

Will Super Sewer Bring Super Problems?

EDITOR:
I would like to register my opposition to the proposed regional waste water management system for southeastern Michigan, better known as the super sewer. I am concerned with the basic issues that are raised by the proposed construction of this large interceptor.

First, the pollution of Lake Erie will certainly not be lessened. In fact, construction of the project may even hasten the death of this Great Lake. The proposition calls for the construction of a mammoth wastewater treatment plant at the mouth of the Huron River that is capable of only secondary treatment - the same treatment now in effect at the municipal treatment plants on the Huron. By locking the massive system into this low-grade treatment - future improvement to tertiary (advanced) treatment is near impossible.

Second, proponents of the super sewer claim that the quality of the Huron River will be improved to the point where swimming will be permissible. This is not true. Studies by researchers at the University of Michigan have shown that surface and storm runoff, as well as the water quality above Ann Arbor, will continue to keep the quality of the river below Ann Arbor at a level unfit for swimming, with or without the sewer.

Also, at peak summer dry periods, the river may reach dangerously low levels because of the water being drawn out by Ann Arbor and other communities and sent directly to Lake Erie.

Finally, and most directly affecting Livonia, a project of this type inevitably spawns "strip development" of a type that is very difficult to control. Communities spring up that have no firm industrial base on which to support municipal government. This problem could directly affect the western reaches of Livonia, near where the super sewer is tentatively planned.

Do we want uncontrolled, spontaneous and irresponsible growth? Or do we want

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Lincoln, Hughes Being Ignored

EDITOR:
The best known phrase that constitutes the basic understanding and meaning of representative government by the grass root citizenry, may be, "Government of the people, by the people and for the people."

In March 1939, Charles Evans Hughes stated: "We are here not as masters but as servants, not to glory in power but to attest our loyalty to the commands and restrictions laid down by our sovereign, the people of the United States, in whose name and by whose will we exercise our brief authority."

There can be no misunderstanding of what is meant in these two quotations. The former, by a university rector, is humanitarian and President, Abraham Lincoln. The latter, by a giant among jurists and a chief justice of the United States Supreme Court.

Considering the modus operandi of today's government, any ordinary citizen would be hard pressed, indeed, to detect any comparison in reality between the clear, uncomplicated definitions of the democratic process, as expounded by these two preminent Americans, and the actions of the politicians of today.

Taxation by misrepresentation has, for all practical purposes, become the norm rather than the exception at virtually all levels of government.

The will of the people, as expressed at the polls, is largely ignored and as a direct result, supplanted by that which can only be regarded as being in the best interests of commitments made by the body politic to more influential vested interests in the continued public and private expense of the people.

The juggernaut of governmental waste and inefficiency daily growing ever larger, threatens to stifle and negate any and all efforts to bring about fiscal sanity and responsibility that the people have incontestable constitutional right to de-

Claims Board Errs In Goal

EDITOR:
Although the average salary for Livonia teachers is greater than that of over 500 other Michigan school districts, the supervised and supervised school board members are issuing public statements at PTA meetings emphasizing the handful of districts still paying more than Livonia.

The Livonia School District received record income this year and expects \$2 million more in new money next year. However, the board intends to pour the new money into teacher pay hikes rather than restoring the cuts taken out of the children's program the past two years. The board's goal should be to enrich the deteriorated program rather than making our teachers the highest paid in the state.

Can anyone imagine the president of General Motors, or Ford Motor Co., publicly stating that their union workers are underpaid, at the start of contract negotiations? And yet that is what Livonia's school board superintendent are doing as they enter current negotiations.

Our teachers' union obviously has its representatives on both sides of the bargaining table while the kids are not being represented by either side.

CHARLES W. CHANDLER
Livonia

Identity Is Not That Important

EDITOR:
There goes that word again.

In a recent interview with a city planning commission member, once again it was stated that central Livonia needs "identity." For what? To please whom? A thinker, a philosopher or our city fathers? Certainly not the surrounding residents.

Livonia is known as a "bedroom community" and people move here trying to capture the wee bit of serenity we all seek. Peaceful, low-profile beautification is one thing. Disrupting quiet neighborhoods is another matter entirely.

