

HS Grads' Parents Were Rude

EDITOR:
It is said, if you are really angry about something, sleep on it; if when you awake you are still angry, then tell it as it is. The quote may be a little off, but I am still angry.

We attended the graduation of our son from Plymouth High School. Never in my life have I ever been ashamed of so many people at once. The fine, cultural people of Plymouth really outdid themselves. The only thing I could think of, at the time, they reminded me of a herd of cattle going to the barn for their hay.

The evening was beautiful. The program was progressing well, not dragging a bit, and the boys and girls had waited for this special moment for 12 years. But did those fine people sitting in the stands have the courtesy to show respect for the occasion? Not on your life.

When their graduate's name was read, they promptly got up and stamped out of the stands, not even trying to be quiet, or to move quickly out of the vision of the people still waiting. Near me sat a great-grandmother. She had come to see her great-granddaughter graduate, but all she saw was the rear view of rude, inconsiderate people.

Now many of these people were not strangers to me, there were PTA members, a school teacher, some of Plymouth's finest families, or at least I thought they were. I do feel that our school administrators could have alleviated this problem somewhat by asking people to remain seated.

The next time someone remarks that the young people of today do not have good manners, I think I can say that many of them must have learned their poor manners at home.

I want everyone who was guilty of being selfish and inconsiderate to know how one parent felt. I stayed. I didn't walk out.

ESTHER SPRENGEL
Plymouth

Befriends Bird In Farmington

EDITOR:
I wonder how many Farmington residents wake each morning to the sounds of birds? I, for one, enjoy their morning songs. But if Farmington is one bird less tomorrow morning, who will care?

While mowing the lawn, a man found a baby robin lying still, eyes closed. He picked it up and fed it water. Noticing a gash under its right

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wing, the man puzzled over what could be done. His daughter called the nearest veterinarian, who consented to look at it.

When the daughter arrived with her emergency case, the receptionist was busy writing. After a few minutes she finished and looked at the bird. She asked for the girl's last name, stating that there would be a charge before anything could be done for the bird. The girl and her family, being retired and on Social Security, could not pay.

"But it's not my bird," replies the girl.

"Then whose bird is it?"

The girl thought, "Why... it's God's bird, I guess."

The doctor arrives. He examines the bird. To take care of it there will be a charge, but to put it to sleep will cost nothing.

"He is in business here, you know," adds the receptionist. And so the bird is taken into the back room to be put to sleep. The girl leaves, crying as the doctor checks in a pool.

Yes, people today are "in business," not the business of saving lives but that of making money.

My story is true. And so tomorrow there will be one less baby robin in Farmington. And who cares? I do.

JAN LELAND
Farmington

Defends Dogs In Plymouth

EDITOR:
Recently a family in our neighborhood received a citation, "DOGS RUNNING LOOSE AND EXCESSIVE BARKING." This was very unfair. There are several dogs in our neighborhood and very rarely do you see one running loose.

The two dogs reported are small poodles, house dogs, and are hardly ever out of their own yard. But isn't it terrible, they can't greet their masters when they come home with a friendly bark?

Then on the other hand,

ordinance against cats as well as dogs.

Whoever reported these fine little bothersome dogs, must have a very guilty feeling, or no feeling at all.

MRS.
DONNA GALLAGHER
Plymouth

'Tremendous Lift' Given

EDITOR:
Indian Enterprises' members and affiliates are once again very grateful to Mr. and Mrs. Hank Christal, the Western Wayne County Conservation Assn. and all the dedicated persons in the Oberlin area who made

We are badly in need of an

possible last week a shipment of toys, clothing, bicycles, etc. to be delivered to the Indians on the west side of the state.

Some 600 Indian children will receive toys for Christmas because of these people's friendship. This includes the Indian children in Mason, Muskegon, and Oceana counties a happy Christmas.

If you could put our thank you in the Observer Newspapers, we would be very grateful as we would like all the persons who are helping to make the program possible. This has been a tremendous lift to the Indian families of our area.

ARDITH PIERSON
Secretary,
Indian Enterprises, Inc.
Rothbury

A Happy Job With Scouts

EDITOR:
On June 1, I am leaving the Girl Scouts after 10 very pleasant years.

Your wonderful cooperation and help in telling our Girl Scout story through your fine newspaper coverage, has helped make my job a happy one.

Thanks so much.

JULIE DAWSON
S. Oakland
Girl Scouts, Inc.

Ranks 5th

Michigan ranked fifth or higher among the states in production of 23 foods in 1972.



EUGENE M. NELSON of Plymouth has been appointed manager of the quality control office of Ford Motor Co.'s Transmission Division. He previously was quality control manager for the division's Livonia plant. Nelson has been with Ford since 1960. He holds a BS degree from Ohio University, and a master's degree in business administration from Michigan State.

Officers Are At Command, Staff Classes

Four local men are among the 1,000 reserve Army officers who are participating in command and general staff classes at St. Norbert College in De Pere, Wis.

Dominic Taddonio, 16002 Oak Drive, Livonia, is a senior officer with 28 years of commissioned service. Rev. Harold J. Ellens, 25762 Kilreigh Dr., Farmington has 18 years service. Kenneth J. Ivanson, general manager of Burroughs Corp. in Plymouth, has 23 years service.

The three officers are serving as instructors with the 502nd United States Army Reserve School.

Capt. Robert S. Nash, 14221 Ellen Drive, Livonia, is serving as supply officer. Nash is a business instructor at Henry Ford Community College in Dearborn.

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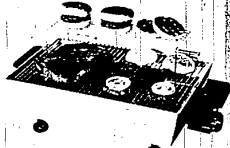
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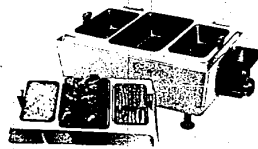
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