

Readers' Forum...

Says Board Has Funds For Buildings, Not Roads

Charges Supervisor Changes Positions

EDITOR:
After attending the recent Township Board meeting, I fully understand Supervisor Curtis Hall's position. By this I mean his claim of being misunderstood, misinterpreted, misquoted, and so forth. At the beginning of the meeting, Charles Williams, one of the trustees, dared to breach the subject of roads, Hall said, and I quote, "There is a matching fund available for ditching, culverts and gravel."
At a meeting of the Farmington Township Road Association Nov. 19, Hall stated that the township would not match funds for ditching or culverts. Thus two meetings were less than one week apart, yet Hall found ample time to change his position.
With statements of this type being made, I can see why Mr. Hall is misunderstood, misinterpreted, misquoted, and so forth.

MRS. DANIEL MCKENZIE
34820 Bridgeman Farmington
(EDITOR'S NOTE: Staff writer Elizabeth Wissman, who covered the Road Association meeting, says that Hall told the group the matching funds the township had available for ditching, culverts and gravel were spent for this year. That's also what he said during the Township Board meeting.)

Funds For Buildings But Not For Roads

EDITOR:
The members of the Farmington Township Board who refused to support Trustee Charles Williams' resolution on the road situation certainly weren't acting in the best interests of the residents.
All Williams wanted the Board to do was recognize the seriousness of the road problem and to try to find ways to improve the situation for the residents.
Williams' proposal was shot down by the same negative attitude which has characterized Supervisor Hall's administration.
Hall and the bulk of the Board has been negative toward finding or suggesting any solution to the serious road problem in the southern part of the township but they have had no difficulty in finding money for projects that benefit private interests.
The township had no difficulty obtaining county as well as local funds to pave the road leading to township hall and to pave Power Road from 11 to 10 Mile Roads.
The township had no difficulty in finding some \$400,000 to build a substantial addition to township hall.
The township was also able to find funds to pave the two roads—Halstead and Drake,

which definitely benefited two of the township's largest land and apartment developers.
Yet, the township turns deaf ear when residents whose roads periodically become impassable ask for some consideration of their problems.
Hall's appearance before the Farmington Township Road Association was another exercise in futility. As Mrs. Vignoe pointed out, Hall double-talked all over the town as he again refused to accept any responsibility for the road problem.
When he wasn't attacking The Farmington Enterprise & Observer for daring to report what happens at township meetings, Hall fell back on the claim that people didn't want their roads repaired because years ago they turned down a millage rate for road maintenance.
Treasurer Elise Avery used the same argument in refusing to support the Williams resolution.

If this argument had any validity, then township officials were wrong in voting themselves a wage increase in recent years, since the voters soundly rejected a pay boost for the supervisor, treasurer and clerk in a 1965 referendum.

ALDO VAGNOZZI
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(EDITOR'S NOTE: Vagnozzi is currently chairman of the 19th District Democrats. He has been active in township politics and with the road group.)

Hurt By Decision Of Livonia Board

EDITOR:
I am very upset about the results of the Shared Learning program proposal. I feel that the basic problem lies in a lack of communication, understanding, and willingness to listen and discuss among Livonians.
Parents, teachers, students, and the Board of Education were apparently unaware of the actual plans that were laid down for the program. I hope that members of the community may improve communication conditions when similar situations arise in the future.
To Mrs. E. Mull, I ask why the Inkster Public School system is more deserving of a Shared Learning program than Livonia. Why not try to consider racial attitudes in all areas? It is true, to a certain extent, that individuals may choose what types of people they associate with, but there are many factors to be taken into consideration.
A person is, undoubtedly, going to live close to where he finds work. Therefore, it is convenient for him to acquaint himself with other people who live in his area. If none of those other people are of different hereditary backgrounds, both racially and nationally-wise, he is living in a closed and unreal world.
It's much better to have these people of various backgrounds

living in all areas. How can we obtain peace in the world, if we can't even live with the type of people who now live in Detroit and would like to come into the suburbs if Livonians and others would allow it?
Mrs. Mull, why not use the public schools for learning experiences? But what what we're set up for? What are we supposed to do in schools? If you think the teachers are so overworked, why don't you see to it that more money is provided for our schools? That way, more teachers could be hired and nobody would be overworked.
I think the children in the ghettoes know a little more about life than people like Mrs. Mull think they do. They have T.V.'s too. They know all about the material things that seem to be so precious to mankind.
If you feel, Mrs. Mull, that you and others in the community won't be able to have some control over the choice of friends your children have under the Shared Learning program, you are merely portraying your limited knowledge of the situation. It states that parents must give their consent before their children correspond with students from other areas.

