

Vandals Destroy Fun Of Halloween Night

EDITOR: I appreciated your editorial of Sept. 2 in which the Royal Oak and Birmingham mess.

Soon it will be "freedom day for vandals" time again-Halloween.

This day, to my way of thinking, was designed for the very young.

My gripe is not with them. My name is not Sgrape and I wish you will hear me out.

How about these older "peace lovers" who think Devil's Night is some sort of special freedom for them to do as they damn please? They destroy the very joy that was meant for the very little "candy lovers."

Last year it cost me about \$50 in repairs to my car, mail box and storm door. Plus eggs, etc.

With myself it is a matter of principle.

What makes these young residents act this way?

An ordinance was passed for people not to burn leaves or trash. People in the neighborhood seem to respect this request to the letter of the law. Then why is it so hard for them to contain their children, which is a far more important thing?

Last year on Halloween Eve I happened to work late and arrived home about 8 o'clock. Enroute there were older children running all over and just raising hell.

It really scared me. That is why I mentioned the Royal Oak and Birmingham thing because it was similar to that except for the reason.

The pen has always been, at least to me, "mightier than the sword," and that is why I am writing to you.

I have two daughters in college and a 12-year-old boy who attends junior high (Clarenceville). He is in every night before dark. My wife teaches at Botsford School. In our lives, human dignity comes first; all else is secondary.

Could you possibly run an editorial on the subject of the rights of what is permissible and that which is not permissible?

How can you govern if you cannot control?

JOHN A. SIMPSON
Livonia

Ban Those Billboards

EDITOR: We are a family of nature lovers. We are happiest when we are living under the sun and stars and thrilling to the wonders of waterfalls, forests and the heavens.

If you do any traveling, you must see how ugly our countryside is becoming. Everything is being spoiled by commercialism. Television, radio, magazines and newspapers and even our own mailboxes are being invaded by the buck-seekers.

Our phones, which are put in for our convenience, are also being taken over. Is nothing sacred? This is a definite invasion of privacy, I believe.

Now our natural beauty is being ruined. Kentucky is the only state I know where one

AREA DEATHS AND FUNERALS

EDWARD HENNING SCHROEDER— Services for Mr. Schroeder, 52, of 1020 Laurel, Livonia, who died Sept. 25, were held in Uth Memorial Funeral Home in Westland on Sept. 28. The Rev. James Beckham presided. Burial was in Michigan Memorial Park cemetery, Flak Rock.

Mr. Schroeder, a retired insurance salesman, is survived by two sons, William E. and James C., and a daughter, Sandra.

Also surviving is his father, Henry, living five sisters, Mrs. Esther Merrill, Mrs. Julia Verdu, Mrs. June Kujala, Mrs. Lavene Cross, and Mrs. Joyce Wagner, and five grandchildren.

He had been a Livonia resident eight years.

MARY S. KURLAPSKI— Funeral services for Mrs. Kurlapski, 66, were held Oct. 1 from R.G. and G.R. Harris funeral home in Livonia, and in St. Maurice Church, the Rev. Bernard Cline officiating. Burial was in Holy Sepulchre cemetery.

Mrs. Kurlapski of 1405 Cranston, Livonia, died Sept. 28 in St. Mary Hospital.

She is survived by her husband, Chester, son Richard and James, and daughter, Carol.

Also surviving is her mother, Mrs. Mary Sakolai and a sister, Mrs. Sophie Tremski.

She had been a resident of Livonia 11 years.

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.

can still enjoy a sunrise or sunset without a billboard obstructing your view. Northern Michigan is a monstrosity in recent years because of miles of billboards.

Let's preserve our natural beauty while we still have the opportunity.

I've been working to ban billboards for years. What can one woman do? I hope I live long enough to see it.

Now from Washington comes the first ray of hope I've seen from there in a long time.

Walter J. Hickel, secretary of the Interior, has proposed the banning of all billboards except those erected only within 50 feet of the property where the advertised product is located.

Please, let's get behind this courageous man who is going to meet with tremendous pressures from all sides. This may be our last chance to save some of the beauty of our country.

Bombard him with letters of support and show him we are with him.

LORETTA L. MCCARTNEY
Westland

Nice Students In Plymouth

EDITOR: With the broken and clanking glass finally put away, I like to take this opportunity to thank all the Plymouth High School students who helped us so very much during the American Association of University Women's glass drive.

The community can be proud of the way these young men and women pitched in, worked for hours to get the glass sorted, packed on trucks and carted away. Many of the students worked all three days of the drive and several went to Charlotte Sunday night to unload several tons.

