

Readers Speak Up on Littering, Generosity, School Reorganization

Builder Litterbugs?

I, the undersigned, would like to ask a question of someone. Is there anyone in City Hall "dig" enough (authorities-wise) and unafraid to uphold the law relative to builders? Why can't enforcement of these laws compel builders to clean up during and after construction of houses? If I, a small taxpayer, were to throw dirt on the street I would be ticketed for littering and fined just as much. However, a builder can and does leave dirt, crushed stone, sand lying in the street undisturbed. I have made many attempts to locate some authoritative person, bureau or department to have this situation remedied. All my efforts have been to no avail.

Providence has relieved the street of some of this debris when rain washes the mud away but also into the sewer system.

The taxpayer, after looking at this debris accumulating in front of his dwelling decides to tackle the problem with a broom and shovel. However, after the fourth or fifth time of cleaning up after the builder the taxpayer realizes this is no solution. Not even a refund to the taxpayer for street cleaning.

The public streets are not the only places that debris accumulates. It is not an uncommon sight to see paper boxes, lumber scraps, aluminum siding, plaster board littered over a large neighborhood. (Keep Livonia Beautiful). Occasionally this debris is burned by the builder forcing Mr. Taxpayer to close up her house against smoke and flying refuse. Later,



George Drew
the bank's installment loan operations.

Drew, who has held management positions with three major United States financial organizations, left a post as assistant vice president with Universal Commercial Investment Trust to join Livonia National Bank.

He had supervised operations in Ohio, Kentucky and West Virginia from headquarters in Cincinnati, Ohio.

A native of Detroit, Drew graduated from Pershing high school and served two years with the Army Intelligence Division in Germany. He has been active in the Ohio Consumer Loan Association and was serving as a member of the board of directors when he accepted the Livonia National Bank position.

Bill Brown Inc. Gets Distinguished Award From Ford Motor Co.

Bill Brown Inc. of Livonia has been selected as one of the nation's outstanding Ford dealerships and will receive Ford Motor Company's Distinguished Achievement Award.

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Bill Brown has been a Ford dealer in Livonia since August, 1954.

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U-M Grads Rank High In Politics

ANN ARBOR—State universities have played an important part in preparing the men and women now holding high elective office in the states and the national government.

A survey compiled by the National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges indicates that 58 per cent of the governors, 60 per cent of the U.S. senators, and 49.2 per cent of the Congressmen are alumni of state colleges and universities.

The University of Michigan, according to the survey, numbers among its alumni one current governor, three senators, and 15 congressmen. The governor is Donald S. Russell of South Carolina. The senators are Lister Hill, Alabama; Philip Hart, Michigan; and Clinton Anderson, New Mexico.

Ten of Michigan's 17 congressmen are alumni of The University of Michigan. They are Representatives Raymond F. Cleveland, Gerald Ford, Charles C. Diggs, Dan Rostenkowski, Martha W. Griffiths, James Harvey, Edward Hutchinson, Lucien N. Nedzie, James C. O'Hara, and Weston E. Vilva.

Drunk Driver Fined \$115

Driving while drunk has cost a Dearborn Heights man \$100 plus \$15 in court costs.

Albert W. Maki, 45, of 6770 Inkster Road, pleaded guilty to the charge of driving under the influence of liquor when he appeared in Garden City Municipal Court July 29.

Judge Russell L. Swarthout determined otherwise, ordered the fine, placed Maki on six months of probation, and gave him a suspended 90-day jail sentence.

R. C. Bloodmobile In Livonia Thursday

The American Red Cross Bloodmobile will be set up at the Northwest Office, ABC, 31228 Five Mile Road in Livonia on Thursday, Aug. 19 between 3 and 9 p.m.

This bloodmobile is open to the community and donors are encouraged to give to whichever account they so choose. Individuals may want to open a self account, while others would rather participate in a group account of their choice or donate to replace blood used by a friend or relative.

For further information call 422-2787.

For Unmentionables

Editor: Recently our City fathers have shown apparent great concern over the leaving of City employment by some of our best policemen.

On the one hand, it is amazing that some of our City officials have the gall to state that they were ignorant of the conditions that exist among City employees, as shown by recent reports. These reports so far have given only a fraction of the truth. On the other hand, maybe they are really that uninformed.

At every Council meeting you see department heads and appointees hanging around waiting to see if they will be called upon to rectify their little place.

