

Suggests Allowing Youngsters To Work

EDITOR:

Let's not sell our younger generation short. They are the finest and most intelligent group in the history of our country. It's time we wake up and give credit where credit is due.

We have nothing but the best for our children's education but it seems after their high school days are over it is something else.

I will start off by saying that our leading big Three automobile industries are under our graduates. Take for instance the recent group of young people who graduated from the Garden City high school.

Now about 50 to 55 per cent of these young people are planning on going to college. About half of this number are under 18 years old.

It's impossible for any one of these young men to get a good paying job. Our major big Three will not hire you until you reach your 18th birthday. They don't care if you show them your diploma proving that you have completed your high school education.

All they care is how old you are at this time.

Now put yourselves, mothers and dads, in their position. They want to pull their own weight and to help us prepare them for college in September but how much time can they waste waiting for their 18th birthday?

School starts again in September so what can they gain if their birth date is in August or September?

They can't work enough hours wrapping hamburgers or pumping gas to really help out as they want to and they know it.

We must allow them jobs in our large factories where they can do men's work for men's wages. This is a must!

What about the young people who are not 18 and graduated but don't intend to go on to college? In most cases the kids get bored waiting to become 18 to get a decent job and end up talking mom and dad into letting them join the service. This is what I call forcing our young men into joining the service before they leave.

This will come soon enough without rushing it.

Our kids get sick and tired of asking for handouts from us plus the dirty looks we sometimes give them in return. They want to be able to stand on their own two feet for a change. Why don't we all call or write to our leading automakers and issue this complaint? I'm sure it would be effective and changes will be made.

Let's not talk about it, let's act.

THOMAS TUCKER

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Editor's Note: The Detroit general laws that must be changed to make the allowances suggested above. Perhaps it would also be wise to let congressmen and senators know of this situation which isn't a Detroit problem alone.

Is It Comfort

Vs. Christianity?

EDITOR:

Arriving home from my church in Dearborn to which I drive 14 miles one way each and every week during all kinds of weather, I started my Sunday dinner and while waiting, sat down to read the June 29 issue of The Livonia Observer and believe it or not the picture I see before me is enough to stir one's wrath in righteous anger. Christianity and religion seem to be our last and only hope in this strife-torn world. However, if the church has to stoop so low as to brush aside all respect and dignity for the house of God for the sake of some people's comfort, we really are not propagating true Christianity nor recruiting faithful and lasting Christians but only "fair weather friends."

Is there no end to conceding and concessions? True Christian church-going people make no bones or issues regarding discomforts in dressing, the heat of the day nor the elements of the season. It is a pity and a shame that a church has to resort to allowing its congregation to attend church in "shorts." Will it stop with

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Says Editor's Views Misleading Youth

EDITOR: In regard to your article, "A Generation Gap on Drugs, Sex and Religion,"

Really, as a reporter you should have the facts before taking pen in hand. Take the results of using drugs. Surely you must have seen some of the many, many children in hospitals completely out of their minds, never to know sanity again. I've read doctor's reports stating the use of some drugs will affect their children, our future grandchildren.

One thing we do agree on -- Christian-Judo ethics using Hell. Whenever someone told me I was going to Hell (that I already knew) I promptly told them to go to Hell. Then someone came along and said, Jesus loves you, Jesus loves you so much He died on the cross for you. That's love. That's what I know and believe.

There's a war going on, mister. We call it inner conflict. Who is most precious to you? If you have seen someone trying

These are facts, not the fiction you're writing.

You take sex. I prefer love in marriage. You can't separate love and marriage and it's not tradition, it's fact.

Dogs know how to do it, that's sex (or mating) please. Looking at your picture, you look like you have lived long enough to know the consequences of taking what is not yours, be it sex, a ring or anything.

Sin is fun, but only for a season. Here we are on religion.

Be sure, your sins will find you out. No, the Lord hasn't closed all accounts today. The Bible says there will be a judgement day and I believe every word in the Bible.

What in God's name is this world really coming to? Is a question that so many social and Christians are asking today. With a little soul searching, perhaps they can find the answer within themselves.

MRS. ANNE WALTON
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Economics Dictates Stark School Closure

EDITOR: Comments on the potential closing of Stark School.

A group of interested parents made a well prepared presentation to the school board last evening asking for positive action to keep Stark School open. In my opinion, their approach was generally well received and they are to be commended. However, it should be noted that some of their research was stated negatively and that there was some intelligence in "board bailing." They made the point that their area was traditionally against millages and asked if Stark's closing was a retaliatory move.

I wonder where these people were and when the school budget needs are discussed in depth in citizen study sessions? Is it too much to ask of citizens to be interested and involved when other than their own self interest is to be served?

While we are all in sympathy with the individuals concerned, I would ask them and the board to consider the wisdom and economics of maintaining \$40,000 to \$50,000 of administrative and custodial personnel to serve 270 youngsters when the same personnel could serve 900 youngsters. Perhaps this question has to be viewed from the point of "the greatest good for the greatest amount of people?"

I am acutely aware that there will be honest differences with the actions taken by the board and questions will continue to arise as to "right" or "wrong" when? and how? but I feel that if we approach our problems together as a community, with an open mind, we can and will solve our many problems for the good of our total community.

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to take that one from you, wouldn't there be conflict between you and me? Certainly. That's the way I see it. Too bad the other side can't be printed. You condoning this walk away from God only leads more children astray.

MRS. PAT COMBS
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Speaks About Downtown Plan

EDITOR: I read Sue Shaughnessy's article about Tom Zoedee's ideas

for Farmington. Although there has been no request for a note from the city, I would like to add my voice to say information may be taking.

I agree with Mr. Zoedee that Farmington should preserve its quaintness. I think the plan should have been worked out, similar to Frank's, so that all stores on a main business street would have a colonial or at least a traditional, uniform appearance. I think the architecture of the Federal's store, the Burger King and the other restaurants being constructed detract from the small town atmosphere and do make Grand River seem "junk."

I too like to shop in Farmington and around the Civic Theater. We have a good variety of stores, services and recreation available and still maintain the small town feeling. I hope something will be done to preserve this so that Farmington doesn't become just another intersection shopping center like all the malls, etc.

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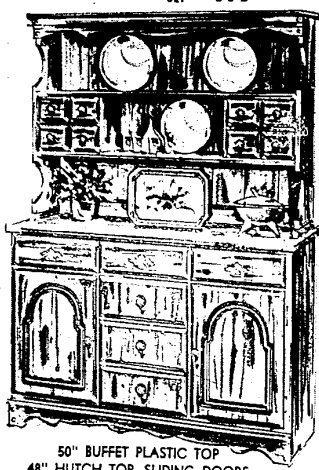
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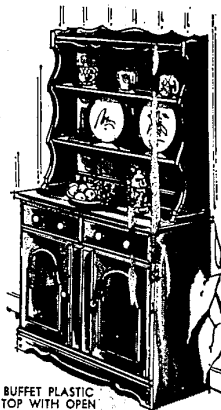
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