

Wilcox Lake Is Dirty; Public Alarm Sounded

EDITOR:
While taking a drive last weekend, some friends of mine remarked, "Wilcox Lake sure looks bad. I remember when we used to swim there—the water was cool, clear and so beautiful."

Today Wilcox Lake is extremely polluted. If a few people make comments such as these, I am sure others do, too. Due to the numerous new homes and apartments constructed near the lake in recent years, I am sure detergents and such help contribute to the wasteful contamination of the lake.

The lake does not freeze adequately to provide a decent place for ice skating—as it once did. The odor of polluted water body is extremely offensive. The odor, in addition to the sight of the lake in such a bad condition, makes the place less attractive for recreation—picnickers, swimmers, fishermen, etc.

As a community, what is Plymouth doing about the condition of Wilcox Lake? So far as I can see, people just accept the fact that it is polluted and go on their way. Does any organization or any citizen have an idea of what can be done to clean up the lake? Where is the source of the water for the lake? Can something perhaps be done about the source? Do the wastes and detergents from nearby homes empty into the lake? If so, let's find another way of disposing of this harmful waste.

READERS' FORUM

Letters must be limited to 300 words. Letters must be signed, with the writer's address. Names will be withheld only at the writer's request and for good cause. Please type or write plainly. The editor reserves the right to reject unsuitable letters.

I hope this letter will bring the problem of the pollution of Wilcox Lake to the attention of some citizens. Maybe with group effort, something can and will be done to restore Wilcox Lake to its state of beauty as it has been in years past.

DEBORAH L. ARRINGTON
Plymouth

EDITOR'S NOTE: Wilcox Lake is part of the Middle Rouge system and is under the jurisdiction of the Wayne County drain commissioner, as we have reported numerous times.

The High Costs Of No Abortion

EDITOR:
It is with great sadness and disappointment that we learned of Sen. George Kuhn's vote against abortion reform. His vote affects not only the 14th District but the entire State of Michigan.

Each day without abortion reform adds to the problems of this state and to the bills of each taxpayer. Each time there is an abandoned child, it costs the taxpayer to provide even minimal care. Each time cases of child neglect and abuse are reported, it costs the taxpayer to investigate and to provide medical and institutional care. Each time a woman is injured by an illegal abortion, it costs the taxpayer to provide care for her family and medical help for the mother. Each case of pregnancy by rape or incest causes the victim great anguish when made to bear this child.

And yet, a good, safe abortion reform law costs the taxpayer nothing and can help so much to reduce human misery. Let's tell our representatives that we need abortion reform NOW and support those candidates for office who pledge to back such a bill.

ELOISE E. POLLARD
State of Michigan

Town Hall Says 'Thanks'

EDITOR:
The excellent news coverage given to the Livonia Town Hall in the past has been a contributing factor in making our program a success. We are most appreciative of your cooperation and wish to extend our thanks to you and all those involved.

RITA S. KRUMPOCH
Secretary

Big Mistakes In Westland

EDITOR:
The Observer is to be complimented on an accurate written description of the Westland paving program. There are a few points, however, that the people of Westland should be made aware of. 1. The city administration gives the impression that I should have given the city more time to tie together all of

the loose ends which we are questioning. It is obvious that city charter, such "loose ends" should have been tied together BEFORE the city council voted to accept the assessment roll. (This vote took place on April 20.)

2-The "honest mistakes" referred to by the mayor were at one time merely "differences of opinion." Most of these discrepancies were brought to light at the two public hearings on Feb. 25 and April 15. At that time, however, the administration preferred to disagree with the many citizens who objected to such discrepancies.

It has taken the weight of a lawsuit to change "differences of opinion" into "honest mistakes." It is a comfort to know that the administration now admits that there are mistakes.

3-One of the local newspapers has also editorialized that the "stalling must end." It should be pointed out that the people opposing the assessment in the paving program were prepared to settle on May 29 the original date of a court hearing.

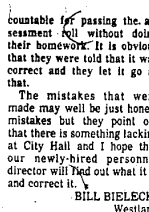
It was the city, requiring more time to learn about their own program, which asked for an original delay of three weeks and have again obtained an additional two-week delay until July 3. We, who are opposing the present assessment method in the paving program, are just as anxious to see most of these roads paved, but we do not intend to be forced to move from Westland to see this progress come about.

FRED J. TENBUSCH
Westland

Some Heads Should Roll

EDITOR:
After reading the article in The Westland Observer concerning the paving program and noting the obvious mistakes which have been made on the assessment rolls, I find that I have no doubt as to the ability of whomever was responsible for the whole mess.

I agree with the mayor, however, that in a program of this size there is bound to be some loose ends. But when the loose ends add up to approximately 40% of the total program, the mistakes no longer fit into that category; they are mistakes pure and simple. If these mistakes are upheld by the court, which is going to have the final say, I think somebody's head should roll. I also feel that the council should be held somewhat ac-



BILL BIELECKI
Westland

One Office As Stepping-Stone

EDITOR:
One of the finer points of "oneupmanship" by those sorely lacking in ammunition seems to be the art of intimidation.

