

Observer Readers "Speak-Up" About Issues of the Day

Exchange Student

Editor:

On October 3, the Thurston High School Chapter of American Field Service held its annual canister drive to raise money in order to bring a foreign student to our community and to send a Thurston student abroad. The cost of this program is \$750 for each student sent or brought. Thanks to the cooperation received from this newspaper in publicizing our drive, and thanks to your generous contributions, we reached an all-time high of \$1,011.

It is hoped that with this and further efforts at fund-raising during the coming year, we will be able to raise \$2,250, in order to bring two foreign students to Thurston and to send one Thurston student abroad this summer.

Thanks again, and if any or-

ganization in the area would like either or both of us to speak to them, we would be happy to do so. We may be contacted by calling Mrs. W. A. Reinhardt at KE 2-7053.

DON BONE,

President of American Field Service Club and 1964 Exchange Student to Costa Rica.
JOSE BARRETTO DE ARAUJO,
1964-65 Exchange Student from Brazil.

Youth Center

Editor:

Where is our community conscience? Our Farmington Township officials have stated that they are greatly concerned with the problems relating to the people in this township, but they have given indication of their interest with excuses and deceptions, not with plans. Their words have been the tools

for delusions, not actions, for their concern and imagination have been mainly directed towards one area in this township, the sewer. The public's interests towards human-directed affairs have been largely ignored.

As a group, our youth are the ones who are most painfully aware of this. They have invaluable enthusiasm and energy. They have a great awareness of themselves as social beings. And we are belittling them. Moreover, these special qualities are the ones which we, as a group of people, need; if we ourselves, would have a vital and growing community spirit. We must give them consideration, and we must realize that they need an area where they, themselves, would have an opportunity to channel their interests and energies.

Our Farmington Township

Officials have given indication that we could reasonably begin to plan for such a community center. Township funds must be available. Would they otherwise raise their salaries by a total of \$11,000 a year? And would they also consider the erection of a utility building, at the cost of approximately \$10,000? The sum of these amounts is impressive.

Our young people can wait no longer. With vague hopes, for our needed attention. They have already been used by a private interest group. These people have realized the value of our youths' enthusiasm, but they have (perhaps through good intentions) channeled it towards their own special purposes. We must stop this waste now, or it will become ever increasing. We must give our youth an acceptable challenge towards possible realization. We must point

the direction, not the end, for their community interest.

If we do not accept our responsibility, we should uncomplainingly accept this fact. More of them will direct their social longings towards negative actions—more of our homes will be vandalized, and more of our public buildings defaced. More police can only delay this; they cannot stop it. Most of them will not react so violently. But, figuratively speaking, they will continue to wander aimlessly over the township roads.

We are capable of giving them a sense of direction! A community center would provide a positive center for their community interest. It could also provide abundant encouragement for the testing of their individual capabilities.

This must be done, if we want our youth to realize their value as citizens in an ever widening

society of peoples. Here they would have the opportunities to "find" themselves as individuals in their society.

Sincerely,
Marjorie (Mrs. Martin)
Glenview
32407 Chesterbrook, Farmington

Seven Mile Danger

Editor:

The many recent letters appearing on the Observer's pages regarding accidents on Seven Mile Rd. prompts me to complain about a situation I feel should be remedied as soon as possible, and that is the road markings on Seven Mile west of Middlebelt at the new Livonia Mall. Just what did the City Traffic Engineers have in mind when he laid out the solid white line on each side of the middle or "turning" lane? Drivers approaching Middlebelt from the west and intending to turn left into the center on the southwest corner. On more than one trip into that high state of confusion, especially when confronted with oncoming westerly-bound traffic making turns into the shopping area, I have seen near misses which could have resulted in serious accidents had not someone been taking a little care in watching the other driver.

I would like to suggest that a system of solid yellow lines and dotted white lines, something that is familiar to most Metropolitan Detroit drivers, be provided on Seven Mile from the Sandburg Library east to Middlebelt to guide eastbound motorists. I would also like to suggest that perhaps a "No Left Turn" ruling be put into effect for westerly-bound motorists in that same area. Shoppers desiring to park and shop in the southwest corner shopping center would then have to turn on Middlebelt and enter the shopping center from Middlebelt, which seems more practical from a traffic standpoint anyway.

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Eleanor Roosevelt will not be forgotten and using her name for the new high school would be most appropriate and, we feel, a wise choice.

ROSE MARIE GERAN
Livonia

"Think Positive!"

Editor:

The election is over. The firemen's proposal for a 56-hour work week has passed. Yes, it is all over, except the retaliations by the mayor (as per, his foot-stamping, head-banging article in this paper). When the moving van finishes carting away the beds and kitchens from the fire stations, it can stop at the city hall and pick up the mayor's camera, flash bulb, scissors and free food card. There will be no more posing for pictures on city time, no more ribbing-cutting and no more free luncheons or suppers. One can almost hear an indignant, "But this is a part mayor's job. It is a frill, but a necessary one; just as sleeping and eating at the station is a necessary part of the fireman's job. Maybe, you or I don't like it—just accept it! It is a necessity!"

If the mayor is so bent on saving money at the expense of the city employees then retrogress one step more to a volunteer department where the men are paid per fire. The tax book will show a savings but the people will lose.

Oh, yes, we are going to cut out all part-time jobs, too. I know, there will have to be a "For Sale" sign in front of a certain reality company; it wouldn't be right to have the leader of our city not practice what he preaches.

There are enough real problems to be solved in this city without wasting more time, energy, and money on further playfulness. THINK POSITIVE!

