

Circle Monday Feb. 15... to Vote

By MYRA CHANDLER

Whenever an off-year election rolls around and we wrack our brains to inspire people to get out and vote, I always wish I could have acquainted everyone with my two grandmothers.

One came to America as a German bride and said she would rather scrub floors in America than go back to Germany. She wanted to stay here where she felt she had a voice (even though it was sometimes broken English). A study in contrasts was the other. She was a D.A.R. who said that because her forefather had taken great risks to sign his name to the Declaration of Independence, she felt she could do no less than keep herself well-informed and vote. Both did until they passed away—and so inspired their children and children's children.

So you are not impressed with my grandmothers? Let's try it from a different angle.

Your neighbor, for instance, like a single-breasted suit, you like a double; he paints his garage door blue, yours is concrete; he drives a Buick, you a Ford; he has a television in every bedroom in his house and you banned it from yours—now you're going to let HIM have it? If you can't go and cast your own ballot that's what you will do.

As never before there will be many meaningful changes in laws governing you. At least have the satisfaction of selecting the candidate of your choice and vote Monday, Feb. 15 for the office of State Senator for the 14th District.

"Eternal Vigilance is the price of liberty" is the motto of the Civic Searchlight, a non-partisan organization. I concur with that and also with their recommendations. They give a PREFERRED and well qualified to the Republican Farrell E. Roberts. They rate all three Democrats well qualified, John H. Burke, Elsie Gilmore, and Edward H. McNamara.

Also on the ballot for the citizens of the City of Plymouth will be the task of narrowing a field of three to two for Municipal Judge. Deplored by this newspaper is the out-dated scrib campaign against one of the favorites, Edward Draugelis, now City Attorney.

In an attempt to discredit Mr. Draugelis, an unsigned letter was sent to the City Clerk doubting Draugelis' eligibility based on his residence of less than five years. True, this was in the Plymouth City Charter, but the State Legislature ruled out any such provision in 1954.

False rumors are often spread against a good candidate who cannot be knocked out of a running by his opponents any other way. Apparently Mr. Draugelis is such a threat. Someone against him knew he couldn't be beaten on issues or qualifications.

By observation I can tell this unsigned letter writer if he is ever found out he will be ostracized because the public takes a dim view on this type of campaigning. The last election proved this to be true.

On the ballot in Farmington Township voters will have to wrest with their conscience. The issue is pay raises.

Our late publisher Paul Chandler said "Public office must be where the pay is enough to make a man hold his head up and not stick his palm out."

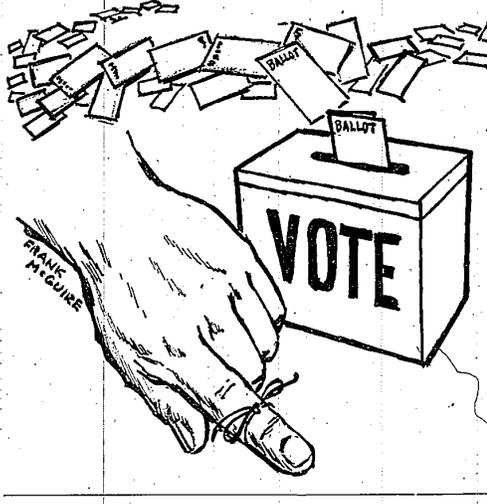
"This newspaper is dedicated to upgrading public office, taking the adjective 'dirty' away from 'politician'—making it a goal, something young people will study for, and aspire to. We want high calibre people, even as you would if you were a stockholder, to run your corporation. In order to draw this type of man or woman we must compensate him adequately.

Farmington Township is a growing, progressive town. Our investment in its future will be better protected if we upgrade the salaries of our officials—thereby attracting and keeping competent and professional people.

WHO IS KERN? What can he do for you? SEE PAGE 7-B

ELECTION QUIZ: Who has the experience of being a proven civic leader and vote getter? ANSWER THIS PAGE VOTE FEB. 15

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Help Our Libraries Grow

Two suburbs in the Observer's circulation area today share a common source of strong community pride. The public libraries in Redford Township and Livonia are well equipped, are staffed with competent personnel, and—most important—are the most widely-used libraries in all of Wayne County.

Today, these libraries have something else in common. Both are ready for expansion. With the help of federal grants under a new library construction program, up to one-third of the cost of new facilities will be borne by the national government.

In Redford Township, the possibility for increased facilities has taken the shape of a proposal by the Library Commission for a \$60,000 addition to the present library building.

In Livonia, plans are more concrete—a new south branch on Plymouth Rd. has been approved and is on the drawing boards.

But—there's a rub or two.

In Redford it lies in the difficulty the Library Commission is having in getting the local community's share of the cost—some \$40,000.

In Livonia, it lies in the problem of getting permission to spend a small additional amount of money, an estimated \$87,000, to construct a proposed 300-seat lecture theater as part of the new library.

In both cases, the legislative bodies of the community have up to now decided to hold a tight rein on expenditures for the projects.

The proposals have thus been stalled. The Livonia lecture theater will come before the City Council again tonight. For the third

Dropouts—And Some Solutions

What kind of teenager drops out of high school? The current (February) issue of IN-GENTLE Magazine explores the fallacy that only dropouts or delinquents who are throwing away their futures in this manner. Dropouts come from all income groups, from rural areas, and from suburbs and cities. Sixteen is the average age. Allowed by law to leave school at this time by many states, too many teens succumb to the urge to earn money fast, escape the boredom of everyday routine, and get out of school and start "living."

