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## Sub Teacher Tells Job Grief

EDITOR:

I am 25 years old, married, a resident of Plymouth since 1955, a teacher and unemployed. For two years I have been trying to get a job with the Plymouth School District and for two years they have, instead, been hiring other people from Ypsilanti, Detroit and who-knows-where.

I feel that it is a sad situation when school officials refuse to hire someone who has lived here most of his life, like myself, and instead hire people from outside of Plymouth who have very little, if any, knowledge of what this community is about.

I was told that if I became a substitute teacher that I would stand a much better chance of getting a permanent job. So I became one. Three semesters later I am no closer to getting a permanent job than I was 1½ years ago. So much for subbing.

Many young people like myself are forced into becoming substitute teachers or are faced with the alternative of leaving the profession. But what is even worse is that as a substitute I had occasion to work on the average of one to two days a week at most, and on several occasions weeks would go by where I would not work at all.

The reason was that most of the subbing assignments were filled with old ladies in their 40s, 50s and 60s who would be better off at home, so that more subbing jobs would at least be available for young husbands like my-

self who have to support a family.

Because of this situation, I refuse to be a substitute any longer. Bills don't get paid when you are not working and you don't work when (1) as a substitute your job is being given to women who really don't have to work, and (2) as a teacher your job goes to outsiders instead of residents of the community like myself, whose credentials are just as good as anyone's.

For the third September in a row I am going without a permanent job in this school district. Consequently I am going to have to leave the profession for which I was trained and look for work elsewhere.

I feel that this letter expresses adequately, if briefly, the frustration and bitterness that I feel after seeing for the third year in a row potential teaching jobs going to non-residents of the community. I think that I also speak for many other unemployed male teachers like myself, who have families to support, and who cannot find jobs in their own home towns.

RONALD JONES

Plymouth

P.S. Also, an unemployed teacher and a resident of Plymouth is Mr. Leon Doolin, who, in concurring with the sentiments expressed in this letter, would like his name printed along with mine. Thank you.

LEON DOOLIN

Plymouth

### Plymouth Twp. Sewer Backed

EDITOR:

As a member of the Reorganized Latter Day Saint Church at Schoolcraft and I, Bradner, Plymouth Township, I am very anxious for a "Yes" vote on Proposal A, in the special township election on Sept. 4.

Our present church will be demolished by the new highway coming through. Our new site is at Ridge and Powell Roads, and directly affected by the extension of this sewer.

This property was not purchased until we were assured (by the township officials) the sewer would be extended, and it seems most unfair to now rescind this decision.

We earnestly desire a "Yes" vote.

RUSSELL J. KNIGHT

Plymouth

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