

Observer Readers 'Speak Up' on Issues of the Day

Editor:
Are you a quiet citizen? Do you take fire protection for granted? Well it is time the quiet citizens of this city start to worry. We lost a fire station almost two years ago at 5 Mile and Farmington that has not yet been replaced. I live in this unprotected part of Livonia and I know how long it would take the Fire Dept. to respond to a run in this vicinity. It only stands to reason that if we had a station at 5 Mile and Farmington in 1964 we still need this station today, not to mention the new stations for better protection that should be necessary for a city of this size. The people have two less fire engines at their disposal and I don't think the people realize the many experienced firefighters that have left their positions for decent wages in order to get ahead instead of existing from pay to pay.

Has your Mayor helped the people of this city concerning fire protection? Watch your fire insurance, citizens. The quiet in you might rise to a boil, and you have no one to blame but yourselves. You did vote in the last election, didn't you?
The Mayor of this city and Public Safety Director, Mr. Labov, are doing nothing to improve the above conditions in the fire department. They have, however, tried to harass the fire department by their consolidation program which the council has temporarily put a stop to. There is also a disparity pay between police and fire departments. A fireman's top pay is \$200 lower than a policeman's starting pay. Equality in firemen and policemen wages has just recently changed. Does the mayor feel the policemen deserve an increase in pay? Could this be the result of the friendship between a candidate for Mayor and a police department in the previous election?
The firemen of this city have tried for you as well as for themselves to better their department. They want more men and equipment and wear stiletto

for your protection. All this won't make it easier for firemen; it will be for the protection of you the citizens of Livonia. Help your community and the fire department. Call your Mayor, Mr. Moelke and demand the answers you deserve as a taxpayer of Livonia.
A FIREMAN'S WIFE
Livonia

Critical of Mayor
Editor:
Political brainwashing is the art of showing the candidate is suitable for public office, when actually he is not. This art, also, can distort facts or figures in order to cover an inability to produce needed work or services while in office.
Politicians lie about each other as candidates; they lie about what they will accomplish while in office; and they place the spotlight on someone else when they fail.
Mayor Moelke's relentless campaign against Livonia Firemen is a perfect example. The Mayor uses his powerful office and the voice of the newspaper to batter a small city group which has neither the right to strike nor the right to air its political opinions. However, in the months to come, it is certain that the voters of our city will be in a tight battle. Because Mayor Moelke's campaign promises still ring clear and are remembered.
Our Mayor promised tax cuts while running for office, but presented the taxpayers with increased home assessments, industrial development taxes, a lowered General Motor tax. A one mill police tax, and a request for doubling our present millage rate on all income tax. He is a failure and the blame is being placed on the shoulders of the lowly, better Fireman.
For his failure, I offer the following points of interest.
1. Any worker with problems similar to Fire Department problems would have been on strike long ago. State law does not allow this privilege.
2. Fire Department regulations violate state laws.

3. Men who work hazardous jobs are given no pay. The fireman has the second most hazardous job, according to government survey, but is paid less than policeman.
4. Every call to the Fire Department is an emergency situation, while the majority of police calls are routine.
5. The fireman is on stand-by duty at his home and is not paid when called in for extra duty.
6. The fireman is away from home 122 days per year, while the policeman goes home every 40 days.
7. The fireman is on duty 24 hours; the policeman, 8 hours.
8. Fireman are on duty 2912 hours per year, while police are on duty 2080 hours per year.
9. Firemen are paid \$2.28 per hour; policeman \$3.56 per hour.

The Mayor has our firefighters under such pressure that I am amazed when they report for duty. It is no wonder that our city and firemen did not wish to combine duties.
People of Livonia, how long will you allow these conditions to exist? Without a Christmas Mayor now ask for answers and better government.
A CONCERNED CITIZEN
Livonia

Goodfellows of Ft'on
Editor:
Once again the Farmington Goodfellows have accomplished their goal of "No Child In Farmington Without A Christmas." A total of 174 Food Baskets, 115 boxes of Toys and food, clothing and toy checks amounting to over \$10,000 were distributed to 127 families which included 662 children in the Farmington community.
The names of 181 families were turned into the Goodfellows this year and every family was investigated personally to ascertain first, if help was needed and second, which areas these families could best be served. Fifty-four of these families either refused help themselves or did not qualify because there were no children, or in the opinion of the investigators their needs were not sufficient to merit help.
To mention the names of all the groups and individuals who made this effort possible would be most impractical. No matter how long the list might be, someone would surely be inadvertently omitted. Those who participated know in their own hearts, and recognition for their good deeds will be given by JOHN H. RICHARDSON, DVM, Goodfellow Chairman, 1965