It is with deep appreciation and gratitude that I thank Jim Neale and his P.E.P. friends for all their help. We would never have been able to do without them.

A grateful thanks to everyone that donated equipment and time.

MRS. JOSEPH E. UHL
Plymouth

History Vs. Moelke

EDITOR: At the Sept. 17 meeting of the Merriman-Six Civic Association, the members voted

is there mention of Moelke's many years of effort to create a more attractive community through better planning and zoning laws.

Your uncomplimentary remarks concerning our former mayor are an insult to the many thousands of your readers who supported Mr. Moelke through four terms of office. We feel that the people of Livonia are entitled to a more accurate and impartial brand of journalism than they have been getting in the Observer the last few years.

DOROTHY RICHESON,
Secretary
Merriman-Six
Civic Assn.

unanimously to address this letter to your Readers' Forum.

This is in reference to the special 14-page section included with your Sept. 5-6 edition entitled, "Livonia: 20 Years." In it we find attractive paid advertisements by many of Livonia's industries and commercial establishments.

Also we see pictures of Livonia's so-called "city fathers" and pioneers—anyone who had any political impact in Livonia's 20-year history either had a photograph or at least received "honorable mention" in the columns of this section.

Even Livonia's first two volunteer firemen were honored with a large picture!

But in all this flowery journalism there is one glaring omission. Our partition editor has obviously chosen to overlook the fact that for eight of Livonia's 20 years, we had one fine mayor by the name of Harvey J. Moelke.

We had to wade through several pages of what purports to be Livonia's history before we found a rather derogatory reference to the fact that a real estate man by the name of Moelke had seized upon the many civic associations which were "gaining political power" and "had banded them together and developed a political machine that carried him to the mayor's chair in 1962."

The article is not even historically correct, in that it refers to Moelke's six years in office, when actually it was eight years.

No where in your article is there one word of praise for the mayor who hired Livonia's first industrial coordinator, which had so much to do with attracting most of our major industries to this city. Nowhere

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Foundation Names New Trustees

The establishment of new scholarships, the election of new trustees, and a tour of new campus facilities highlighted the annual meeting of the Schoolcraft College Foundation.

A memorial scholarship fund in memory of the Reverend Father Francis J. Wojcik was created by the Foundation, and an initial \$1,500 was appropriated to its establishment.

Father Wojcik, Chaplain for the Wayne County Child Development Center and the De-

troit House of Correction, was very active in Foundation activities prior to his death this past July.

THE FOUNDATION also created three new \$100 scholarships for vocational-technical students. Funding will be provided from interest from an endowment by John Santier Jr., of Garden City for pre-matricular students. No students have yet applied for the scholarship stipend.

Elected new to the Board of Trustees were Mrs. Violet

Bradford and C. Phelps Hines of Northville, and Edmund Snyder of Plymouth.

Re-elected were Leroy Bennett, Plymouth; E. C. Immen and Schoolcraft President Eric J. Bradner, Livonia; Norman Faustyn and Jan Reef, Northville, and Russell Bogarlin, Schoolcraft director of financial aids.

THE FOUNDATION is a non-profit corporation chartered by the state and organized by residents of the college district to raise and administer

endowment funds for student assistance and capital construction projects.

Current officers are Philip R. Ogilvie, president; A. Russell Clarke, executive vice president, and Jan Reef, vice president, all of Northville; Mrs. Joyce Ludwig, secretary, and Gordon Ramsey, treasurer, both from Livonia.

New officers will be elected at its next meeting, scheduled for Thursday, October 22, in the Administration Building Conference Room on the Schoolcraft Campus.

Who Helped The Cleanup

EDITOR: As chairman for the Garden City Jaycees Rouge River cleanup, I would like to thank the Michiganders, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, East High students, West High students, People for People, First Church of Christ-Scientist, Garden City Council, Fire Department, Department of Public Works and all other individuals who participated in this project.

Though we know there is much work yet to be done in cleaning the river, we are very proud of the accomplishments made that day through the hard work these people put into cleaning the river.

Once more I personally thank these organizations and individuals for the interest and hard work they put into this tremendous project.

CLYDE CAMFIELD
Garden City Jaycees



WELCOME TO THE LOST WORLD OF JOHN T. TILlicum

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Poor John. The culprit? John's map. John's world had changed. His map hadn't.

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So lost worlds are out. That's why John's world needs Triple-A. (Right now we could take his mind off Old Tolberg Road by routing him on a spectacular Fall Color Tour of Michigan forests.)

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WESTLAND
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