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Interested in UHF

Editor:

As a parent, I'm very much interested in the possible location in Livonia of an educational television broadcasting station. However, like a great many of my neighbors, I really don't know what UHF means or exactly how it differs from VHF.

Since I have read in The Observer that we may some day have a UHF educational station here in our community, my neighbors and I would appreciate your printing as many informational articles on this type of broadcasting as possible so that we can be better informed. Sincerely,
MRS. ERMA WUESTENBERG

In Memoriam

John Kennedy was complex and had many fine qualities. Each was sincere and inspiring. At the same time, he was father, brother, son, leader, teammate and friend. He was an American.

"Never had there been a better husband." This tribute, paid to John by Jackie, speaks volumes. There is never heard a tale or remark that would indicate that he was anything less than a fine husband. Kennedy was blessed with a Catholic wedding and this continued to play an important role in this successful, happy marriage. John, Jackie, and family occupied a high position in family life. The Kennedy family serves as an excellent model for families all over the world.

John was loved dearly by his children, as he too loved his parents. Although leading a very active, full, mobile life, time for play, religious worship and other activities with his children seemed to find a way something to turn up.

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into the busy schedule of John. This made for happy, well developed and adjusted children. Their games were eagerly entered into by "Daddy."

Kennedy's activities with his children were undoubtedly a continuation of the happy family life he enjoyed at home. Competitive games, team spirit, and many happy times were part of their lives. The Kennedy family was, and still is, a closely knit group, working and playing very well together. A blow against one is a blow against all; a victory for one is a victory for all. Each family member works unselfishly for the good of all. Sorrow and Joy are shared by all. The pain suffered by John when he had trouble with his spine, was painful for all of the children in his recovery.

Joe Kennedy taught his children early in life that they must do something worthwhile with their lives. Father Joe guided, advised and assisted his children in their every effort. During political campaigns he acted as unofficial manager, directing family participation in such things as door to door contacts in all areas. John loved and respected his father, and while he did not always agree with his father, once John had acted, father was first to become a strong booster, and assure his son that he had made the right move.

The Kennedy family, headed by Joe and Rose was considered the leading Catholic family in Boston. Regular attendance at services was a natural activity for John. It continued throughout his life with his family joining him regularly. He devoutly devoted a part of his closely budgeted time to faithful, sincere worship. Then, refreshed and renewed, he returned to the world he so energetically served, there to work anew.

Family oriented, Harvard educated, service trained, God fearing, father guided, John Kennedy became our greatest asset. Unselfishly, he devoted his life to the betterment of man. He enriched the lives of all he met or knew, as well as all men. Each man, foreign or American can easily see a bit of his own life, aims, hopes and prayers in John Kennedy. Some might say he was our finest product. I say he is our finest product, for in each beating heart in the manager today, there continues to strongly beat, a part of John Kennedy. May it, forever, strongly beat.

Ed Teeples,
Farmington

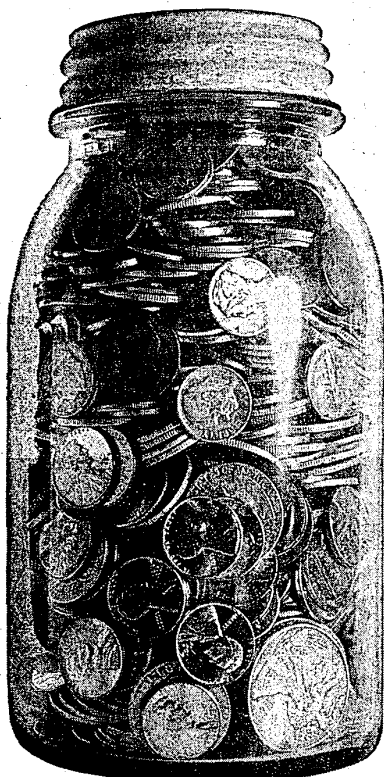
School Set For Sheriffs

The fourteenth biennial school for sheriffs as deputies will be conducted from Monday, November 30, through Friday, December 4, at East Lansing State Police headquarters.

The school is jointly sponsored by the Michigan Sheriffs Association and the State Police. Sheriffs and their officers from the state's 83 counties have been invited to attend.

Members of the Sheriffs Association, the State Police, and representatives of other law enforcement agencies and court officials will serve as speakers, instructors, and panel members. The school subjects will include duties and responsibilities of sheriffs, police records and criminal investigation, laws of arrest, evidence, and search and seizure, investigating and reporting traffic accidents, and services of state agencies available to sheriff departments.

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EXCHANGE YOUR CHANGE FOR PAPER MONEY

ALL STORES NEED YOUR STORE OF CHANGE FOR CHRISTMAS SHOPPERS. BRING IT TO US. WE'LL COUNT IT, WRAP IT, AND GET IT TO THEM.

As your "bank" at home swells with change, Uncle Sam's coin reserves dwindle, and as they dwindle, the more difficult it becomes for the stores to easily make change for you. This situation is bad enough now, but it will get worse as more and more Christmas shoppers crowd the stores. But, you can help get the needed change back into circulation. Just bring it to us the way it is. We'll count it, wrap it, and rush it off to the stores. We'll exchange your change for paper money, or, if you prefer, we'll open a Savings Account for you. This way, your money can earn its keep... 3 1/2% or 4% interest. Come in soon, won't you?



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BUSINESS MEN VISIT BENTLEY SHOPS—Alex Crofcheck and Herb Willis of Hydromotion Engineering Company watch student Conrad Ferguson as he operates a torch in a Bentley shop class. At right is Willard Renard, member of the high school industrial

education staff. The Livonia businessmen visited the school as part of an Education-Business Day project arranged to help civic and industrial leaders learn more about their schools and how they are geared to help Livonia businesses.