

Indians Thank Generous Readers

Indian Enterprises, Inc., based in Oceana County, is once again the recipient of toys and miscellaneous articles from Mr. and Mrs. Hank Crucial of Livonia, who work under the auspices of the Western Wayne County Conservation Assn.

Mr. and Mrs. Crucial had previously brought up approximately 650 or more toys, and we are collecting the names of the needy Indian children in Muskegon, Oceana, Mason and Manistee counties. To date it looks like we will go at least 150 children over.

So we called Mr. Crucial and explained the situation and he made arrangements for us come right down and pick up the extra toys we will need.

We would like to publicly thank all the folks who have helped or donated in the Observeland area. We are very much thankful to them because our people up here are going to have a wonderful Christmas this year.

MRS. DOUGLAS PIERSON
Secretary, Indian Enterprises, Inc.
Rothbury, Mich.

The Goblins Are At It

EDITOR:
I would like to address this letter to parents of school-age children.

It is that time of year again, and the goblins are at it. Are you a parent who naively thinks that his child is scoping windows and ringing doorbells? Well, they aren't. They are out spray-painting stores, vandalizing schools, breaking park equipment, etc.

Some of this damage is irreparable, but you'll pay for it in increased product prices and higher school taxes. Think of how embarrassing it would be if you had to appear in court with your child because of a Halloween "prank."

Do you know where your children are?
MRS. B. HAYOSH
Redford

READERS' FORUM

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Low Value On Life

EDITOR:
What has happened to justice in America today? There is a man, living in Livonia, who murdered a friend of mine last December. His weapon was not a gun or a knife or a club, but a 4,000 pound automobile. He was operating this automobile while being completely intoxicated, by anyone's standards, by alcohol. A hospital test revealed that he had 19 per cent alcohol in his blood. Michigan law now says you are legally drunk when you have .15 per cent blood alcohol, a figure many authorities believe should be .10 per cent.

This man was convicted of negligent homicide. His sentence for killing a human being, \$400 fine and two years probation. Not much for a human life. The same day as this man was sentenced, there were others in the court who had also broken the law. One young man was found to have a small amount of marijuana in his possession; his sentence, \$400 fine and 60 days in jail followed by a period of probation. Another man was arrested while he was tampering with a car, his sentence ninety days in jail and \$200 fine.

All this shows what little value we place on life. The young man in possession of marijuana, a crime in which he could only hurt himself, and the man tampering with the car, a crime against property, were punished more severely than the man who killed my friend.

Why? Maybe it's because so many of us driving automobiles are also voters. It's just plain unpopular for politicians to legislate laws which restrict drivers. It is much more popular to make large impersonal corporations, the auto makers, add seat belts, shoulder harnesses, collapsible steering columns, and the like. This is not to say that these safety features are not desirable, they are tremendously so. However, it seems, these new features have not appreciably lowered fatalities.

It all boils down to the simple fact that it is not the car that kills, but the driver. We must insist on much stricter enforcement of our present laws. We must not allow drivers with terrible records to remain on the road. We must channel more of our monies and energies into programs to improve the driver, not just the car.
WILLIAM R. STUMPF
Plymouth

Integrationists, Move Out

EDITOR:
An open letter to you enthusiasts of bussing and integration:

If you are so strong in favor of these principles, then move into the inner city, or back into the inner city (which ever the case may be).

I'm sure your present neighbors won't mind. And you may get a welcome from your new ones.
W. B. DALY
Livonia

Board Didn't Step Forward

EDITOR:
At their Oct. 18 meeting, the Livonia board of Education passed an anti-bussing resolution.

I attended the meeting more from an interest in hearing both sides of the debate than out of belief that previously established persuasion would change. The interesting, but not so surprising, point of the evening was that no one was for bussing children across district lines. Speakers and Advisory Board members all agreed on this.

I thought that the position to table the motion for the resolution taken by Dr. Katz, Mrs. Herta, and Mr. Murch was frightened and ultimately would have benefitted the community more than the action finally taken by the majority of the board.

It is an opportunity as a community to be our "daly man," to investigate and assign our own merits to issues, and to rely on reason and facts to arrive at just solutions. The majority of the board, however, chose to take the popular route and, in the process of imitating other communities, lost a golden opportunity to provide sane leadership to the metropolitan area where otherwise mass hysteria prevailed. I think this says something about the gut quality of those we call our leaders.

In the eyes of the broader community, I am sure that we jeopardized community

lighting and lack of public transportation.
If Detroit wants equality, then so does Clarenceville. Will it be forthcoming?
MRS. JAMES SLIWA
Farmington

Bus Only Volunteers

EDITOR:
As a parent, student, and prospective teacher of next year, I am not seeking argument on whether to bus children. I see the need for it and endorse the philosophy supporting the principles of bussing, i.e. equal educational opportunity for all children. It is the program of bussing that I attack.

It is not fair to the children to randomly involve them in our experimentation. The desired outcome of our present method of bussing is too far in the future (i.e. the time it will take our children to reach adulthood) to practically subject an entire generation to hypothesis.

And should our hypothesis fail, then what? Therefore, let me point out that what I term "mass-bussing" is the problem. If this experiment were conducted with families who participated voluntarily, the platform would have a sturdy foundation on which to build. It could eventually spread nation-wide among concerned families, which would be a giant step in the right direction.

Because of the high cost of school taxes, property owners in this district had to do without many conveniences. Things Detroit residents have. Such as city water at a rate within reason, paved streets, curbs, sidewalks, street lights, garbage and trash collection, fire protection (not volunteer) and public transportation.

Now, all things being equal, if the state wants to take over the Clarenceville School District, which our taxes paid for, don't you think it only fair that the state in turn give us equality?
If my child has to go to a school in Detroit not up to the standard of Clarenceville, how about the state reimbursing residents of Clarenceville School District the money spent improving their school district? This money to be used for paved streets, water, sewers, street lights, etc.

I have no objection to my children going to school with black children providing ... the black families live in the Clarenceville School District, pay the same taxes, and suffer the same hardships such as unpaved streets, mud, septic tanks, inadequate street

But the involvement of the school districts through a court decision involves far too many families who, because of either a misconception of "bussing," or belief against it, will only serve to vastly confuse the children, create chaos, and undermine an attempt to establish homogeneity.

After all, where does the child go in the evening after he has left his "bussed environment?"
I do hope that if bussing does continue in its present fashion, it will not infect innocent children with the poisonous attitudes of some "action-oriented" adults. Please, let's use more foresight now than in the past.
ROBERT E. LEMON
Redford

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