

Readers Speak Up On Controversial Issues

Thanks For Help

EDITOR: I want to thank each and everyone for the wonderful response and good will shown to the Plymouth State Home during the Farmington Founders Festival sidewalk sales.

The small words of thank you aren't near enough to express our appreciation for the added donations from many relatives, friends and the people of many communities.

Also, many thanks to the officials who made it possible for us to participate in this great event—thus making it possible to help raise funds for the crippled and retarded children.

We hope to obtain many pieces of equipment and also hope and pray to have enough left so we can make sure that our chapel can open up for this Christmas.

I will also be at the First Farmington Savings and Loan just before Christmas. If don't

see you then, I certainly hope to see you again next Founders Festival.

Many thanks again for your generosity—friends and buying public.

MRS. FAYE SELLIS, HELPERS (EDITOR'S NOTE: Mrs. Sellis annually sells goods made by the children at the Plymouth State Home in order to raise funds for additional equipment and programs for the children.)

Praises Women

EDITOR: I would like to thank the three women who stopped in front of my house recently, on the corner of Ames and Donnet Hill, to pick up a bag full of beer cans and broken beer bottles which someone had apparently thrown there.

We filled half a garbage can with what we picked up. Their kindness helped to restore my faith in human nature after my initial disgust at seeing our street littered like any slum

area.

But a question comes to mind: Why would anyone do such a thing? Two possible answers come to mind:

1. It was a prank. A rather dangerous and thoughtless one considering the little children who live around here.

2. It was a group of teenagers who were not supposed to be drinking and therefore couldn't afford to have their parents discover all those empty beer containers in their own garbage cans.

I know it is easy to criticize when my oldest child is only eight. But I have seen teenagers throw bottles out of the windows of their cars while I was walking my little children down the street.

Ward's Sets Plans For Annual Contests

Montgomery Ward and Company official Miss Loretta Wellner, coordinator of Ward's Wendy Ward Charm Center in Southeastern Michigan, announced the fifth annual "Miss Wendy Ward" and the third annual "Miss Sugar and Spice" will be selected from among the contestants in exciting contests to be held at all Montgomery Ward stores from August 1 through August 17.

"Miss Wendy Ward" and "Miss Sugar and Spice" will receive hundreds of dollars worth of valuable gifts. The first prize for each girl will be a weekend for herself and her family at Cedar Point in Sandusky, O. Other prizes include a back-to-school wardrobe for each girl and Samsonite luggage.

Beginning August 1 every teenage girl from 12-18 years of age visiting her neighborhood Montgomery Ward Junior Shop will be invited to have her photograph taken in the

When I called to them they just sped off. Disrespect for public and private property amazes me.

But leaving streets littered with broken bottles frightens me because of the real danger it represents: the two-year-old who picked up a bottle to bring home and throw away, tripped, fell on it, cut his lip, and died.

It is not a harmless prank. Again, many thanks to the kind women who stopped to help.

MARY C. BIGOT Urges Gun Control

EDITOR: Thanks so much for your recent editorial and article on gun control legislation.

In accordance with your suggestion, I have written to Senators Hart and Griffin and Rep. McDonald urging support of gun registrations and licensing and a ban on mail order sales of guns.

Someone has suggested that "gun control" is a misnomer and scares people into thinking they are going to be unduly restricted -- that it would be better to emphasize and urge "gun licensing and gun registration" legislation.

I was dismayed to find that the National Wildlife Federation president testified against President Johnson's proposed legislation concerning firearms.

It seems rather inconsistent to me that the Sierra Club had its tax-exempt status taken away because it advocated conservation of our redwood forests, and hence was deemed guilty of lobbying, yet the National Rifle Association and apparently the National Wildlife Association may lobby against gun licensing legislation with impunity and have millions of dollars of tax-free income per year to do it with!

FARMINGTON RESIDENT Disgusted!!

EDITOR: We are writing in regards to a musical workshop production we attended at the Stevenson High School Lecture Theatre on July 26 entitled,

"Anything Goes."

How true those words were! We had invited two of our grandchildren, ages 12 and 15, to accompany us, since we thought that they would enjoy it. The 15 year old will be attending that school in September.

We left the building in disgust after the first act, but we saw and heard enough to make us ashamed and embarrassed that we had ever stayed that long.

If those are the kind of plays and musicals that are being put on in high schools, with all the suggestive lines and curse words, we shouldn't wonder why so many of our young people of today are rebelling against all that is fine and decent in life.

We trust that whoever was responsible for producing this show will take note that it was in very bad taste, and was not considered entertainment in our estimation.

MR. AND MRS. CHRIS TSCHANZ

Congratulations

EDITOR: "Before I built a wall I'd ask to know what I was walling in and walling out and to whom I was like to give offense. Something there is that doesn't like a wall, that wants it down." -- Robert Frost.

Congratulations fellow Livonians for refusing to allow our new open housing ordinance

The fact that the necessary 5,000 signatures were not procured on referendum petitions sets a climate of dedication to the laws of our land and is a positive response to a very real struggle facing us all.

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KAY SWANSON

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