

Schools Fail To Get Voters' Message--'No'

EDITOR:

Following the March 29 defeat at the polls of the millage and voo-tech school proposals, Livonia Board of Education President William Craft was quoted as saying, "The voters are indicating that they can no longer accept the property tax as a means of financing education—I hope the State Legislature gets the message."

It is indeed sad to see how out of touch with reality the board of education seems to be. Even after two rebuffs at the polls, the board members apparently haven't gotten the message.

They refuse to face the fact that they have a tax rebellion on their hands. If they believe it is just a question of substituting one tax for another, then they are sadly mistaken and they are just kidding themselves.

Cut Out Gym, Pool

EDITOR:

I would like to comment on the serious cutbacks our Livonia school board has made. We cannot afford higher

In a nutshell, what the taxpayers are telling loud and clear is: We have had it. You better make ends meet with what you've got. Cut out the fat and the frills and quit fooling yourself and the public.

I believe that this is the message the taxpayers are communicating all over the state. Instead of talking about new taxes or raising existing ones, all public officials should start tightening the belt.

JOHN W. SCHLUEP
Livonia

school taxes, but getting rid of the staff is very stupid. May I ask why we can't vote on what should be cut back? I have some suggestions.

First of all, I know of very few kids who didn't hate swimming class. I mean really HATE it. Do you realize how much money we spend each year to keep up our pools, showers, hair dryers and swimsuits?

Gym was the same way. Only a handful of kids in any school like gym. Why do we spend so much money on equipment and showers when almost everyone hates it? They would get a lot more exercise at home if they weren't so stiff from gym. Why don't they shut down the gym and pool entirely or else use them for profit like the Compton-Buckingham pool is?

I personally know of kids

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who were on half-days last year. Not only did they learn more, but they got more exercise, played more games, had more fun, and learned more about getting along with people. Toward fifth and sixth hour, kids are pretty bored with school and look at the clock every five minutes. Half days is an excellent way of cutting the school budget.

I graduated recently and

can name many teachers who just goofed around, took 20 minutes to take attendance, and didn't have much to offer. Why not cut them out instead of first year teachers?

I know our school board is out to punish us, but they'll get slapped right back at the next election. They could cut the budget sensibly and have more intelligent children in Livonia if they wanted to.

Or... do they want? We had to put their heads together and give us the best

possible. We know their solution is not the best possible.

JANE BEATTY
Livonia

Dick Gregory Speaks Truth

EDITOR:

I would like to commend those people who were responsible for bringing Dick Gregory to Schoolcraft College. I have never enjoyed a speaker more than I did while I was listening to Dick Gregory. He is a remarkable man and a fantastic speaker.

He had many worthwhile things to say and he had tremendous communication with his audience. It's true that the majority of people there were young, but from my own observations the older people who were there seemed to be enjoying him

just as much as the younger ones.

Gregory spoke the truth and the audience responded to it. I truly hope that Schoolcraft College brings Dick Gregory back as soon as possible. It was truly an experience that I and the many others who saw him will not soon forget.

CATHY LUTE
Livonia

Muddy Path Isn't Pretty

EDITOR:

In relation to the Westland resident who resents the city's order to pave gutters and sidewalks of her street:

I feel she is very selfish. Let's see her push a stroller down her swampy hilly street. She may find it easier to carry the stroller, child and all. Where do the children of her neighborhood ride

their tricycles and pull their wagons? In the street?

How many children have been run over because they had walked in the street because she and others were to cheap to put in a sidewalk?

As to the beautiful setting - I live between Inkster and Beech Rd. and Seven Mile-Grand River. Many do not have sidewalks and it looks closer to hillbilly haven than anything else. What really burns me is the well kept double lot with no sidewalks. I cannot see what is beautiful about a maddy, well-trod path across your front yard.

As to paving her road, who does her house keeping? When you have to shut the windows to keep the dirt out from the street it gets a little disgusting.

I would love to live on a paved street with gutters. Nothing like looking out your front window at a 20 ft. by 4 foot deep cesspool. It really gives you a lift.

ANN PLATT
Redford Township

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Area Deaths And Funerals

SISTER MARY ELIGIA, CSSF. Funeral services for Sister Eligia were held in the Felician Sisters Mother House in Livonia on March 29 with the Rev. Robert Pomponi, chaplain of St. Mary Hospital officiating. Burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

Sister Eligia, formerly Ann Lewandowski, entered the convent in 1908 from St. Casimir parish in Detroit. During her 62 years in the sisterhood, she was a teacher, principal and superior in Michigan, Ohio, and Indiana schools. She died March 26 in St. Joseph Nursing Home.

