



RED, WHITE AND BLUE—Farmington's Kendallwood 1 and Colony Park Subdivisions will be ablaze with American flags on Fourth of July. Twenty-five young people have conducted a flag sale through the area with these four boys among the top salesmen. From left are Doug Campbell, John Creighton, Gary Varcoe and Chris Koltz. (Evert photo)

Says Politics Belong In Schools

EDITOR

As a June graduate in political science, I was quite disturbed by Mrs. Heimforth's letter in the June 4 issue of the Farmington Enterprise & Observer.

It did not surprise me to hear such a conservative view expressed, but rather it was distressing to note that such an opinion is held by an educator in our Farmington school system.

THE FACT that Richard Frankel was defeated in the June 8 election is past, but the fact that a supposedly informed individual in the teaching profession could articulate such a view is a matter of concern to me.

Mrs. Heimforth was opposed to Mr. Frankel's candidacy because of his affiliation of political groups and dissent organizations within the school.

Indeed, what better place to initiate change? Are not the schools to be institutions of learning? Learning as defined by the majority of educational psychologists is a change in one's behavior noted through his performance.

If learning in our schools fosters such a "change" in the student's behavior so that he desires to channel his views through a political organization, then education is a success. Only as education is applied to our daily lives does it indeed achieve its potential worth.

which Mrs. Heimforth intimates would be derogatory to students, would more realistically serve to confront them with the issues of today.

In conclusion I would like to reaffirm that our schools, as centers of learning, should be centers of political organizations. If this is not the case then education is sterile, and not achieving its greatest worth.

A VOCAL MINORITY

EDUCATION WITHOUT action is inert.

To use an analogy, education is like an engine whose power is contained within the body of the car. Without ignition the engine is non-functional but only has the potential energy to run.

It must be ignited—unleashed—before its power is realized. So indeed with education. It must combine its energy with action to be relevant in 1970.

Would Mrs. Heimforth repress such learning because it might threaten her beliefs? Politics and dissent need not be dirty words to the generation across the gap.

ARISTOTLE described man as a political animal. Since man's beginning he's been known to form associations to survive.

The school system is the most obvious place in which to realize one's political nature. Daily, students come into contact with those of mutual interests. By nature such interested individuals form close associations.

If one agrees with Rousseau, man is a "noble savage" to be trusted in his efforts at education. How can an educator honestly deny high school students their right to form political organizations within the system where such organization is only natural?

Mrs. Heimforth queries, "As for dissent and protest, why?" My answer—because students are thinking creatively and re-evaluating traditional mores that have been handed to them. This profound thought process encourages a politically active participant.

GUEST SPEAKERS from the SDS or the Black Panthers.

Complains About Float's Removal

EDITOR:

I would like to know why the parade marshal, Mr. Farrell, after giving written permission, canceled out the float that the John Birch Society tried to enter into the Memorial Day parade?

I understand that written permission was granted after the John Birch Society sent them a diagram explaining what the float would be like in detail.

And what right did Mrs. Robert Smith, from the Women's Auxiliary of the VFW, have to keep out this float?

Horses, dogs and Indians tribes from the YMC were allowed in the parade, and a good, patriotic, American organization like the John Birch Society was kept out. Why? I ask, why?

The following is what was written on the float: "TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: Your mind is like a computer, your decisions are only as good as the information you receive! The news media censors news by deletion and emphasis!"

"Today's battles are fought for the American mind. In this battle the John Birch Society uses truth as its only weapon, and education as its only means."

"All that is necessary for the forces of evil to win the world, is for enough good men to do nothing."

Flags Sell At Torrid Pace In Farmington

Dozens and dozens of American flags will wave at homes in Colony Park and Kendallwood 1 Subdivisions come Fourth of July.

It was all brought about by Mrs. Margaret Koltz, of 28365 Bayberry in Kendallwood, who thinks a "little bit of flag waving rather than flag burning"

is the proper way to celebrate this nation's most important holiday.

MRS. KOLTZ organized a sales force of 25 young persons who scouted the subdivisions to sell the flags and met a ready response.

Sales are still being made so there is no accurate tally of

how many flags have been sold as yet. But the three-by-five-foot flags sell for \$5 and to date a profit of \$250 has been realized.

The money will be turned over to Robert Nelson, who runs the big celebration the subdivisions put on every Fourth of July.

Last year insurance for the fireworks alone cost \$200 and Mrs. Koltz is hoping the flag sale profits will pay for this expense.

AN AMAZING total of 46 flags has been sold by John Creighton and he is still making his rounds.

Doug Campbell has sold 20 flags and Mrs. Koltz's children, Christopher and Mary Catherine have sold 25 together.

The other youngsters are Gary Varcoe, Rene Rollins, Jack Munroe, Bill Salisbury, Linda Love, David Thill, Mary Smith, Laurie Varcoe, Kim Dalton, Kim Behmer, Diane Laurie, Michael Laurie, Brad Beltz, Amy Becker, Jeff Knowlton, Scott Lee, Chris Chulovich, Lori Gary, John Petrus, Bob Wetterholt and Charles Avery.

The Plot Behind Those Child Nursery Rhymes

Daniels Den

By EMORY DANIELS

No man is an island, especially a man with a child.

After two years of fatherhood, I have vacated my island and moved onto that great continent of the family livingroom. And most of the livingroom's acreage is devoted to the child's garden of verses.

DURING THREE childless years of marriage, the wife and I have managed to stay out of the race of keeping up with the Joneses. But a child enters our home and we're in the race.

Would you believe our daughter wants a filter for her wading pool? And at the age of two she wants a tutor because after a year's enrollment in Sesame Street she still has not mastered the alphabet.

She has already managed to get a dog in the house, which is something the wife could not accomplish in three years. Now she has subjugated our dietary plans for the mutt by feeding him cookies, pretzels and oyster crackers.

Bridgette has also completely upset her parents' health plans which were carefully laid out with the family pediatrician.

To avoid the normal influx of childhood diseases, an inoculation program was scheduled. The first usurpation was when she grabbed the hypodermic needle from her derriere, yanked it out and waved it dangerously close the doctor's nose.

Our health plot was almost executed when the Rubella vaccine was lodged home. Next on the schedule was the mumps shot. But daughter usurped and obtained self-immunity by getting the real McCoy.

MY INTELLECTUAL life has noticeably diminished also.

The depth of my reading has concerned the life and times of Lucy Locket, George Porgie, Jack Sprat and Wyken, Blyken & Nod. And there is also that continuing serial about the adolescent waterboys and the account of their decline down the hill and the subsequent cerebral puncture.

Included amongst our readings is a subversive piece penned by James Whitcomb Riley about the Raggedy Man who works for pa.

We no longer need to worry about building a college fund because daughter has already decided her life's ambition is to be a Raggedy Man.

NOW I ASK you, who did this offend?

I am not a member of the society but I know they are a good American organization, by what kind of literature they distribute, the speakers they promote and also by the people in office they support. I cannot say the same for some of the other organizations around us.

North Farmington High School allows the Student Mobilization Committee, a group of radicals to operate in the school but the John Birch Society can't even participate in a Memorial Day parade? This is equal justice?

I ask you, Mrs. Smith, where are these freedoms we hear so much about? Tell me, because I think I am in the "silent majority" who refuses to keep silent anymore.

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