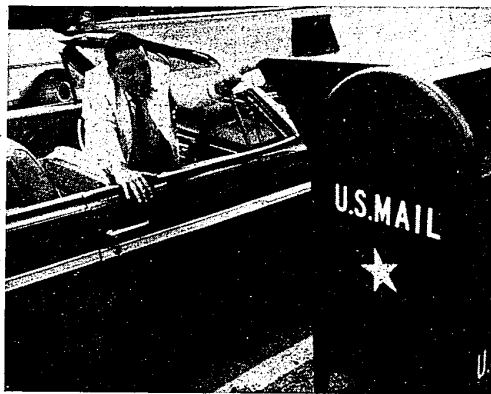


MEMO TO POSTMASTERS: WHY?



Observing the Scene...

By MYRA CHANDLER

At supper the other evening a member of a local public school staff made the statement that he did not know the name of the person to whom he gave a vote for state representative — he "always automatically pulled the lever of the donkey" and had never and would never vote for a Republican — "there wasn't one worth voting for."

After the first flash of red, I mused this educator's attitude over in great puzzlement and it answered a question for me I have asked over and over, ever since I first viewed the infamous Nuremberg Trials via the movie of the same name.

I saw the stirring documented film again on TV Sunday night and asked myself how this could happen — how could human beings allow men, women and children to be methodically killed in acts, not of war, which is horrible enough, but of political aggression. How could Hitler ever have been?

Now I understand. It had nothing to do with being German at all. There could be an American Hitler. Easy. When a person dedicated to education can make this statement in all sincerity, that he is so disciplined and unthinking that he neither reads nor cares for whom he votes, that he just pulls a lever with a picture on it, then we must thank God we haven't got a Hitler in this country.

No matter what your party, Republican or Democrat, voting blind for a symbol is dangerous.

There is a tremendous message in the final scenes of the Nuremberg Trials when we realize all those sentenced to life in prison for the atrocities to the Jewish people by the Germans, are now free in the world. The message of the replacement of justice by expediency is a difficult one to understand.

There is too much expediency in the world. We sacrifice our principles daily. And, as the point was made in the picture in this case it is not the act and result for which we must apologize BUT for the very first time we don't speak up a little bit, correct an impression, stand for what we believe loud and clear. The first time, on the first principle.

Our memories may be jogged again next week when we have the opportunity to see the film opening at the Mal Kai in Livonia, "Von Ryan's Express", based on the book by David Westheimer.

Al Barnes of Livonia is one particularly looking forward to viewing this picture.

The story is based on his own experience in the war. He was a member, in fact the radio operator on the B-24 bomber of which David Westheimer was the navigator. The picture is dedicated to their pilot Larry Kennedy.

After four months and 28 raids their plane was shot down over Naples on Dec. 18, 1942.

For 28 months Al Barnes and Westheimer and the rest of the crew (four were killed) were prisoners of war. Eleven months in Italy and 18 months in Germany.

The picture deals with the experiences of their being moved as prisoners from Italy to Germany. Frank Sinatra stars in the picture and there are others.

For those who shared similar experiences; now in their 40's, the faces on the screen might seem like their own — reliving the horrors. To those much younger it is hoped the message is driven home that it could all happen again.

Particularly if we don't know who and what we vote for, but just pull a lever with a picture on top.

Thanks from Mr. Milko

Editor: I am extremely grateful to you for the opportunity to thank all who voted for me.

I am my friends who do. My congratulations to the voters so much of their time winners Mr. Joiner and Mr. Tadonilo.

In keeping with the policy of a beautiful Livonia School of Education, I have honestly performed bearing my name will be moved by the time this letter is published.

JOSEPH A. MILKO
Livonia

ALL OUR YESTERDAYS

I read somewhere that we are simply the total of all our experiences. I don't know about that, but I do think the fun of being alive is surely the total of all our good times. If that's right, I can certainly show you how to get more fun from the living you do.