Sister Eligia is survived by a sister, Martha and a brother, Leonard.

ANSEL L. SWINKLE. Services for Mr. Swingle, of 31768 Kathryn, Garden City, were held in the R.G. and G.R. Harris Funeral Home, and St. Raphael Catholic Church, both in Garden City. The Rev. Frank Polle officiated. Burial was in St. Hedwig Cemetery.

Mr. Swingle died Tuesday, April 6, in Wayne County General Hospital at the age of 78. He was a retired header operator for Federal Screw Works. He is survived by two sons, Carl and Edward, and three daughters, Mrs.

Marie Olczewski, Mrs. Margaret Kraviec and Mrs. Arlene Sadowski.

JAMES J. GAFFNEY. Funeral services were held recently for Mr. Gaffney, 58, of 39850 Grand River, Novi, in the Third burial in Oakview Cemetery in Royal Oak. Officiating was the Rev. Carl H. Schult of the Salem United Church of Christ, Farmington.

Mr. Gaffney, who died of a heart attack on April 1, was purchasing agent for Brighton Refrigeration Co. and had lived 34 years in the Novi-Farmington area. Survivors include wife, Beat, and brothers, Robert and J. Matthew.

ARTHUR E. DAVIS. Funeral services were held recently for Mr. Davis, 57, of 33737 James Ct., Farmington, in the Taylor Funeral Home in Farmington with burial in Acacia Park Cemetery, Birmingham. Officiating was the Rev. Charles Fox of St. John Lutheran Church of Farmington.

Mr. Davis, who died April 4 after a long illness, was an engineer with Burroughs Corp., a member of St. John Lutheran Church of Farmington, and had lived 53 years in Farmington.

Survivors include wife, Lela; parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur C. Davis, and son, William.

EDWARD KRIEGER. Funeral services were held recently for Mr. Krieger, 72, of 21340 St. Francis, Farmington Township, in the Heary-Sundquist Funeral Home in Farmington with burial in Woodlawn Cemetery, Detroit. Officiating was the Rev. Victor E. Hal both St. Col Grace Lutheran Church in Redford.

Mr. Krieger, who died April 9 in Farmington Nursing Home after a long illness, had worked for Scott-O'Dell Tobacco Co. of Detroit and had lived in Farmington for many years. His only remaining relative is a niece, Mrs. Edna Mahon of Farmington Township with whom he was living.

LEONARD R. ROZDOWSKI. Funeral services were held recently for Mr. Rozdowski, 54, of Detroit, in the Heary-Sundquist Funeral Home in Farmington with burial in United Memorial Gardens in Superior Township. Mr. Rozdowski was a member of St. John Lutheran Church of Farmington, and had lived 53 years in Farmington.

Mr. Rozdowski, who died April 5 in Detroit General Hospital after a long illness, was a WWII Army Air Force veteran. Survivors include daughter, Mrs. Joanne Quarcuso of East Detroit; sister, Mrs. Neva Davis of Farmington Township, and three grandchildren.

CARMELA DIEDIGIO. Funeral services for Mrs. Diedo, of 31926 Pennell, Garden City, were held in the R.G. and G.R. Harris Funeral Home, Garden City. Fr. Charles O'Neill officiated. Burial was in Brookside Cemetery, Westland.

Mrs. Diedo died Friday, April 9, in St. Mary Hospital, Livonia. She was 78. She came to the community five years ago and was a member of St. Raphael Catholic Church in Garden City. She is survived by a son, Bernard, two daughters, Mrs. Jesse Renner and Mrs. Mary Machowski, 15 grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

JOSEPH MULET. Funeral services for Mr. Mulet, of 32262 Leone, Garden City, were held in the R.G. and G.R. Harris Funeral Home, Garden City. The Rev. Charles Jacobs of the First United Methodist Church of Wayne officiated. Burial was in Cadillac Memorial Gardens Cemetery.

Mr. Mulet died April 7 in Wayne County General Hospital of a heart attack. He was 45. He was a Stater-Hilton Hotel bartender for 18 years and served as a bartender for the Brasserie Lipp in Detroit. A native of Malta, he lived in Garden City for 12 years. He is survived by his wife, Mary, son, Joseph, and daughter, Catherine.

JESSIE KATHRYN WINNANS. Services for Mrs. Winnans who died April 2 at the age of 74 in her home, 32484 Leone, Garden City, were held in the Caldwell-Mulligan Funeral Home, 29611 Ford Road.

She is survived by her husband, Theodore, two sons, Harold and Theodore Jr., and a daughter, Mrs. Shirley McNeil. 16 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Burial was in Michigan Memorial Cemetery.

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