

# In Our Opinion . . .

## A Soldier Returns Home to be Buried

The community was saddened last week by the news that the first Farmington soldier had been killed in Viet Nam fighting. The tragic news brought home to many of us the seriousness of the fighting going on half way around the world and this country's role in helping another country secure the blessing of liberty and independence which we all enjoy.

Sgt. Groover, who was buried with full military honors last Saturday, joins a long list of Farmington servicemen who have given their lives in this nation's wars. More than a decade has passed since the last Farmington serviceman was killed in fighting for our country and this latest victim brings home to all of us an increasing awareness of a seemingly endless struggle to protect the rights of individuals from oppression.

The realization that American soldiers are being killed in rice paddies and jungles in a far away corner of the world is hard to accept in a country such as ours which has been secure within its own boundaries for more than one hundred years. The faint echo of

our own Civil War offers a reminder to some of the strife and suffering visited on the people living in embattled Viet Nam.

The flags were out on display Saturday in downtown Farmington in honor of Sgt. Groover's supreme sacrifice. There is little the community can do to assuage the personal loss to his family and friends but we add to those already tendered our sincerest condolences.

A war monument in Battle Creek, Michigan, bears an inscription which we would like to paraphrase and offer as a tribute to Sgt. Groover and his comrades in arms who have died in Viet Nam:

"They gave to the world undying proof of their heroism, loyalty and patriotism. They fought that a nation might live. To them is owed the blessings of civil and religious liberty and the uplifting of a country in dignity, strength and security. Their deeds and sacrifices are the pledge of the liberty, fraternity and enlightenment of the American people."

May they rest in peace.

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## Enterprise Policies To Remain Unchanged

When a key person leaves any organization, there is always a certain amount of speculation and interest regarding replacement and other matters; but when such a person leaves a newspaper, there is much more speculation. Will the policy change? Will the paper change?—and similar questions.

Michael Kiley, even though made assistant to the publisher more than a year ago, has remained active on the editorial side of the Enterprise—because that's what he liked best to do. Now that he has left Farmington to become co-publisher of the Munising News, and since we have been hearing all kinds of questions regarding the Enterprise, we thought this would be a good time to state our policies as nearly as we can.

The Farmington Enterprise is the only newspaper devoted exclusively to publishing news of and for the City and Township of Farmington. We sometimes publish County or State news, but only as it directly affects Farmington. The Enterprise is a Farmington booster. All worthwhile community pro-

grams are supported by editorials and news stories.

The Enterprise is a booster of young people's activities and the good deeds and achievements of Farmington's young people are stressed.

The Enterprise has high standards of reporting. All news events are reported just as they happen without editorial comment and news stories are kept in perspective without building up different parts of a story.

The Enterprise has pride in the Farmington community. It does not sensationalize nor capitalize on the misfortunes or misdeeds of its citizens.

Editorially the Enterprise takes a personal stand on community issues—ever mindful of the citizens' pocketbooks. Everyone does not agree with the stands taken—but that is as it should be.

The Enterprise recognizes, and has never taken lightly, its responsibilities to the community.

All of these things we will continue to do to the best of our ability. We consider it a privilege to serve the people of Farmington.

## Examines New Concepts of God By Independent Theologians

By RON SCHULZE

"God is dead" is the new rallying cry for some independent theologians within the Protestant Church. It is causing many to re-examine their traditional concepts of God.

So said Rev. Robert Sawyer of the United Presbyterian Church in commenting on the controversial movement which has recently come to the public's attention. Rev. Sawyer explained origins stemming as far back as the German philosopher Nietzsche, who literally meant that God did not exist.

"Today, there appears to be two branches within the movement itself. There are those who say, as Nietzsche did, that any concept of God is meaningless. These men are humanists, contending that there are certain things which man has done, such as in the civil rights movement, which are worthy of worship."

"The other school of thought, perhaps somewhat less humanistic, believes that man has relied too heavily on an unrealistic, traditional concept of God, failing to solve his own problems. They feel that the 'man upstairs' image of God is too far removed from human existence and perhaps even fancies some of the evil with in it."

