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EDITOR:

The West Bloomfield-Farmington Area League of Women Voters commends Observer Newspapers for the publication of two articles which appeared in your Oct. 13 edition.

"Bussing: What Rights Do Parents Have?" and Tim Richard's "What 'Equal Protection of Laws' Means To Taxes" were written with intelligence and clarity.

These articles were instrumental in diminishing rumor and removing some of the confusion and distortion which surround the bussing issue.

By offering your readers this type of calm and factual coverage, the Observer exerts a cogent and positive influence. You are to be encouraged to continue this policy.

MRS. RICHARD GOULD
President,
WB-Farmington
League Of Women Voters

Rep. Stempien Aids Schools

EDITOR:

As a public school board member and party officer, I have been personally acquainted with State Rep. Marvin Stempien's strong support of educational reform

and of relief for our overburdened property taxpayer since he was first elected in 1964.

We should all be able to recall his great success in securing special state funds for Livonia public schools during the Nankin Mills crisis and his continuing fight for a state constitutional amendment to stop the annual property tax assessment increases.

The letter of Republican Chairman Kettunen that appeared in your letter box is certainly an unfair and untrue opinion of Stempien.

The documented record shows that Rep. Stempien has established himself as a leader in the fight for improved education not only for

his own Livonia-Northville district but for the entire state.

Stempien's excellent performance in the Legislature was recognized by his colleagues when they elected him to the key House post of majority floor leader.

This is no time for cheap, partisan political shots at devoted public servants. All of us must put aside trying to make political hay out of the crisis faced by education and work for the reforms that are needed. That has been the posture taken by Stempien. He needs assistance, not carping criticism based on strictly political considerations.

This is the time for all supporters of improved education to join forces and work for the necessary reforms. Who you join us, Mr. Kettunen?

ALDO VAGNOZZI,
Chairman 19th District
Democratic Committee

Critic Wrong On Stempien

EDITOR:

Hoosay for Rep. Marvin Stempien. Again he has proven that he has the courage to vote his convictions in spite of the heat of political pressure.

But the petty partisan criticism of Livonia GOP campaign chairman George Kettunen in a recent letter to your newspaper indicates an

obvious distortion of the voting record of a sincere and respected representative.

Your editor's note after the letter shows the real truth of Rep. Stempien's opposition to forced bussing of school children. Chairman Kettunen does a disservice to your readers and to the Republican Party when he so obviously misstates the facts.

ALLAN JOHNSON
Livonia

Liberalism Distorted

EDITOR:

The term and the concept of "liberalism" has been so abused and misused in the deceitful propaganda of Marx's atheistic materialism, it would be well to define the term to better understand real political trends of the day. The opening paragraph under the heading "Liberalism" continued in my home reference encyclopedia begins thusly:

"The term liberalism is difficult to define in precise terms, both because individualism and tolerance form the hard core of the philosophy, and because in the past hundred years many groups with opposing programs have called themselves liberals."

The American concept of liberalism is a political philosophy and political creed that dates back to the defeat of Napoleon. It reached a zenith of philosophical writing in the 17th and 18th centuries appearing particularly in the works of John Locke and Jeremy Bentham. Locke's "Two Treatises on Civil Government" contain the political thinking that inspired the American Revolution and the writing of the Declaration of Independence and our Constitution.

The Declaration of Independence yet stands today

as one of the better definitions of liberalism ever reduced to writing. The basic tenets of the creed are individualism, tolerance, and laissez-faire government.

Now come the false ones and followers of Marx and offer their opposing programs, all the while calling themselves "liberals." They offer us collectivism as opposed to individualism. Interdependence as opposed to independence; intolerance as opposed to tolerance; and totalitarian dictatorship as opposed to laissez-faire government.

A comparative study of the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution, as compared to the Communist Manifesto, will offer better enlightenment as to the nature of the American creed of liberalism and the Marxist creed of pseudo-liberalism.

A comparative study of these two historical documents will offer excellent enlightenment about the ideological conflict now existing in the nation, and offer best explanation about the polarization of politics now transpiring.

HOWARD R. DAVIS
Livonia

Auto Show To Open

Visitors to the 56th Detroit auto show will walk on gold-carpeted aisles this year as they inspect the hundreds of new domestic and imported passenger and sports cars, motor homes and pickup campers that go on display Saturday, Nov. 20.

In addition, they will have an opportunity to take part in a nightly auction, win one of 10 trips for two and enter a motor-home contest.

Open from noon to 11 p.m. each day, the show will run during the Thanksgiving holiday and close on Sunday night, Nov. 28.

