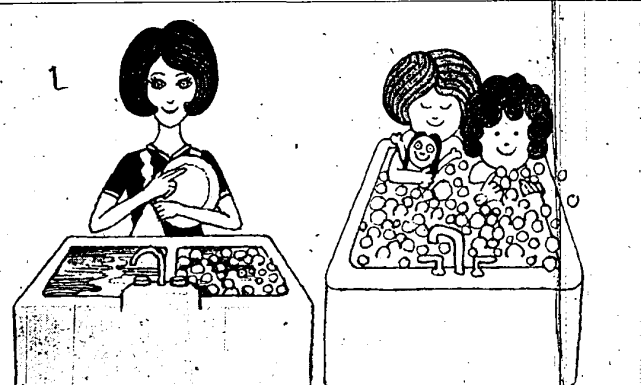
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