You can do it by saving your good times with a new kind of home movies. It's a whole new movie system. Live Kodak Instamatic Movie Cameras, Projectors, and improved KODACHROME II film in the new Super 8 size. Now, movies are fun again. Take and show brighter, sharper, more colorful on the screen. The new KODAK INSTAMATIC Movie Cameras load with a KODAPAK Movie Cartridge. Open the camera, drop in the cartridge, and start shooting. No threading! These cameras are battery-powered, so you never stop to wind. You can shoot a full 50-foot roll without stopping. Too. You never need to flip the cartridge at mid-point.

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Stimulated Thinking Forum A Success

On Thursday, June 10, the Farmington Community Forum held its last debate of the season. The subject was Vietnam, and the debaters were Rabbi Sherwin Wine, and Wayne State University History Professor John Wayne.

This finale was quite typical of the whole series. The subject was timely. The debaters were not unaccustomed to controversy. The audience was large and involved.

The sponsors of the Forum promised to bring the world of ideas into the community. They succeeded in doing so. This was a good thing. They also succeeded in bringing a lot of controversy to the community, and this was equally good.

Life in suburbia is too often a case of the bland leading the bland. What the Forum did was to open a red-

room window onto the turbulent sea that is the real world of today.

The Farmington Forum was not only an artistic but a financial success—The Universalist-Unitarian Church, of Farmington, which sponsored it, ended up with almost \$100 profit. This is pretty good testimony to the fact that suburbanites have a real hunger for intellectual give-and-take.

Congratulations are in order to Waada Pussey, Rev. Robert Eddy, and Chas. Vincent, all of whom worked hard and very imaginatively to make the project a success, and to the congregation of the Universalist-Unitarian Church of Farmington, which gave them solid backing.

This newspaper hopes the series will be back in the fall.

ALLEN ROSENFELD

A Negro 'Speaks Up' on Teacher Issue

Editor: It is with pleasure to address you this letter—and yet I wish not only you, but all the readers of the OBSERVER to give ear.

Please permit me, first, to say that I read each issue of The Observer to my greatest pleasure. I feel that it performs a valuable service to Metropolitan Detroit and ultimately to our nation.

As a Negro—father of five children (all of whom are in an integrated public school)—husband of a wife who is a teacher in the Detroit public schools and who holds a Masters degree in Mathematics—a former president of a PTA in which there were both Negro and white teachers—the product of both segregated and non-segregated schools—a veteran of two wars—and a lover of my country, I feel that it becomes my duty to make known my sentiments and to offer soundings with respect to the ludicrous statements put forth under the signature of Eleanor G. Rennaan ("For Discrimination," The Observer, June, 1965).

I must admit that the article aroused sharp indignation in me. Had not E. G. Rennaan informed us of her former residence (Redford), I would have sworn she is Negro because of her supposedly deep insight into the wishes of Negro parents. Of course, E. G. Rennaan's statements expose her innocence about Negro desires and teachers.

The first statement of misinformation that I'd like to briefly correct is that "most Negroes prefer to have white teachers for their children." Negro parents like all concerned parents, would prefer the best teachers for their children whether they be white or Negro. Negro parents are interested in quality of teaching, not color of teachers.

The second contradictory statement to which I'd like to respond is that "Negro teachers are not considered as well-qualified as white teachers. Livonia can get the best teachers, (Negroes implied), for all who can leave Detroit schools are getting out." Surely E. G. Rennaan is intelligent enough to realize that there are dedicated, talented teachers as well as mediocre teachers of both races. If we don't realize this, I question her education.

In regard to the employment of Negro teachers in Livonia, let it be known that the school

board of Livonia has not only a policy of non-discriminatory hiring practices but also an affirmative plan of action to put the policy into effect. It is transferring its policy from a cold abstract theory to a living, breathing active plan.

Of E. G. Rennaan's thesis that Negro teachers are anxious to leave Detroit, I'd like to suggest that she should become acquainted with present efforts in Grosse Pointe, Aiken Park, and certain other suburban communities to recruit Negro teachers. She will learn that it is a difficult task, and Negro teachers are not anxious to leave Detroit.

I should now like to comment on a more important issue. It is concerning to me, an American, to know that there are tongues in Redford which have spoken for implementation of a school board policy which tends to generate such generous words, and generous deeds. It is encouraging to see the ardor for freedom, justice, and equality of opportunity catching and spreading in Redford and throughout Metropolitan Detroit.