SAWYER BELIEVES that the movement has made some headway today because of an increasing pessimism in regards to the state of world affairs today. This has caused some to try to accomplish good. The traditional concept of God has stood in the way of progress, according to some leaders of this movement today.

"Further, these humanists are actually existentialists, feeling that the individual and man in general should rely more upon himself to accomplish things."

Rev. Sawyer emphasized, however, that the movement probably did not reflect the general opinion of ministers in the Protestant Church. In regard to his own branch (Presbyterian), he felt that because most of its leaders were moderately conservative in regard to the question of God and his existence, this movement would not constitute a majority.



RON SCHULZE

"Within the Catholic Church, this movement will be expressed only by individuals. Catholicism is tied up in doctrine, and the doctrine has always been that God is infinite and all-powerful. However, recently there have been some church leaders who have expressed sympathy with some of the thoughts behind the 'God is dead' movement."

MR. SAWYER believes that questioning the traditional concept of God is useful, necessary, and will prove beneficial. He further stated that many of the arguments presented cannot be disputed. However, there are those within this movement who would do away with the idea of God entirely, which most members of the cloth would be opposed to.

"There are three ways we can take these new ideas—we can ignore them, we could react violently to them, or we can learn and grow through them. The first two would serve no useful purpose. Progress will not be promoted by denying the

existence of something or banning it entirely. By understanding, we can adapt and grow into more mature individuals."

A NOTE OF CAUTION was interjected at this point by the young pastor. He expressed his concern that communication could become a problem. If leaders of the Church do not teach new concepts by the use of present language and current concepts, then "John Q. American" could be left somewhere outside, he said.

Rev. Sawyer's final observation is that "Our thoughts of God as a 'Great White Father' have been overdone. God is relevant only when we of the Church work towards moral and social progress. The Church has not always done this, which has helped to create the present spirit of pessimism. Unless we now take a stand and try to promote progress, the Church will destroy itself. Those who say God is dead will be further convinced because his own agent, the Church, has failed."



REPORT from LANSING

State Representative

Raymond L. Baker

YOUR OPINION, PLEASE! Soon the legislature will be faced with making final decisions on many important issues affecting all Michigan residents. Here is your chance to make your voice heard.

I always welcome and appreciate hearing from citizens in my district and it is my hope that you will take a few minutes to indicate your views on the following questions, clip and mail the form to me at the Michigan House of Representatives, State Capitol, Lansing, Michigan. Additional remarks on a separate sheet will also be appreciated.

DO YOU THINK — Michigan needs a full-time, year-round legislature? . . . Yes . . . No

DO YOU FAVOR—Four year terms for all legislators? . . . Yes . . . No

DO YOU FAVOR—Renaming the Mackinac Bridge to G. Mennen Williams Bridge? . . . Yes . . . No

DO YOU FAVOR—State tuition grants for students at private colleges? . . . Yes . . . No

DO YOU FAVOR—State run vocational schools for high school dropouts? . . . Yes . . . No

DO YOU THINK—The school year should be extended from 9 to 11 months? . . . Yes . . . No

DO YOU THINK — Provision should be made for compensating innocent victims of violent crimes from public funds? . . . Yes . . . No

DO YOU FAVOR — Higher salaries for policemen? . . . Yes . . . No

DO YOU THINK — Law enforcement agencies need greater power in dealing with crime? . . . Yes . . . No

DO YOU FAVOR—Control of the deer herd by the Department of Conservation, rather than by the legislature? . . . Yes . . . No

DO YOU FAVOR — A Saturday opening for the deer season? . . . Yes . . . No

DO YOU THINK — All new drivers, regardless of age, should be required to complete a drivers' education course? . . . Yes . . . No

March 2, 1966

THE FARMINGTON ENTERPRISE

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FOUR OUTSTANDING science scholars representing Farmington area high schools were among 80 students touring Detroit Edison engineering and research facilities February 23 as part of Engineer Youth Day activities in the Detroit area. Here, Tullio A. Alessi (right), supervising engineer for Edison's engineering research department, discusses the use of a spectrophotometer.