"I need the money," they'll say, but the financial problems are not "real." Too often it is the pressure of competition, a compulsion to earn money to afford a dress, equivalent spending money as their classmates, or a desire to buy their own car.

Some successful anti-dropout measures reported are: • Added emphasis on counseling and personal guidance. • Diversification of vocational programs: of fee, occupational and shop courses. • Work-study programs, with the cooperation of local business whereby students are enabled to earn while they continue their studies. • Remedial classes. • Waiving some required courses so students can take more elective subjects.

• Weekend, summer and after-school tutorial sessions staffed by advanced students, teachers and volunteers. • Dropout spotting programs so that problems can be recognized and helped. • Personal contact with dropouts and their parents by school and community organizations. • Welfare assistance to families in financial need in order to keep their teenagers in school.

Integration: Plan For It... Says Editor

"If your suburb isn't integrated yet, your time will come. If the newspapers are responsible, they can make sure that the entrance of Negroes is done without disorder."

This is how J. E. (Fappy) Schechter, publisher of the Park Forest (Ill.) "Reporter" summed up his talk at the National Editorial Association convention. His paper circulates in a high-class community of 30,000 west of Chicago. Two years ago, the first Negro family moved in.

"We agreed, with the other newspapers that circulate in Park Forest, not to give any advance publicity to the move. We felt this would be incendiary." But after the Negro—professor at DePaul University—moved in, about 50 residents protested at the next city trustee meeting. Then the papers covered the story, objectively, and the "Reporter" ran a widely printed editorial titled "No need to panic."

The uproar died down, and the community had no incidents over the next two years involving the Negro and his family. Now, said

READER SPEAKS UP:

Merge Redford Schools

Editor: I was very happy to see that the proposal to "Consolidate the school districts" headed the list in your article entitled "What's in Township's Future?" by Dave Eitla. I have lived in Redford for eight years and that is exactly how long I have been trying to get a logical, reasonable and morally sound answer to the question—"Why three separate school districts?" I believe I heard them all—except the truth of the matter which is very simple. There are people in both Redford Union and South Redford school districts who believe, (owing their ignorance, or deceit spawned by people in the school administration) that their own particular school district is better than the others and therefore they do not want to consolidate. To consolidate would mean saving many thousands of tax dollars. We would have ONE School Administration, one clerical staff, one etc., whereas now we have three of each (Clarenceville included). These alone would represent a big saving of the tax dollar in that more youngsters could walk to school within reasonable distance rather than be bused to schools a greater distance from their homes simply because they live closer to one school district or another. Through ONE efficient school administration we could attain a caliber of schools that could provide our youngsters with the best primary and secondary education available—schools would be proud of it.

Another important consideration is that in consolidating the districts we would all bear the burden of our school tax equally—and this is where our residents fall down miserably. In Redford that since most of the industry is in the South end and they must put up with its physical hardships they are entitled to lower taxes. No one has as yet been able to define just what these physical hardships are. This type of thinking is but another expression of the moral decay and civic malignancy ("me first") that is spreading throughout our country and will gradually stifle our greatness. How foolish we must appear to outsiders when next door neighbors, living in identical houses, have a property tax difference of over \$150.00 simply because one house is in South Redford and the other in Redford Union school district.

I beseech all Redford residents to write the Supervisor, Mr. J. M. McDonald, and let him know you are for consolidation of the school districts. The sooner you take pen in hand and do this, the sooner Redford will be on its way to make a name as one of the most outstanding communities surrounding Detroit—and a good place to live.

RITA R. BERNER Redford Township

Letters Invited, But The Observer invites and welcomes your contributions to the "Reader Speaks Up." We must ask, however, that your comments be limited to, not more than 250 words. We will print them as space permits when signed. Names will be withheld upon request, but the original must be signed. The Observer reserves the right to edit letters to meet our space requirements over the 250 word limit.

Misunderstood? Editor: May I take this opportunity to correct some statements that appeared in an article in The Observer pertaining to the distribution of informative literature at the Clarenceville High School. Whether Principal David McDonald omitted some facts or in the process of printing, was not said; the main reason for the visit was to give Roger Ellen (who is in charge of the U. N. Center) an informative book "The Fearful Master," "A Second Look at the United Nations," by C. Edwin Cissin, which is documented and most striking.

The book can be obtained from Western Island, Belmont, Massachusetts at two dollars. Should anyone want to obtain it, what was belittled was that we do pay taxes on the public schools here since all reside in the neighborhood. We are interested in bringing facts to the attention of school authorities also the subjects that are being taught to our young people. May I compliment you, Mrs. Chandler, on the very fine editorial February 2, "Parents, It's Up To You." It is most timely and should make many people stop and think.

ANTI U. N. (Writer lives in Livonia, not Clarenceville, School District). —Ed

Vagnozzi Raps GOP Editor: The appointed chairman of the Farmington Republican oratorical contest, Mr. Vagnozzi, press releases critical of citizen participation in township affairs but is silent on my challenge to debate the question at a public forum.

I think such a discussion would be the only sensible way to end this back and forth battle of press statements.

Yesterday's Headlines

20 YEARS AGO During the week of February 10, 1945 while the Pierson P.T.A. was planning its annual Four-day Program, the Wayne County Health Guild held a meeting at the Stark school for the purpose of forming its unit to be known as the Livonia Township Health Guild.

15 YEARS AGO On February 10, 1950, readers of The Livonian learned of the

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