DANIEL S. CYBURT. Services for Daniel Cyburt, 20, of 15412 Fairfield, Livonia, were held in the R. G. & G. R. Harris Funeral Home with Fr. Thomas J. Egan officiating. Burial followed in Parkview Memorial Cemetery.

A resident at Wayne State University, he died Nov. 14 at Pontiac General Hospital.

Survivors include his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Cyburt; five brothers and sisters, Valerie, Barry, Mark, Bruce and Alan; and his grandparents, Mrs. Frances Cyburt and Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Rutkowski.

EMILY DETRICH. Funeral services for Mrs. Detrich, 92, were conducted by Pastor W. W. Pulett of St. John Lutheran Church in the Thayer Funeral Home, Farmington. Burial followed in Grand Lawn Cemetery.

Mrs. Detrich died Nov. 7. She was a native of Germany and a resident of Farmington for 18 years.

She is survived by her daughter, Mrs. Lena E. Detrich of Detroit; three sons, William E. Detrich of Farmington, Gustav A. Detrich of Southfield, and Herman A. Detrich of N. Hollywood, Calif.; and 18 grandchildren.

MARY J. KUZAWSKI. Services for Mrs. Kuzawski, 74, of 7384 Marmon Rd., Westland, were conducted in Thayer Funeral Home, Farmington, by the Rev. Joseph Kucal. Burial followed in St. Hedwig Cemetery, Detroit.

Mrs. Kuzawski died Nov. 8. She was a native of Minnesota and resided in Westland for three years. She was a member of St. Bernardine Catholic Church.

She is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Ford L. Coleman of Farmington; a son, Floyd J. Kent of Livonia; two sisters, Mrs. Agnes Kozinski of Marquette and Mrs. Michael Maychack of Florida; two brothers, Joseph Oleczak of Detroit and Leonard Oleczak of Chicago; and three grandchildren.

NANNY J. HUTTON. Funeral services for Mrs. Hutton, 52, of 24649 Grandon, Livonia, were conducted in the R. G. & G. R. Harris Funeral Home by the Rev. Ivan G. Smith. Burial was in Floral Gardens Cemetery, Bay City.

She died Nov. 11 in Grace Hospital. She was a credit manager for the Federal Dept. Stores and a member of St. Mark United Presbyterian Church.

She is survived by her husband, Gerald; son, Emil; daughters, Mrs. Rene Brigham and Mrs. Lois Wolf; sisters, Mrs. Maxine VanHusen and Mrs. Marie (Ilg); and four grandchildren.

LEWIS E. JAMES. Services for Mr. James, 83, of 10113 Arcos, Garden City, were held in R. G. & G. R. Harris Funeral Home. Burial followed in Canfield.

A farmer, Mr. James died Nov. 9 at Wayne County General Hospital after a short illness. He left one nephew.

KATHRYN BRUSE. Services for Mrs. Bruse, 80, of Detroit, were conducted

Area Deaths

In the R. G. & G. R. Harris Funeral Home. Burial was in Grandview Cemetery. She died Nov. 12 in Providence Hospital. She is survived by a son, Alfred Bruse of Livonia; a brother, Bernard Bruse; and two grandchildren.

MRS. CAROLYN LUCAS. Services for Mrs. Carolyn Lucas, former teacher at Northbrook Elementary School, Southfield, and Royal Oak resident, were scheduled for Nov. 13 in Webster, N.Y. Mrs. Lucas died Nov. 10.

A native of East Lansing, she received her bachelor's degree from Michigan State University in 1951 and her master's degree from Wayne State in 1958. She moved to Webster three years ago.

Survivors are her husband, Paul A.; her mother, Mrs. Ethel Cleary, Royal Oak; a sister, Mrs. Robert Hall (Patterson), Farmington; and a brother, William Cleary, Royal Oak.

The family asks that memorial tributes be sent to the American Cancer Society.

GEORGE THOMAS CROOK. Services for Mr. Crook, 78, of 37485 Grand River, Farmington, were held at the Henry-Sunquest Funeral Home with the Rev. Charles J. Fisher officiating. Burial, accompanied by an honor guard of WWI veterans, followed in Evergreen Cemetery.

Mr. Crook died Oct. 31 at Parkview General Hospital in Westland after a short illness. He was an electrical contractor and 15-year employee of the City and Township. A WWI Army veteran, he was a member of Farmington Barons Lodge 151 F.V.M., which held memorial services after his death.

Survivors include his wife, Gladys; a brother, Gilbert D. Crook of California; two sisters, Mrs. James Ken and Mrs. Bruce Hollenbeck, both of California.

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