Astroturf land meets a drought

A COUPLE of Sundays ago the foiks at the Newman Center next to Schoolcraft College in Livonia were all excited. It looked as if it were count to rain

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I really can't remember when I've seen so much glee over the possibility of rain on a Sunday.

Even a few months ago the word drought was something that happened in long ago or far away places.

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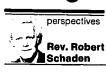
THIS YEAR, in this place, the story has changed.

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Freesure and our parched pender,
it is that we are forever dependent
on the environment. This is a truth
known at the deepest level to the natives who inhabited this continent
before we discovered it.

It also has been, and continues to
be, written into the hearts of those
who make their living directly from
the land, those who grow the food we
eat.

the ianu, those who give he were, has gradually escaped the consciousness of an AstroTurf society. As we have become more enamored with the marvels of technology, we have become equally forgetful of our impact on the environment.

As one of my neighbors remarked, "Who needs rain when we have hoses?" I wish he had been speaking in lest, but he want.



potting up a parking lot. That isn't by way of condemning the builders of parking lots, buf we do need to become more aware of our impact on the earth on which our grandehildren will set their feet, the air they will breathe and the water they will give to their children. It has been said that man, the so-called intelligent species on this planet is the only species which has contributed to the destruction of that planet.

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It has become easy for us to disregard our little bit of pollution. Just another few gallons of toxic waste are looked upon in legal terms while the long term effect is passed over.

There have been droughts in the past and there will be more in the future.

What really needs fixing is the level of our awareness of the inter-connection between ourselves and our world.

Such cannot be only the concern of Carl Sagan or a handful of folks known as environmentalists.

The fact is we are all dependent on the environment. It is equally true that most of what we do affects its course and its quality.

If this dry summer can raise that awareness even a little bit, then perhaps the drought of '80 can be considered a blessing.



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of Royal Oak, a counselor at the Southeast Campus in Royal Oak. Alexander has been a member of the Orchard Ridge staff since January 1970 and teaches compositive and Early American literature. He earned a bachelor of arts degree such as a survey of exceptional rorm Wayne State University and a master of arts from Michigan State University and a master of arts from Michigan State University. Cunegin, a member of the High-land Lakes nursing faculty since September 1966, received a nursing his 20 years with the college. September 1966 received a nursing his 20 years with the college. Samples is a graduate of Wayne State.

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