

'Please Leave Us Bigots Alone'

EDITOR:
For the past few weeks, I have been reading about the desperate need for black teachers in the Farmington School District and also about the discrimination shown against blacks by white suburbanites, and I've had it up past my neck.

I moved to Farmington from Inkster to get away from blacks and the problems, especially the schools, and now you people are trying to bring to this area the same rotten environment, filth, school problems that I felt to come here.

Try sending your children to junior and high schools with a majority of blacks. God help your child. Believe me, I am speaking with experience.

I can guarantee you that this is one taxpayer of Farmington that will never vote "yes" again for any school millage tax if this program of trying to recruit Negro teachers continues.

If you so-called righteous people, Negro lovers or what you care to call yourselves want to do your part, move to the colored areas, live right with them, but please leave us bigots or Negro haters alone to enjoy peace, tranquility and all the good things that are here in Farmington because of the Negroes not here to ruin what we have and most of the nation that has minority colored group in their areas don't have.

Incidentally, not that my patronage of your paper will make or break you, but continued articles for the colored may cause you to lose a disgruntled customer.

DONALD J. SCHULTZ
Farmington

Parked Cars Still There

EDITOR:
I read with more than usual interest a letter from Mrs. Patrick J. Roach concerning two cars owned by her son.

In January, the Livonia police were informed about two cars parked on a neighborhood street. These cars

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have been there since the summer of 1970. One of them was used sometimes, but finally left parked. The other hasn't been moved in months. One didn't even have plates.

The police said they would contact the people and read them the city ordinance. The cars are still there although the one without plates now has 1970 plates on it. They sit almost directly across the street from each other and during the snows we've had since the first of the year, it is no easy task to maneuver a car between them on a snow or ice covered street.

The Livonia police must be aware of the situation since they have been seen driving in the area now and then. I can't think of any logical reason why these cars are still parked on the street. Why are cars in a private drive disobeying a city ordinance while cars parked on a public street for months are not?

At least the Roach cars aren't a traffic hazard. How about some answers. Police Department? After all, fair is fair.

MARJORIE WILLIAMS,
Livonia

Violation In Driveway

EDITOR:
I wonder how many people are aware of that unfair ordinance that won't permit people to have an unlicensed car in their own driveway?

I'm not speaking now of junky eyesores, but cars in good, runnable condition which are idle at the present for any number of reasons. In our case, the car is to be taken away by a relative next month.



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Who are the losers? Our kids, yours and mine, for it is their education that will suffer. Unfortunately, they have little to say about their educational fate.

Is the State Legislature to blame, or the Livonia Board of Education, or the Livonia taxpayer? Yes, all of them are guilty of a little wrong called selfishness.

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GENE ZANG,
Livonia

Resent School Board Tactics

EDITOR:
As a Livonia taxpayer, I have never voted against a school millage proposal - and last Monday's election was no exception. However, I resent, F.L.E. committee meeting the same evening of the election, as if they couldn't wait to slap the hands of the voters by announcing the "firing" of 299 teachers. I think cooler heads and a cooling-off period would have been more in keeping with the image we expect from our school board, or especially a program more thoroughly worked out.

The last time they did not get what they wanted, all the cuts were made where the parents and the school child would feel it the most - half-days, no buses, and cutting out hot lunches. Then, they ended up with money left over and announced that all the cuts had not really been necessary.

In the meantime, our seventh and eighth graders had lost one half of that year's education, with English, math, history and science being offered only every other day at Emerson.

I also resent my child coming home all upset the day of the election, filled with news of all the dire things that would happen if the millage did not pass. I voted for the millage in spite of, and not because of, these tactics.

Also, being told that the vocational school will not raise taxes because it is being funded by a bond issue is like my children saying "charge it, Mom," when I say we do not have money for a luxury.

MRS. W.L. NASTEN
Livonia

Selfishness Is To Blame

EDITOR:
Last Monday the Livonia School District electorate had its say. The school millage and bond proposal went down to defeat. Who is to blame this time?

Is it the State Legislature, who for two years has been ignoring calls for help from local school districts to relieve the local property taxpayer? A Legislature more concerned with raising its own salaries and passing laws to make motorcycleists wear helmets. In general, a Legislature not interested in education, and a governor who is more interested in raising the gasoline tax to support mass transit.

Or is our local school board to blame? A school board which has turned a deaf ear to the wishes of the electorate for many years but have always been receptive to experimental programs, innovative buildings, and so forth presented to them by school officials. A board which did an excellent job of alienating the taxpayer by placing students on half-day sessions last year. A board which tells taxpayers only what they want them to hear. A board which has apparently forgotten that the electorate always plays the last card with his vote.

No Vote Is Bad Gamble

EDITOR:
As new Livonia residents, my wife and I voted yes on the March 29 election for the 3.5 mill tax renewal and the voc-tech bond issue. We are as firm in our belief as those who voted no that Livonia school taxes are exorbitant and state relief must be furnished.

We did not believe, however, that a no vote would force the state to provide this relief. We felt that to gamble our children's education on the slim thread of hope that the state would furnish help was a bad gamble.

We earnestly request the residents who voted no to reconsider on future attempts to renew the 3.5 mill tax. Crime and vandalism and drug abuse can only be encouraged by students having too much time on their hands due to overcrowded classes or shortened school sessions, which is inevitable.

In our opinion, \$75 a year is little enough to help insure quality education and keep our children occupied with

constructive projects rather than destructive.

RAY E. MAWHORTER
Livonia

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Resents Orders To Pave Streets

EDITOR:
The Westland city government has decided to pave curb, gutter and sidewalk included - our streets. I resent being told what is best for my street.

I live in a strictly residential area. I happen to like the rural setting which includes unpaved roads and beautiful trees in my front yard and think what happens to the street would be the decision of the homeowners - not someone on City Council.

SALLY WHITE
Westland

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