Livonia Symphony?
Editor:
Being a neighbor of yours in Coventry as well as in the City of Livonia, and also being an admirer of your late husband whom I now wish I had known better, I am moved to bother you with some of my thoughts.
I am not aware of the source of the word Livonia. In my humble estimation, it could lend itself as a title to a lovely symphony. Which further induces me to think what a beautiful symphony it would be if all of the responsible people in our City government would work together in harmony.
You have my permission if you wish to print this in your Public Letter Box.
Wishing you continued success in your efforts to bring to the people of this fair City the news as it happens, I am
RAGNEX I. TURNQUIST
LIVONIA

Human Rights
Editor:
I have just read the Observer Editorial on "Human Rights." Now I know why they don't charge for this paper. What does the line "I've got news for you — Negroes are coming" mean? Does the Editor have a little pre-emptive dictatorship, or do the people here have some say — such as the ballot to say how their tax money shall be spent?
Who is buying the Negro dolls and teaching aids for the Livonia kindergartens? Why can't a majority who moved here for obvious reasons have something to say? What motivates people who insist on forcing integration? Why must these people insist on destroying quiet peace which we are paying so dearly for?
If you need a cause which will truly benefit the City of Livonia how about working on a decent public hospital with adequate emergency care?
We are 90,000 people with no where to go but a private hospital that is running an emergency room known commonly as the "slaughter house." If you want to find an issue how about those who wait for hours only to be seen by one lonely intern or to those who have such serious injuries that the one intern doesn't know what to do. What about those alcoholics

who are rushed in, seen, charged and then the family is told to take them elsewhere because we don't admit intoxication or suicide?
But the Observer behind this real and important problem and the people who want to integrate can move elsewhere. Maybe then you won't have to give this paper away. It will be worth 10 cents.

MRS. EDWARD PALMER
Livonia
Ed. Note: Changes in our way of living are extremely difficult for some people adjust to — particularly when they involve social reform. It was not The Observer's idea to transport the first negro to the United States as a slave — subsequently we have not been instigators of legislation to upgrade or free them although we carry copies. Likewise Mrs. Palmer is just as uninformed about the "private" hospital in Livonia (no doubt referring to St. Mary) the new addition is a wellstaffed, well maintained emergency unit. Admittedly not first class pieces of mail. Understandably these items do not receive the same attention as first class mail, but does this mean that they should attempt to do so.

MYRA CHANDLER
Publisher
A Soldier Replies
Editor:
I am one of many who sent Christmas cards to our soldiers in Vietnam.
The other day I received a letter from one of them and I would like you and everyone to read it.
"Dear Mrs. Oberndorf: I was one of the G.I.'s who received letters and cards sent to Vietnam expressing support for us.
I know you weren't expecting an answer, but I felt the least

I could do is answer and tell you that your prayers, support and Christmas cards are most welcome. Do not forget to include in your prayers that the sacrifices being made by so many of our men here will not be made again by our younger generations at a future time. This, I think, is the most important reason for us being here.
This was mailed 10 days before that.
This store sends these advertisements periodically and it is one that we have requested.
It has our complete name and address on the label.
I wonder if the merchants who are paying for the postage (not to mention the paper and printing) have ever wondered why they did not get a good response to their advertising. My advice to them is: to advertise in the newspaper if you want to be sure it is delivered to the customer.
Or maybe someone at the post office has a better answer?
MRS. ROBERT ZANK
Livonia
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Slow Delivery
Editor:
Isn't there anything that can be done about the slow mail service in Livonia? Specifically I am referring to magazines, advertisements, and literature that are not first class pieces of mail. Understandably these items do not receive the same attention as first class mail, but does this mean that they should attempt to do so.

On 89th Congress
Editor:
From the embittered dispute over who discovered America, one might find that the verge of Columbus was not altogether unlike that of our Great Society's 89th Congress.

BUY THE CASE
CHAMPAGNE
The Wine Shop
Abord The Mayflower
Plymouth
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France

be delayed one to two weeks and longer?
Many times we have received advertisements the day after the sale ended. Today we received an advertisement from a hardware store in Dearborn that expired Dec. 8 — one week ago.
This was mailed 10 days before that.
This store sends these advertisements periodically and it is one that we have requested.
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We are prompted to write by the recent outbreaks of anti-semitic vandalism in some sections of Livonia, which we deplore as abominable and as first-rate examples of "man's inhumanity to man."
It is our belief that we "white Christians" are not doing other ethnic groups a favor by allowing them to live with us — rather they are the ones who are helping us, because if, God forbid, we remain exclusive and bigoted in our age when enlightenment is such a grand possibility, there is little hope for us.
Mr. & Mrs. Ed Day
Mr. & Mrs. Frank McLaughlin
Mr. & Mrs. Bill Reed
Mr. & Mrs. Ed Roberts
Mr. & Mrs. Adolf Schiller

Plymouth Shopper
Editor:
I am a previous resident of Plymouth but now living in Detroit, however, my husband and I still shop in Plymouth. We would appreciate receiving your fine newspaper. Am also interested in the progress of that fine city.
Would appreciate the last two or three issues and also go to your mailing list.
MRS. A. E. BROADWAY
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