What kind of teachers do I prefer for my children? The kind of teachers who signed the petition presented to the board of education in South Redford, assuming that they are well trained and I have no reason to believe otherwise. I believe these are the best kind of people, white or Negro, for the teaching profession because they are apparently more concerned about making a contribution to young people, the community, and our country than they are about self aggrandizement or maintaining the status quo.

Changing conditions, not teachers, make new issues. The principles upon which democracy rests are as everlasting as the hills, but they must be applied to new conditions as they arise. Conditions have arisen, and a few have acted to meet those conditions.

Now, whether Redford will employ a Negro teacher or not, I know not, and I predict not. But this I think I know—the times are auspicious, and increasingly there are people of goodwill in every community. I sincerely feel there are many more people in Redford, both teachers and non teachers, who wish not to avoid meeting the issues of our time, but prefer to meet them in a way that will redound to Redford's credit.

EDDIE W. GIBBS

From Outside

Editor: I learned today through friends in Livonia that the election of recent date resulted in positive forces for better education in the Livonia Schools.

As a former employee of the school district and a reasonably long-time resident I could not be more pleased to have this kind of information. While I have physically separated from the area I will continue to look with interest at what happens in both the schools and the community.

ALBERT L. GOLDBERG
Senior Advisor
for Education
Honeywell, Inc.

Mrs. Schwartz Pledges

Editor: I would like to thank the many fine individuals and groups who supported and worked in behalf of my candidacy for the Farmington School Board.

I will always endeavor to justify their trust and confidence in me.
SYLVIA F. SCHWARTZ
Farmington

Yesterday's Headlines

25 Years Ago

It was reported in the June 25, 1940 Livonian that the Red Cross in this area was looking for volunteer women to help knit, sew and work for needy people all over America. Another front page article reported that out of 20,000 tax delinquents on record for that year only six pieces of property were asked to be rechecked.

20 Years Ago

The Livonian for June 27, 1945, reported that plans were being made for the building of a new firehouse after the war was over. This new firehouse would be built at the corner of Plymouth and Merriman Roads and would cost approximately \$6,000.

15 Years Ago

To show how the Livonia Police Force has grown, here is a report of the department as it was in 1950 (taken from the June 23, 1950 Livonia). On the staff there were three policemen, a chief, one radio-equipped patrol car and a yearly budget of \$12,500.

10 Years Ago

The Livonian for June 23, 1955, reported that starting this week Livonia's recreation program will begin a full slate of activities for kids of all ages. Some planned activities are tennis tournaments, swimming meets, baseball games, and many, many others.

5 Years Ago

"Do You Want Vote On City?" was the headline of the June 23, 1960 Redford Observer. This question was asked of the people of Redford in a special poll that the Observer was running over. This new idea would be built at the corner of Plymouth and Merriman Roads and would cost approximately \$6,000.

3 Year Ago

The Plymouth Observer of June 24, 1964 reported that the city is still recovering from the worst storm in many years. The storm carried rain, hail and winds up to 75 miles an hour right through the heart of the city before it moved to Livonia, Redford, and Farmington.
KERRY GUENTHER



The kids love the new Neptune Aquarium store at 28431 Southfield at 12 Mile Rd., Lathrup. Opened just last week the kids have been visiting the store every day to examine the 250 different kinds of tropical fish on hand.

A complete selection is also available at the two year "old" Neptune Aquarium at 27488 Schoolcraft at Inkster.

Mac Dubenstein, owner of the shops, is always happy to show and explain the different species in stock and to explain about the establishment's specialty of decorating aquariums.

Installation and service of aquariums is also a specialty. Hours of both stores are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 12 to 4 p.m. on Sunday.

The Reader Speaks Up:

Citizens Do Want Laws Obeyed

Editor:

Bravest your editorial opposing Mr. Holman's "charity" bingo games was a well-stated one of my sentiments. At a time when allowing oneself to become upset over a matter of principle is often considered "strange" or foolish (for it could lead to that terrible thing, INVOLVEMENT) it is a pleasure to see someone truly and publicly indignant!