You seldom see or hear of the little lowly city employee being asked anything, by Mayor or Council, and if the lowly employee does not wear a uniform, you just don't even hear him mentioned, in fact, he might well be called City of Livonia "Unmentionable."

Our City officials will never learn anything, about how really low down employee morale is, by listening to department heads. Even many of the persons who only talk the truth among themselves.

And now to put another straw on the camel's back, the good fathers came up with a really brilliant one; we up the mileage, just for the list of employees. Sure they need more money, but what about "Unmen-

tionable" who needs it a lot more? What does he get? Just another kick in the teeth? It costs him every bit as much to live in Livonia as it does anywhere else.

FRIEND OF "UNMENTIONABLE"

Merriman-Six Assn.

Against Nankin Annex OPEN LETTER TO: BOARD OF EDUCATION, LIVONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

At the regular meeting of the Association on July 24, it was brought to the attention of our members that the Livonia Board of Education was to meet on August 10 with a committee involved in the proposed reorganization of the Nankin Mills School District.

The possibility of the Livonia School District annexing the Nankin Mills District was discussed by our members, and the following resolution was passed unanimously:

"The Merriman-Six Improvement Association is opposed to the annexation of the Nankin Mills School District by the Livonia School District. We recommend that the Livonia Board of Education use every means within its power to amend the boundaries of the Livonia School District so that they coincide with the boundaries of the City of Livonia."

One of the greatest problems facing the Livonia School District is the shrinking assessed valuation per child. The an-

nexation of the Nankin Mills District by the Livonia School District would only aggravate this condition. We feel it would be unfair to the Livonia taxpayers for our school district to annex territory outside the City of Livonia boundaries, especially when Livonia taxpayers would not have the opportunity to vote on the proposition.

Livonia taxpayers through their elected representatives and Planning Commission have no control over the rate of growth, density of population, or the number of multiple dwellings constructed in areas such as Nankin Township which lie outside of Livonia City boundaries.

At present the schools receive about 65 per cent of our taxes. We sincerely hope the Livonia Board of Education will take no action that will make it necessary to increase this percentage, especially when our City Administration is so badly pressed for money to provide necessary services to its citizens.

MERRIMAN-SIX IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION
C. A. RICHESON, President

Rag Weeds Grow

Editor: What good does it do to speak up?

I complained about the weeds on vacant lots over two years ago and was assured last winter that they would be cut by July 1. It is now Aug. 1 and we

asthma sufferers are taking high price medicine so we can breathe. If we are forced to move on account of our health, it's my prerogative to sell to whom I please, and the weed patch may lose value.

I read in the paper where Moskie wanted a raise. Do you know of anyone who doesn't? I also read where he was in St. Louis and heard Humphrey (the man with the smile) tell how beautiful LBJ was going to make the USA.

I am going to waste out in those weeds, that are taller than my head, have my picture snapped and send it to LBJ with a request to please start in Livonia.

I had company from both California and Georgia and they took movies. I had roses as big as saucers, but just over the drive were these 10 foot weeds.

One couple said, "Wait until we get these pictures to California and show our neighbors these weeds. They are originally from Livonia."

Why have laws if they're not enforced. Why wait until July 1 and now Aug. 1? The weeds should be cut by the middle of June before the pollen begins to fly.

When we drive into the driveway, we can smell these rag weeds. We cannot continue to live in a place where they take no better care of our city. The Board of Health should come to our rescue. We would have the weeds cut for less

than the rest of all the medicine we are taking, but it isn't fair. That's too, who has a mover? Who could cut these tough weeds?

I've been told that we have only three mowers for the city. How can the working man cut weeds with no tools?

I repeat these weeds are a shame and a disgrace to our city, and our lovely Livonia Mall is only two blocks away. DELIRIOUS ON RAGWEED ALBERTA LAU STREET OF WEEDS, LIVONIA

Agrees With S. Holden

I would like to thank you for printing Sprague Holden's editorial of July 28 concerning travel. I do not understand the President either because this would be harmful to the enrichment of the people and it also hurts other countries.

We recently took a trip to the Bahama Islands but were saddened by the fact that the amount of duty-free goods will be lowered in this country. This will greatly hurt the economy of this country as every one usually buys their liquor quota. President Johnson is accomplishing nothing because we and many others will still go to the islands, not because we want to spend money outside the USA but because we get enjoyment out of something un-American.

(Miss) LINDA NAJJAR, Farmington

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