Since the city planning members all seem to agree with each other, it is apparent the commission sadly lacks an ordinary concerned resident's point of view.

Is the mayor listening?

MRS. BEVERLY CHASSON
President,
Woodcrest Farms
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Opposes Split Of Contribution Disabled Vet Asks Letters

EDITOR:
I used to live in Livonia in 1949. I am a veteran of World War II. I fought in the Battle of the Bulge. I was wounded three times in action.

I had four operations before I had my left leg amputated in the Presbyterian Hospital in Pittsburgh and I had seven more operations after I had my leg amputated.

It would make a disabled veteran very happy if you would please have my letter published in the Livonia newspaper. It would make me very happy to receive get well cards or letters. My birthday was April 24. Since I am disabled, I have a lot of time to read and like to receive mail.

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Asks Backing For Schools

EDITOR:
All of us are aware of the Plymouth school election coming up in June. We will hear all the reasons from parents for not voting yes, such as "this isn't right," "that isn't right," "I don't like this," and "I don't like that." Show me one school district that's perfect.

I would like to ask all parents figured out over a period of one year how much they spend on cigars, booze, bowling, club dues, golfing, theater tickets and all items of luxury. Are they more important than your child's education?

I'm sure they will spend more for these luxuries this year than what the school district is going to ask for in the June election. If our kids have good schools, our property values are high and the community as a whole will profit.

If the school district gets a negative vote, and if our kids go on half days, are we, the citizens, going to take the responsibility of baby sitting for all the kids when they aren't in school? There are a lot of homes in the district where both parents work; what then?

The total population in the Plymouth Community School District is approximately 41,000, but only about 4,300 citizens bothered to go to the polls to vote in the last school election in December. With the increase in student enrollment and the amount of parents that care enough to vote, it won't take long for

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It is not my intention to be hidden or disguised from the public. My figures were complete totals, not just figures for one year (1971) as those used to try to discredit my work. The reason for using complete totals was to present the entire picture. Looking at the entire picture and projecting society's needs an districts as far into the future as possible constitutes good planning.

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Area Deaths And Funerals

JAMES J. WISNIEWSKI - Burial services for Mr. Wisniewski, 51, of 31577 Redford, Livonia, were held in the Shriver Funeral Home, Mr. Wisniewski died suddenly April 18 in Belleville. He came to Livonia 10 years ago from Mackinac, Pa., and worked as a computer consultant for Packard-Bell, a Division of Bell Telephone Laboratories, 441, A. & M., and the Livonia Shrine Club.

Survivors are a wife, Dorothy, his mother, Mrs. Rose, a son, Dennis, a brother, Frank, and a sister, Anna Wisniewski.

MRS. MAREE J. LUX - Services for Mrs. Lux, 85, of 18875 Red Oak, Dearborn, were held in the Henry J. Will Funeral Home, with Rev. Roger Schickel of the Faith Lutheran Church of Livonia officiating. Burial was in the Lutheran Cemetery of Dearborn.

Survivors are two daughters, Mrs. Mary Anningsfield and Mrs. Johanna Schiff, a sister, Mrs. Mary Humphreys, a brother, Bernard Anselmi, four grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren.

LAWRENCE P. WYMAN - Services for Mr. Wyman, 51, of 29514 Bokenham Ave., Dearborn, were held at the Henry J. Will Funeral Home.

Survivors are two daughters, Mrs. Mary Anningsfield and Mrs. Johanna Schiff, a sister, Mrs. Mary Humphreys, a brother, Bernard Anselmi, four grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren.

DR. CHARL E. HALL JR. - Services for Dr. Hall, 52, of 6074 Lakeside, Garden City, were held in the Warren General Hospital, Dearborn, and the Rev. Henry L. Gungor of the Church of the Holy Spirit officiating. Burial was in Garden City.

Survivors are his wife, Mrs. Helen Hall, two daughters, Mrs. Barbara Hall and Mrs. Dorothy Hall, and two sons, Dr. Charles Hall and Dr. William Hall.

MRS. A. MOORE - Services for Mrs. Moore, 50, of 12555 W. Warren, Dearborn, were held in the Charles E. Rice Funeral Home with burial in Troy Cemetery. Mrs. Moore died April 18 in Garden City.

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