In analyzing materials with (L-R) Kicab Casteneda of North Farmington High School; Harry Lapham, Our Lady of Sorrows High School; Bob Hawkins, Farmington High School; and Jerry Wilson, Clareville High School. Engineers Youth Day was one of several activities of National Engineers Week, February 20-26.

## NOTICE BOARD OF REVIEW MEETING

Notice is hereby given to all persons liable to assessment roll of the Township of Farmington, that said roll will be subject to inspection at the Township offices in the Farmington Town Hall located at 31555 Eleven Mile Road, on

TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 1966

9:00 A.M. - 12:00 Noon

2:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M.

MONDAY, MARCH 14, 1966

9:00 A.M. - 12:00 Noon

2:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M.

TUESDAY, MARCH 15, 1966

3:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M.

The Board of Review will be in session and upon request of any person who is assessed on said roll or his agent, and upon sufficient cause being shown, correct assignment on such property in such manner as will in their judgment make the value relatively just and equal.

Such assessment roll received by said Board of Review shall be the assessment roll of said Township of Farmington for the year 1966.

CURTIS H. HALL  
Township Supervisor

(Feb. 23, Mar. 2, Mar. 9)

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## Looking Back in the Files

5 Years Ago

10 Years Ago

15 Years Ago

MARCH 2, 1961

FIS Bombs Skippers  
The Farmington High School basketball team bombed the Waterford Skippers, 70 to 47, in an Inter-Lakes Conference tilt last Friday night. Bob Robinson led a balanced Falcon scoring attack with 20 points.

New School Post

The Farmington School District Board of Education this week took action creating a new administrative post, Director of Special Education. The duties of this office in the past have fallen to Miss Minnie Zieke, Coordinator of Elementary Education.

High School Zones

Boundary lines set up for secondary grades were released this week. Students living above 11 Mile Road between Orchard Lake and Inkster will attend the new North Farmington High School. A line from 11½ Mile Road west from Orchard Lake Road to Hagerty Road completes the division of the secondary school district. For this coming school year, NFHS will only have grades through the tenth and students presently attending Farmington High School in the City will continue there.

MARCH 1, 1956

Winning Finale

The Farmington High School basketball team closed out their regular season on a winning note as they humbled Inter-Lakes Conference rival Van Dyke, 72 to 57. Don Robinson led the Falcon scoring attack with 28 points. Also in double figures for FIS were Bud Jones with 18 and Don McDonald with 13 points.

Golden Glove Title

Bob Stumbaugh, a former standout athlete at Farmington High School, won the Light Heavyweight Championship in the Detroit Golden Gloves Boxing Tournament.

New City Manager

The Farmington City Council appointed Earl Scherffius, assistant city manager of Port Huron, as the new Farmington City Manager to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of James Tennant.

Freezing Rains

One of the worst ice storms to hit the area in many years brought traffic virtually to a halt last Friday as a freezing rain fell turning roads into skating rinks. Heavy trucks were parked along the curb throughout the business area for several hours until rising rain broke up the hazardous condition.

MARCH 1, 1951

Charter Returned

The Farmington City Charter was returned by Governor Williams to the City Clerk this week for re-copying and minor revision. The Governor must sign the Charter before it goes into effect. The State Attorney General stated it was the form and not the contents of the Charter which were found unsatisfactory.

Americanism Award

Dr. Joseph Gadshaw, Farmington physician, was presented the VFW Americanism Award for his work in promoting a hockey rink and organizing five hockey teams. His efforts were termed a major contribution towards the curbing of juvenile delinquency.

Falcons Win

The Farmington High School basketball team gained a share of the Inter-Lakes Conference Championship by turning back a hapless Milford quintet, 46 to 27, as Keego Harbor earned a timely win over Walled Lake which now finishes with an identical league mark with the Falcons.



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