GERALD G. SILVERSIDES
PUBLICITY CHAIRMAN
MURRAY JACKSON
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

On to Mr. Deman. I have only two questions for you: Did your children runaway from the Negroes in Detroit, or from both the black and white "bums," as you call them? Also, who's making those children burn into bums?
Please, for your sake, and for the sake of your children, be deeply and honestly about these questions.
I only hope that some fine day, Livonians will "see the light" if they can't see it now, then there is still hope for the world.
—A HOPEFUL STEVENSON

Praises Performances Of Music Groups

EDITOR:
On the evening of November 15 we were treated to an enchanting evening. The occasion was the 25th Anniversary of the Beautiful High variety and symphonic band, the orchestra, the male chorale, girls chorale and chorus and the Bel Canto Choir under the direction of Robert Ballard, Penny Duprey, Roy Ernst and Jack Trudgen.
For two inspiring hours the young men and women entertained us with magnificent professionalism. One could not help but be struck by the long hours of preparation and practice that went into such a presentation and one could also feel the collective thrill of pride throughout the audience when at the finale over 400 young voices combined with the band to sing "America the Beautiful."
It behooves all of us to think of the positive things our school system and young people in Livonia are doing.
MRS. ROBERT FERRY
Livonia

Thanks Workers For UF Efforts

EDITOR:
I would like to thank the hundreds of women in north Livonia who worked so long and diligently for the Torch Drive this year. The 20 neighborhood chairmen each directed up to 80 women to work on their streets in this task by five area chairmen who had from three to six women to oversee.
Mrs. Donald Temple, 18094 Floral, Mrs. Michael Gray, 19893 Parkway; Mrs. Russell House, 36332 Brookview; Mrs. Robert Oana, 36128 Roycroft; and Mrs. Laili, 18277 Howard, performed their duties as area chairmen superbly.
Due to the efforts of all these women, north Livonia collected 124 per cent of its goal, it is a measure to working with such dedicated, hard-working women.

MRS. NICHOLAS J. FABER
NORTH LIVONIA DIVISION
CHAIRMAN,
1968 TORCH DRIVE

Teenagers Helped Put Project Over

EDITOR:
Much is heard today about the youth of our land and a good deal of it is bad.
It is with this in mind that we of the Northwest Community Association for Retarded Children wish to express our

Observer Thanked For Campaign Help

EDITOR:
We wish to thank you for your help in the November election campaign.
Although we feel great disappointment we have not given up.
We confidently believe that the citizens of Wayne County will approve a millage proposition for a community college, once they understand fully its need and desirability.
Before placing millage on the ballot again, we hope to do a thorough and continuous job of voter education.
We hope you will continue to work with us to build a community college for Wayne County.

GERALD G. SILVERSIDES
PUBLICITY CHAIRMAN
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Proposes Changes In U.S. Elections

EDITOR:
Now that the big voting day is over and we have a new President, I think it's about time this highly technical and educated country got out of its better-than-all-the-world attitude, and set up a system of electing a President that makes sense.
I would like to make the following suggestion: For the Presidential elections it should allow anyone who files in all states to run for that office. There would be no primary for presidential candidates, no party conventions.
(They don't mean a thing anymore except to those who wish to say their piece on national television) to no man

selecting anyone for vice president, and no more than one man from a political party.

All candidates who vote President, simply get on the national ballot and this can mean as many as possible per political party, and the people simply vote for the man who they think will be the best.
Now, when one man gets the majority of the popular vote, he will be the President, and the man who gets the second highest number in the same political party will be the vice president.
This will eliminate that college of electors who have been with the election system for all these years, and all states will be equal in the eyes of the world as this is supposed to be 50 United States which means only one country.
I think the above system would be the easiest and simplest

way out of a past collection of election rules and regulations.

It would be worth a try just once, and now's the time to start to take action for the future.
WALTER MARTYNOW
Livonia
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1 Depicted in the state flag	1 Flag
5 This state's capital is	2 Teller
13 Opulent	3 Chill
14 Large food fish	4 Exclamation
15 22a	5 Adam's son
16 Musical instrument	6 Mouthward
17 Mileage	7 Narrow road
18 "Garden State" (ab.)	8 Parent
19 Hanging soundest	9 Encore
21 Diphthong	10 Exotic beast
22 Equipment	11 Mentally
24 Flat boats	12 Presiding elder (ab.)
25 11 borders on	13 Gulls
26 11 borders on	14 Bearing
27 Try	15 20 One who marks the skin
28 Steamship (ab.)	16 Corridors
29 Palm Lily	17 25 Rules
30 French article	18 32 Feels
31 Giant King of Babel	19 44 Equal
32 Observed	20 50 Sit
34 Burden	21 52 Pincushion
37 Formerly	22 Moon goddess
38 Domestic slave	23 53 Measure of area
39 New Mexico (ab.)	
40 Use superficially	
44 Not (prefix)	
47 Small swallow	
49 Mythological king	
50 Dined	
51 Decorator	
53 Arabian gulf	
54 Flower	
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