Nowhere else could this fine art have come to full flower but on the political field. I suggest that any politician who uses it is on the verge of political bankruptcy.

The most recent tactic and a rather prevalent one of late is to accuse a politically inclined person of using any present position held for furthering future political ambitions. Maybe this tactic will have some benefit, of course, as any politician who is suffused with guilt probably is neurotic and what a blessing for us that his career be brief.

But I have observed that most of the men who have an accusation hurled at them seem to be just as capable, if not more so, than their accusers at whatever position they hold. Using one office to step up to another one is a built-in advantage. Any politician who denies it utters sheer nonsense no matter what other policies he mouthes.

Cut it out, boys, your accusing fingers only leaves egg on YOUR faces as far as I am concerned.

PATRICIA E. GRANT
Livonia



EUGENE J. KENDRA, of 21015 N. Meadowlark, Farmington, has been promoted to manager of the Prudential Insurance Co.'s district office in E. Outer Dr., Detroit. He joined Prudential in 1955. He graduated from Michigan State University in 1951.

Old Cars On Display At Mall

A 1925 Flint and 13 other antique autos are on display this week at Livonia Mall, Seven Mile and Middle Belt.

They belong to members of the Huron Valley chapter of the Veteran Motor Club of America and are used on weekends, for club functions, parades and shows. Many are still driven 50 to 1,500 miles a year.

Other highlights will be a Franklin with an air-cooled engine, a Willys Knight with a sleeve-valve engine, and a Packard, Chrysler, Ford, Chevrolet and Dodge all built between 1921-33.

Cover Fire

The word curfew comes from the French word "couvre-feu," meaning "cover fire." It was used as a signal, by the tolling of a bell, to warn townspeople to put out their fires and lights at a certain time of night.

Mrs. Masson On Observers' Leisure Beat

Appointment of Mrs. Betty Masson, of Plymouth, to the position of leisure time and entertainment editor of the Observer Newspapers was announced Tuesday by Publisher Philip H. Power.

Mrs. Masson replaces Sue Shaughnessy, who accepted the post of public relations director of the College of Insurance in New York City.

Mrs. Masson will work out of the central editorial office in Plymouth.

At the same time, Power announced the continuance of the Observer Newspapers' summer intern program with the placement of three students from the University of Michigan and one from Michigan State University.

The interns are: Richard McCullen, Victor Ormolenko, Harold Rosenthal from U-M and Miss Kathy Moran from Michigan State.

They will work the various newspapers in the Observer chain during the summer.

Mrs. Masson, a native of St. Thomas, Ontario, comes to the Observer Newspapers with several years experience on Canadian dailies.

She is a graduate of Aylmer High (it's five years of study in Canada) attended Alma College in St. Thomas for one year and then spent three years at the University of Western Ontario in London, where she received a degree in journalism.

NOT DIRTY CHEAP

A dirty air cleaner on your car's engine can cost you up to thirty-two dollars a year in wasted gasoline - 40 say nothing of extra engine wear from added grime. Let your engine breathe easy - check the carburetor air cleaner often and replace when recommended.



MRS. BETTY MASSON
Entertainment Editor

on child raising. She is the mother of four including Alice, George, James and Patricia. With her youngsters well into grade school and junior high, Mrs. Masson decided to return to her first love—newspapers—and accepted the post with the Observer Newspapers following the resignation of Miss Shaughnessy.

As leisure time and entertainment editor, Mrs. Masson will handle the entertainment pages, review plays and movies, write about leisure time activities and serve as an assistant to women's and church editor Mrs. Margaret Miller.

Area Deaths

EFFIE C. MACKAY, Mrs. Mackay, 91, of 17200 Fairfield, Livonia, died June 8 after an extended illness. Funeral services were held June 10 at the R. G. and G. R. Harris Funeral Home, 4000 W. Warren, with burial in Elmwood Cemetery, Livonia.

MRS. MACKAY is survived by three daughters: Mrs. Harold Compston, Mrs. John Hewitt of Saginaw, and Mrs. Walter Mickelson of Arizona, as well as eight grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

LEONA M. CULVER, Mrs. Culver, 85, of 3220 W. Chicago, died June 8. Funeral services were held June 11 at the R. G. and G. R. Harris Funeral Home, 4000 W. Warren, with burial in Elmwood Cemetery, Livonia.

MAIRIA J. STOKES, Services for Mrs. Stokes, 84, of 24411 Pioneer, Livonia, were held Tuesday at the R. G. and G. R. Harris Funeral Home, 4000 W. Warren, with burial in Parkview Memorial Cemetery.

MRS. STOKES, who died June 13, is survived by a son, Gordon Stokes, and two daughters, Mrs. Velva Howell and Mrs. Marguerite Bridge; brothers Albert Miller, Halbert Mueller and Edmund Mueller; and sisters Irma Sills, Edna Solomon and Mrs. Norma Stearns. 11 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

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