It would seem that if in truth it is solely the County Prosecutor's responsibility to interpret and enforce the state gambling laws, and he chooses to ignore the situation completely, the City must have some method of recourse. Possibly enforcing or initiating a City ordinance that might make Livonia less attractive to "operators" of questionable character.

I would hate to think that exploitation of retarded children and senior citizens for personal gain, and flagrant manipulation of our laws, would not cause considerable indignation throughout our city. The more the citizens of Livonia's citizens certainly are not "sweet old ladies" or apathetic citizens, who support Mr. Holman's exploitative enterprises. Or am I naive and foolish?

GEORGIA MOSSMAN
Livonia

To Livonia Voters

Editor: May I congratulate Mr. Sam Hudson and his supporters for winning the at-large seat, and may I also thank the 4,954 people who showed their confidence in me by pulling the lever or marking the paper ballot opposite my name. Hopefully you are publishing the precinct-by-precinct vote in both college races so that people can evaluate how the voting went. I wish to express my profound gratitude to the many people who tried to bring our message to the people and worked so hard in my behalf.

I'm sorry, folks, that we didn't win; but I don't feel defeated. This was a "fun" campaign with many gratifying aspects. I made many new friends, and I hope, few enemies. You, my supporters, put up a very good fight. Consider, we needed only 280 more votes to reach that magical 50% plus one (No sour grapes intended here.)

When Dr. Bradner phoned after I filed to tell me my nomination notice inadvertently read six years instead of the actual four (a clerical error) he told me I would have a fight on my hands. As it turned out, he was right. He wondered too, how I came by my decision to run for the at-large seat instead of the one for Livonia—did I "flip a coin"?

Hardly, and since I love Livonia dearly (this has been my home for 15 years and I expect it to be for the rest of my life) I will now direct my remarks to my fellow Livonians. I owe them an explanation about my candidacy and the REAL ISSUES. I did have nominating petitions out for both the Livonia seat and the at-large while I was "observing the scene" before I filed. When on the last filing day, I observed there were five well-qualified candidates for the Livonia seat and no contestant for the unexpired term in Charles Kirkpatrick, the Livonian who resigned last year, I decided to try to return this year to Livonia. I have no regrets because this seemed to be the right thing to do and "this above all, to thine own self be true."

There are many questions that arise as one wonders why Livonia didn't get out and vote heavier—about 17% of the registered voters in the school district voted on the at-large seat.

Did the paper do a job of explaining to the people the real issue, the one of REPRESENTATION? In their effort to stay "neutral" did they tell the people of Livonia short? How many knew that when Mr. Kirkpatrick resigned last summer the board, by a vote of four to two, put Mr. Hudson in his place last October—hence the advantage word of incumbent?

That there apparently was no one from Livonia who would serve or qualify? That this action gave Plymouth School District with its 25,000 population three seats on an eight-member board, as opposed to the two seats representing Livonia's nearly 90,000 people? That Garden City with its 30,000 people remained with Clarenceville with its 5,000?

One? That Northville, with its approximate population of 8,000 automatically had a seat as does the one man one vote ideal here. Do the people know that Ed. Hultigan of Livonia was the chairman of the initial Citizen Education and Action Committee that established the college district and no mention was made of him at the dedication? That Mrs. Hultigan of the Plymouth Board of Education who was on the Study Committee, represented the citizens at the dedication? Please turn? Perhaps. But it points up further the domination of one small community.

Do the people of Livonia know who wanted the expressway to go East of Grosse Pointe? Was it for all practical purposes a college would be in Northville—with Livonia footing the bill? We have over two-thirds of



"Hello There" says the Myrna Bird to anyone entering Pets 'n' Particles located at 22830 Mooney across from the Farmington Plaza in Farmington. Donna Bebeau, co-manager of the pet shop, holds one of the puppies for sale.

A store has a variety of pets—birds (including finches), lizards, turtles, tortoises, rabbits and, of course, cats and dogs.

In addition the shop stocks pet food, books on how to train and care for animals, and all kinds of pet equipment. Facilities are also offered for bird boarding and pet grooming.

Mae Bebeau and Carolyn Ward bring more than 10 years experience to the business. The store is located next to Dr. John Richardson's office.